One question always asked about the place is why it was called Buckhorn. Some of the old timers say it was named for a deer crossing near the tavern. Another story is that it was named for a famous old tavern in New York by this name. It is said that a guest once compared it to this famous place and from this it took its name.

Although this old Virginia tavern was known for many years as the Dudley House, the only true story that is really known about it is written by Stonewall Jackson's first wife, Elinor Junkins Jackson, to her husband's sister, Laura, in 1854, Elinor told about staying at the Dudley House for several days enroute to the famous old Virginia springs in Bath County. This letter can be found in the Stonewall Jackson House in Lexington, Virginia. Supposedly, Mr. and Mrs. Jackson slept in the large front room to the right, near the head of the stairs. Buckhorn has had many owners during its day, but surely none could have loved the old place more than Mr. J. Lester Hoy, who bought it in the early 1920's from the Cross Estate and added many rooms to it with the intention of opening it as a summer resort. The depression of the 1930's stopped this plan. and once again the old tavern was forgotten. Today this quaint old place has opened its doors to a new trade. It has been beautifully restored with antiques in every niche of the original rooms. Buckhorn sits in the heart of some of the most beautiful mountain country in Virginia, where the deer roam by the hundreds.

If one is looking for a weekend of rest with plenty of tasty food, you will be delighted with the old Virginia hospitality while dining in an atmosphere of bygone days.

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