

CHESTER TIMES – April 23, 1915 – GRADING THE PRICE TRACT – Big Operation for the Improvement of West Ninth Street Property Commenced

An operation that will tend greatly toward the future development of that section of the city located along West Ninth Street and the Chester River has been started with the work of laying out streets and grading the large plot of ground located along the West Bank of Chester River and on the north side of West Ninth Street, which is owned by General William G. Price, Jr., of this city.

Work on the operation was commenced by a force of men under the direction of contractor James A. Mullen of Philadelphia, who was awarded the contract recently. The ground has been staked off and the work is to be rushed to completion.

General Price was absent from this city yesterday, having gone to New York, and just what his plans are for the development of the plot could not be definitely ascertained.

It is understood that the plot could be developed along the method used in the erection of the Model City at Marcus Hook which was erected for the American Viscose Company. Whether or not the actual building operation will be commenced this season could not be learned.

From a reliable source it was ascertained that the plot will be laid out in the shape of a wheel. Five streets are to be cut through the land, work on one of which has already been started.

FINE BOULEVARD – A driveway is to be laid along the Chester River from Ninth Street Bridge to the other end of the property. Houses that will be erected later on the plot of ground will face the Chester River.

A steam shovel with a capacity of fifteen tons has been placed at work along with a number of teams and workmen. The work of cutting through one of the streets was commenced yesterday. The earth is being hauled toward the river for filling in purposes. The driveway will be constructed along similar lines to that at the Deshong Memorial Park.

The ground on which the operations have been started is located within a short distance of the Chester Hospital and opposite the ground along West Ninth Street which is being filled in by Contractor Mullen and is large enough to accommodate the erection of several hundred dwelling houses.

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