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PARK LAND – THE Jury of View Met on the Township Ground – No Objections Filed – Nether Providence People Ask That Part of the Debt Be assumed

The jury recently appointed by the Court to inquire into the propriety of annexing that portion of Chester Park lying in Nether Providence to the city, held its first meeting yesterday on the ground. The jury is composed of Elias H. West, J.G. Coombs, George Dutton, T.B. Price and J. Milton Lutz. The jurors were all present yesterday except Mr. Lutz. The jury and a number of prominent citizens of this city, led by City Solicitor A.A. Cochran and Mayor John B. Hinkson, through the kindness of the Chester Traction Company, boarded a special car at Market Square and proceeded to the ground. There the party was met by Supervisors James Moore and Walter P. Haswell; Auditor of the township, William Sharpless; Town Clerk, Isaac Worrell; President of the School Board, Jacob Hibbert, and citizens Thomas B. PALMER, James E. Miller and A.W. Cook the bobbin manufacturer.

Solicitor Cochran, who was looking after the city's interest, read the order of the Court, and after the jury was sworn by Notary Public William B. HARVEY, the Solicitor, Select Councilman George W. Howard, Common Councilman George W. Howard, Common Councilman Edward Dickerson, Mayor Kinkson, Fred Howard, and the City Engineer, Charles H. Lademus, explained the advantages which the citizens of Chester would derive from the annexation and the natural benefit of the park to the citizens of the county, as well as the city.

NO OBJECTIONS FILED – The officials of the township and the citizens present expressed themselves as having no objection to the ground in question, twenty-nine acres, being annexed in the city. All they wanted was that the city should assume the portion of the township debt which the land in question was subjected to. Those having the city's end of the matter in charge thought that was nothing more than proper, and after the jury had viewed the plans of the ground, they adjourned. There is little doubt, however, but that the jury will report favorably upon the annexation.