

CHESTER TIMES – February 13, 1914 - TWO HANDSOME NEW DWELLINGS - Robert and Richard Wetherill Having Homes Built for Their Daughters in Pretty Section of the City

William Provost, Jr., the well-known builder, has received the contracts to construct two handsome dwellings in the Northern part of the city, one for Richard Wetherill on the site of the old Edwards mansion at the Northwest corner of Thirteenth and Potter Streets, and the other for Robert Wetherill on the North side of the square on Twenty-First Street, at the intersection of Providence avenue and Chestnut Street.

Both houses will be of Colonial design and each will be erected at an approximate cost of \$20,000. The house at Thirteenth and Potter Streets, which Richard Wetherill will build for his daughter, Mrs. B. Y. Wilson, will be constructed of Harvard brick and Flemish bond. The roof will be of red slate and the dwelling will contain all the modern improvements. It will be finished inside with white enamel and the floors will be of hardwood. A spacious porch will grace the North side of the house and there will be an open terrace on the East. The dwelling will be two stories high with a gabled roof. Ground has already been staked out for the excavation for the cellar.

The house to be built for Robert Wetherill, who will have the dwelling erected for one of his daughters, will be constructed of Ruf-tex brick to the underside of the window sills of the first story. Above this line to the top of the walls will be of rough cast. All the gables will have a marginal covering of Ruf-tex brick and terra cotta coping. The house will compare in general architectural appearance with the residences of Dr. J. P. VanKeuren and Samuel Weaver, the only two houses now occupying the square at the intersection of Twenty-First Street, Providence Avenue and Chestnut Street.

Plans and specifications for both mansions were prepared by Savery, Sheetz and Savery, Philadelphia architects.

Contractor Provost has also started operations on extensive additions to be made to the American Viscose Company's plant at Marcus Hook.

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