

CHESTER TIMES – July 10, 1902

DARBY'S OLD TOLL HOUSE IS GOING – Another Ancient Landmark Goes Down Before Progress' Merch.

An old landmark on what was called Darby Road, now Woodland Avenue, near Gray's Lane, has just been torn down. It is an old frame house that had been used for a toll house at different places on Darby Road its last location as a toll house was on the corner of Gray's Lane and Darby Road, and the last toll taker was Frank Johnson. He had married the niece of an old toll gatherer, John Grimm, the old toll gatherers along Darby Road were characters and their toll houses were resorts where the leisure class gathered to debate the questions of the day. Along the John Grimm was Joseph Glascoe, whose toll houses was on the line of Philadelphia and Delaware counties. They were two well informed men and had the respect of the whole community. How things have changed along Darby road, row after row of houses, with hardly a vacant space. Very few of the present residents knew the old toll-gatherers.

The Coroner will hold an inquest on Philip Gotshall on Wednesday evening and he may also hold an inquest on Mrs. Fang the lady who was overcome by the heat on Tuesday evening. The Coroner took the body of Mrs. Fang to Chester. Her people, who came down from the city and the people hereabouts from the city and the people hereabouts were very indignant at the action of the Coroner.

The Sheriff made a visit to Darby on Monday and we may expect to hear of a Main Street property being for sale.

George R. Powell caught forty-five rats on his property on Main Street in the last two days. This is the old store that the Lion Tea Company occupied.

While a large Kolb bread wagon was going through Darby yesterday the body belt gave way, the horses left the wagon and the latter crashed into a tree. John W. Quinn, the village blacksmith fixed the wagon so as it could be taken to Philadelphia.

Charles W. Dean has returned home after a four days visit to Clearfield.

Miss Blanche Shrigley and John Young will spend the coming Saturday and Sunday at Atlantic City, visiting the Misses Blanche and Minnie Russell, at the Hotel Morton.

Robert B. Buck, the junior clerk at the bank will take his vacation the coming week.

Thomas Hughes, the carriage builder from Lansdowne, in turning the corner at the Buttonwood Hotel at a pretty good speed ran until a trolley pole jamming tight and fast. W. W. James loaned him tools to take a wheel off.

George and Miss Bessie Grayson started yesterday for Roanoke, VA. While there Miss Bessie will visit her old friend, Miss Susan Crozier at Lynchburg, who is teaching domestic economy at an Orphans' Asylum in that city. Miss Crozier expects to have her vacation in August when she will return to her home in Darby.

Jacob Barlow has returned from Piedmont, Ala., where the Cooson Manufacturing Company is building a new cotton mill. He reports that the colored bricklayers receive forty cents per hour. While the white carpenters receive only eleven cents per hour.

George Grayson and wife and daughter, Miss Bessie, left Darby on Tuesday for Florence, N. J. to attend the golden wedding of Mrs. Grayson sister, Mrs. Matthews.

Mr. & Mrs. H. C. Shane and two daughters of Colwyn, have returned home after a short stay at Ocean City.

Edward D. Sipler spent Monday at Coney Island, taking in the shows for which that place is noted.

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