

CHESTER TIMES – March 21, 1914 – DELCO – REALTY – ART GALLERY
PLANS READY – Future Home of the Deshong Costly Paintings to be Built in the Near
Future

The people of this city are deeply interested in the erection of the new art gallery, which is to be the future home of the valuable collection of paintings and bric-a-brac which were willed to the people by the late Alfred O. Deshong in connection with the Deshong Memorial Park. The trustees under his will, Clarence Deshong, brother; Judge William B. Broomall and James A. G. Campbell, President of the Delaware County Trust Company, have been earnestly at work trying to get matters in shape so that the contract for this building could be let early this spring. The news was given out today that Brazer A. Robb, the New York architects, have completed the plans and will ask bids for the work in a few days. This will be good news to the citizens generally, for with the starting of work on the building, it is expected that other work in connection with beautifying the land on Edgmont Avenue between Ninth and Eleventh streets, will be started. The trustees have a number of bids from leading landscape artists over the country, for the laying out of the walks, the driveways, the tennis courts, the baseball grounds, the swimming pools and the many other things which will be provided for the amusement and pleasure of the general public. The new art gallery which will cost between \$50,000 and \$70,000 will be located on the knoll at Eleventh Street and Edgmont Avenue and will have a most commanding view. It will be constructed of stone and the finest Italian marble and will have dimension of 60 by 90 feet. It will be about forty feet high, and will contain steam heat and electric lights.

So far everything which has been purchased by the trustees for the Memorial Park have been secured from local dealers and it is the hope of all that the contract for the new art gallery will go to a local builder. This will be entirely satisfactory to the well-known gentlemen in whose ability to administer his estate, the late benefactor of the city had the utmost confidence.

LARGEST DEAL FOR WEEK – The largest deal in this city for the week was the sale of the Patterson Mills, property at Fifth and Penn Streets for the sum of \$85,000 which is considered a good omen for all the people of the city. An industry which has stood idle for eight years to start up and give work to upwards of 600 persons means much to not only the section of the city in which it is located but to all of the sections.

The news stores being erected by Samuel Lax on Edgmont Avenue below Third for Howard W. Martin, the First Ward grocery man are progressing and should be ready for occupancy in the early summer. These buildings will make a marked improvement to that section of the city.

Mr. Bernard who recently went to live in the house of Mrs. Joseph Ladomus on East Fourth Street, has made a number of improvements to the property for the convenience of his family.

Ground has been broken for the new stores on West Third Street between the river and Dock Street and the work of completing these will be pushed along as rapidly as possible. This is a building operation which will cost about \$20,000 to complete and the owner, who is a Philadelphian, hopes to have the new stores and dwellings completed as soon as the weather will permit.

Builder J. Irvin Taylor has not started on his proposed new houses at Fifth and Penn streets, but will do so in a short time. There will be great need for the class of dwellings he will put up with the starting up of the Patterson Mills.

One of the sure signs that there will be plenty of building this spring is the fact that the plumbers over the city have been asked to bid on a great deal of work, even more than last year at this time.

General William G. Price is asking bids for a new apartment house to be located on his land at Fifth and Edgmont Avenue and he hopes to start to build during the early spring so that the building will be ready for occupancy by fall.

With more than two hundred houses to go up at once; the erection of the Deshong Memorial art Gallery; the building of the new home for the Y. W. C. A.; the building of two handsome homes for the Messrs. Wetherill in the upper section of the city; and the great improvements contemplated by some industries about the city, there should be no lack of work for the mechanics and laborers the coming summer.

IN THE WEST END – The west end is to have even a greater boom in the building line than last year which is saying a great deal. J. C. Taylor, the well-known lawyer is about ready to let the contract for a number of two story modern dwellings at Fourth and Engle Streets, and many other houses are being planned for early spring by local builders in that section of the city.

Plans are almost completed for two schools for the Borough of Darby. The architects will be ready to receive bids in a few days according to announcement. These buildings will be constructed of brick and will be up-to-date in every way. One of them will be 90 by 24 by 70 feet and the other 30 by 70 feet both of which will be two stories high.

A new home is to be built in Haverford Township for Robert Meade Smith, Jr., of Philadelphia. The material will be stone and timber and it will be two and one half stories high, shingle roof with the heating and lighting reserved. Mantle Fielding is the architect and he will have the plans and specifications completed in a short time.

Bids will be asked the coming week for the cost of the erection of the one story church at Llanerch to be built by St. Andrew's M. E. Church. It will be one story high, tin roof electric lighting.

A large number of well-known builders are figuring on the plans for the new church and school in the borough of Darby to be built for Church of the Blessed Virgin of the Catholic Church.

The real estate transfers recorded at Media this week show that there has been an active market in real estate during the week which is always taken as a good sign by the builders and mechanics.

TRANSFERS RECORDED

Upper Darby – Walter L. Rhodes of Media to R. Walter Atmore of Philadelphia, house and two lots at Drexel Heights, Nom

Clifton Heights – Luke Gillespie and Frank Gillespie of Oakview to J. J. Marley of Clifton Heights, house and lot on Harrison Avenue, Nom

Prospect Park- W. Lane Verlenden of Darby to Howard E. Carlisle of Prospect Park, two lots on Tenth Avenue, Nom

Upper Darby – Howard M. Lutz, trustee for the estate of H. W. Koch, a bankrupt, to Walter L. Rhodes of Media, house and two lots at Drexel Heights, \$4,000

Radnor Township – John R. Kearns of Radnor Township to James Sawyers of Philadelphia, house and lot on Meredith avenue, \$2,000

Collingdale – John Congleton of Collingdale to Edith N. Harris of same place, lot on Clifton Avenue, \$750

Haverford Township – John H. Storer of Boston, Mass. to George W. Hance of Ardmore, two lots at south Ardmore, \$590

Norwood – George W. Parsons of Norwood to Alice B. Cash of Duluth, Minnesota, several lots with building on the east side of Seminole Avenue, \$3,800

Haverford – Emil Mueller of Philadelphia to Annie S. Cronie of the same place, two lots at Brookline Annex, \$100

Upper Darby – George W. Hance of Ardmore to Clifford B. Harmon of Philadelphia, lot at Observatory Hill, Nominal

Chester – John H. Clark of Chester to William A. Holland and wife of the same place, brick house and lot at Fifth and Parker Streets, Nominal

Ridley Park – Harry H. Keen and wife of Ridley Park to James J. McLean of Essington lot and building situated at Fifth and Barker Street, \$500

Darby – William H. Payne and Frank B. Payne of Darby to Thomas M. Lukens and wife, lot and buildings, situate Walnut and Four and one-half Streets, \$2750

Lansdowne – H. R. Keen and wife of Lansdowne to George W. Thomson of the same place, lot and building, Plumstead and Windemere Avenues, Nominal

Chester – Harriet Ann Nicholas of Philadelphia to Charlotte Nicholas of Norristown, two lots, northwest corner of Sunnyside Avenue and Sandelands Street, Nominal

Upper Darby – C. John Grafstone of Philadelphia to Katherine W. VanZant of Atlantic City, two lots at Highland Park, Nominal

Clifton Heights – George Bernley of Darby to Rebecca Wade, lot and house south Sycamore Street, Nominal

Millbourne – Logan Trust Company of Philadelphia to Oscar H. Cassell of Philadelphia, house and lot at 14 Park Avenue, \$2,000

Radnor Township – James Burns of Radnor Township to M. J. Kealey of Lower Merion, house and lot on Brook Street \$2,100

Upper Providence – W. Howard West of Upper Providence to H. E. Latham of Philadelphia, farm of thirty-three acres on State Road leading from Rose Tree Tavernto Crum creek, Nom

Millbourne – Henry L. Greenfield of Millbourne to Yettle Thiel of Philadelphia, house and lot at 24 Burd Avenue Nom

Middletown Township- Rush Super of Middletown to Howard Hallman of same place, two lots with buildings at Lima \$2750

Ridley Township – Amanda S. Taylor of East Lansdowne to J. C B. Martin, Jr. of Philadelphia, lot at Willowbrook, \$150

Haverford Township – John H. Storer of Boston, Mass. to Rudolph R. Dorsey of Philadelphia, lot at Beechwood, \$360

Chester – William W. Noblit of Philadelphia to W. T. Fowden of Chester, house and lot on Third Street, west of Franklin, Nom

Chester – Louise Habisrittinger of Chester to Robert J. Burley of same place, house and lot on Franklin Street north of Third, \$1,900

Chester – George D. Hewes of Chester to John Kmlec of Chester, house and lot on Third Street east of Trainer Street, \$1475

Chester – Julia M. Deemar of Chester to William O' McClurg of Chester, lot on Ninth Street east of Pusey Street, \$500

Chester J. Horace Witsil of Chester to James Likens of Chester, house and lot at Sixth and Reaney Streets, \$1700

Radnor Township – Henry V. Massey of Montgomery County to Frank Disston of St. David's, house and lot on Poplar Avenue, St. David's. Nom

Haverford Township – William B. Leech of Haverford Township to Anna e. S. Stark of Llanerch Manor, two lots with buildings at Llanerch Manor, Nom

Clifton Heights – Philip F. Carlin of Clifton Heights to John and Michael Hrysako of same place, lot on Broadway Avenue, \$1,100

Wayne – Herman Wendall of Wayne to Henry V. Massey Jr. of Montgomery County, lot on Poplar Avenue, Nom

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