

CHESTER TIMES – September 19, 1922 – SCOTT TRACT DEAL MADE IN DARBY – Acquisition of Isaac Purdy Promises Big Building Operation

The reported acquisition last week by Isaac Purdy of Darby, and associates of the Scott tract, located on Main Street, Darby, is probably destined to develop into one of the largest building operations that borough has ever experienced. So far this year there has been very little new home construction within the borough of Darby. Its sister borough, Collingdale, has shown an active spirit of expansion, in home development, but building within Darby proper, to use a mariner's expression, has been "standing in the wind."

This Scott tract comprises 16 acres. It possesses a frontage of 700 feet on Main Street, running from Twe3lfth to Fourteenth Streets, and extending in depth to Darby Creek. There are no buildings on the tract, but it is susceptible to considerable grading in certain parts. It is the intention of the purchasers to extend Twelfth, Thirteenth and Fourteenth Streets through the property and to macadamize them. As soon as title is passed operations are to be gotten underway. The lots facing upon Main Street are to be cut into units of 43 by 125 feet and the inside ones into units of 25 by 131 feet.

Contracts for the erection of one hundred dwellings are to be placed immediately, it is said. These are to be of stone and brick and brick and stucco and their holding price is to range from \$6,500 to \$10,000. This operation is to be called, "Darby Gardens." The building operations are to be of a speculative character.

This is the second big deal in Delaware County real estate Mr. Purdy has put through this year. Late last fall he acted as runner-up in the transfer of the Parker Avenue P. R. tract, in the borough of Collingdale to Philadelphia interests, and extensive building operations are now underway on the tract.

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