

CHESTER TIMES – March 6, 1915 – MUCH ACTIVITY IN REAL ESTATE – A Number of Important Sales Were Consummated During the Past Week in the County

There was general activity in all lines of real estate in this county the past week, indicating that there will be much building done. During the week many properties were sold, and in most cases the purchasers were Philadelphians, who are anxious to get away from city life, and yet be close to a metropolitan city by way of train and trolley service.

Plans have been drawn for a beautiful stone church building, to be erected on Lansdowne Avenue, Lansdowne, for the congregation of the Lansdowne Presbyterian church. It will be erected alongside of the present edifice.

Eighteen years ago the pastor of the Presbyterian Church was talking after prayer meeting with two of the members of his congregation. The conversation turned upon the need of a new house of worship. One of the trio said, I will give you the first dollar toward the building if you will take it. The other said, I will give you \$3 for that dollar. With this sum of \$3 as capital a little society was formed, which was known as the King's Traders. In a few years it had increased the capital to one thousand dollars, when it was dissolved.

On November 1, 1910, there was to the joint credit of the defunct society and the Board of Trustees the sum of \$2,261.87 for the new church. The pastor asked the privilege of canvassing the congregation for ten thousand dollars, the task to be completed in one month. Not two persons in the congregation believed that the amount could be realized. But when the month was closed there was something like three hundred dollars in excess of the sum solicited.

NEARLY \$20,000 PLEDGED – The amount of cash on hand at the present time is \$19,257, with outstanding pledges for an additional \$4,718. Last year the congregation decided that they would not begin to build until \$25,000 was in the treasury. When about \$1,000 more has been secured, the unpaid pledges will be called in.

NEW SCHOOL CONTEMPLATED – The School Board of Upper Darby is seriously considering the building of a new school house, somewhere along the West Chester Pike between the suburban towns of Highland Park, Clover Hill and Kirklyn. The above places only a few years ago were nothing more than farms. Now there have sprung up thriving towns inhabited by excellent families who are thrifty, and who desire good schools. For some time past the citizens of toe places have been putting up a kick with an apparent to the School Board for a school to send their children to. At the present time the children must either go to the Keystone public school at Sixty-Ninth Street or the Llanerch public school in Haverford Township. Both of these schools are a good distance of these schools are a good distance from Highland Park, Clover Hill or Kirklyn, thus making the walk to school too long for the little ones. The School Board pays the carfare for the children who live the farthest away from the Keystone school, and Upper Darby must pay tuition for the pupils who go to Haverford schools. The School Board is looking for a building sight and the school built will be similar to the two stone buildings already erected in Keystone and Garrettford.

CONTRACTS AWARDED – Robert Montgomery of Villanova has awarded a contract for an iron fence to be erected around his estate to the Wayne Iron Works to cost \$5,000. The stone work along will cost \$3,000.

Mrs. Mame Davies Artman of Philadelphia, has awarded a contract for the erection of a bungalow and garage on the Statzell Tract, Upper Darby Township to Harry Davis, A builder of Philadelphia, price \$5,000.

Elmer Compton of Kirklyn will begin erection next week on two houses at Kirklyn to cost \$5,000.

SOME MORTON DEALS – Real estate has also taken a big jump in Morton the past week, and a number of properties have changed hands and new houses will be erected this spring. E. W. Smith of Morton sold five lots at the northeast corner of Mitchell and Franklin Avenues, Faraday Park to John Woltjen of Philadelphia for \$1,500. Woltjen will build a \$5000 brick house on the lot. Mr. Smith also sold the J. D. Weeden property on Amosland Road, Morton to Jacob Paizer of Philadelphia for \$3,000; two lots in Rutledge to Fred W. Stoudt, \$475; William Munch property on Woodland Avenue, Morton to John Mulligan of Morton for \$4,200; to Charles Schwartz of Philadelphia, frame house in Faraday Park, \$3,000.

AN IMPORTANT SALE – The most important real estate transfer of the week recorded at the office of Recorder of Deeds J. Lord Rigby was that of one hundred and fifteen acres in Springfield Township for \$17,500. This land was sold by the Girard Trust Company, executors of the estate of Rebecca C. Rogers, late of Philadelphia to James F. and Daniel J. Collins, both of Marple Township. The price is only a little over \$150 an acre and is not large for that township, but farms of that size are seldom sold in this county, which makes the total price sound large for farm land.

Some other important transfers of the week are:

\$75,000 residence – a. j. Drexel Paul has plans out for a new \$75,000 residence to be erected in the township and one-half stories high, 75 by 100 feet and will be built of stone and plaster. The dwelling will have shingle roof, electric lights, and hardwood floors. The architect will shortly ask for bids for the work.

E. P. Artman of Philadelphia has received bids for the erection of a new house at Drexel Hill. It will be built of stone and will be two and one-half stories high. It will have a dimension of 29 x 18 feet. The same owner will also erect a stone garage. Harry Koch of Drexel Hill and Philadelphia is the architect.

C. S. Gibson will shortly begin the erection of two houses in the Borough of Norwood. They will be built of hollow tile and plaster and will be two and one-half stories high with dimensions of 38 x 40 feet. They will have a slate roof, electric lights, hot water heating, hardwood floors.

Contractors are figuring on plans for a new residence for Dr. William A. Jaquette of Philadelphia, who will make Swarthmore Borough his home after his new home is built. The dwelling will be two and one-half stories high, 22 by 43 feet with a wing 24 x 16 feet, shingle roof, electric lights, warm air heating, and hardwood floors. The bids all due to be in the hand of the architect today.

H. B. Baton of Philadelphia has been awarded the contract for the erection of a new power plant house for the estate of Daniel Lees of Glen Riddle. The contract price is \$5000.

Harry W. Kock, Real Estate Broker, Drexel Hill, and 15199 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, advises that he has been awarded the contract for a detached stone and stucco dwelling to be erected at the corner of Bonsall and Ferne Avenues, Drexel Hill. He is accepting sub bids on the same.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS –

Ridley Park – Spartan Building and Loan Association to A. J. P. Gallagher of Ridley Park. Lot with buildings on Trainer Street - \$5500

Clifton Heights – M. H. Arsianlan of Clifton Heights to Charles P. Lindsay of same place. House and lot at Baltimore Avenue and Diamond Street - \$3,000

Bethel Township – Michael E. McLaughlin of Bethel to Erik Rasmussen of Chester. Twenty-one acres with buildings on line of Concord Township - \$2,000

Radnor Township – J. William Hale of Wayne to C. Wesley Reep of Wayne. House and two lots on Runnymede Avenue, Wayne - \$5,000

Ridley Park – Phil Hipple of Ridley Park to James H. Roonel of same place. House and two lots on Sellers Avenue - \$1,800

Edgmont Township – Percy J. Baker of Edgmont to Jerome L. Pyle, M.D., of same place. Eleven acres and buildings on Edgomin Great Road - \$5,600

Haverford Township – Midland Realty Company to George C. Shelly of Philadelphia. Two lots at Brookline - \$1,180

Chester – Delaware County Trust Company to Josiah Sleener of Chester. Lot with two dwellings, 613 and 616 Welsh Street - \$4,800

Lower Chichester – Rev. Clarence Larkin of Fox Chase to Stanislaw Zaremski of Lower Chichester. Lot on Third Street - \$1,000

Upper Darby – Edwin Bowden of Drexel Hill to Edwin D. Solenberger of same place. Two lots in Drexel Hill - \$1,200

Upper Darby – George W. Stanzell of Upper Darby to Mame D. Artman of Philadelphia. Lot at Maple Avenue and Garrett Road, Drexel Hill - \$1,250

Chester – Delaware County Trust Company to Lizzie Unger of Chester. House and lot at Ninth and Madison Streets - \$3,500

Upper Chichester – Thomas H. Thatcher and Wm. P. Thatcher of Aston Township to John J. Ryan of Chester. 205 acres and two houses on Chichester Creek - \$8500

Chester – Delaware County Trust Company to Annie M. Bradley of Chester. House and lot at Ninth and Madison Streets - \$2,500

Chester – William R. Calligan of Virginia to Philip Lyan of Chester. Lot with buildings at Fourth and Wilson Streets - \$1,400

Aston Township – Martha G. Hoskins of Aston Township to Frederick F. Evans. Lot with buildings - \$500

Marple Township – William P. Hipple of Marple Township to Eliza J. Atkinson of same place. Fourteen acres on road from Springfield Meeting House to U.A.M.E. Church - \$1,100