

CHESTER TIMES – May 13, 1914 – NEW HOMES IN FIRST WARD – Extensive Real Estate Deal at Nineteenth and Chestnut Streets Closed Yesterday

A real estate deal was closed yesterday afternoon in this city whereby a square of ground in the First Ward passes out of the ownership of Mrs. J. Frank Black and becomes the property of D. Thompson Mitchell of Lansdowne. The land and the improvements to go upon it means an investment of between \$60,000 and \$75,000. The land is bounded on the west by Chestnut Street; on the east by Hyatt Street; on the south by Eighteenth Street, and on the north by Nineteenth Street. The sale transaction was conducted through George B. Harvey, the lawyer, and this changing of hands on the property means much to that section of the city.

The plans are well under way for the improvements that are to go upon the land. These call for eight or nine single houses, costing about \$6000 or \$7000 facing on Nineteenth Street. They will have a depth of 150 feet, which will give ample room for the erection of a garage on the rear of each of the properties. It is the intention of the new owner to ask permission of Council and the City Planning Commission to cut through this square a twenty-foot wide street in which it is proposed to lay the sewer, water pipes and other facilities for making the proposed houses up-to-date in every particular.

ATTRACTIVE HOMES – The houses will be in keeping with the already attractive properties in that section of the city. They will be built so that each will have a yard on the front, side and rear. It is claimed by those who are in a position to know that there is a demand for single houses in this city and it is the intention of Mr. Mitchell to fill this want with first class dwellings.

It is the intention to place upon the Eighteenth Street front such houses as the demand and the circumstances will warrant. This street is not physically opened as yet, but the work of curbing and paving the sidewalks will be started at once and in a short time a petition will be presented to City Council for the paving of the roadway.

The land is admirably situated for a fine class of dwellings. The sight overlooks the Delaware River. The property has a frontage of 188 feet on Nineteenth Street.

The improvement to be made upon the property will be given a park effect and will add much to the beauty of that section of the city. The property enjoys the distinction of being close to the trolleys and railroad facilities. Three lines of trolleys run close to reach Philadelphia Media and other points. It adjoins the picturesque spot known as Providence Heights.