

CHESTER TIMES – May 10, 1913 – COUNTY REAL ESTATE ACTIVE – About 450 New Dwellings Contemplated in Suburban Districts During The Week – New Operations in City

Delaware County, exclusive of the City of Chester, continues to develop more rapidly along real estate lines than the city itself. During the week several operations have been reported in the city and county, but the later far exceeds the former in proposed activities. One operation alone comprising 550 dwelling houses, is reported for Eddystone.

Probably the biggest sale of the week in Delaware County was consummated Thursday when Richard Purdy of Darby sold the Isaac T. Jones property in Lansdowne for \$50,000 to M. S. Quinn of Philadelphia. It is said that a Catholic institution will be built there. The largest sale in the city was that of a part of the Tweltridge property on East Seventh Street, where L. E. Conness of Wilmington, Del. will build a \$75,000 theater. The Chester Realty and Development Company has also purchased a tract of eight and one-half acres from the John Wetherill estate.

Among the new dwelling houses that will be built in Chester will be four two-story bricks on the south side of Fayette Street, between Welsh and Bevan Streets, and a one-story brick bungalow at Twenty-Sixth and Madison Streets. Two new houses will be built at Twenty-First and Madison streets, two at Seventh and Pusey Streets and work has been started on the five at Third and Fulton Streets for the German Beneficial Association.

The Delaware County Improvement and Development Company is planning 350 houses for Eddystone. Twenty-five houses are underway and fifty more contemplated at Glenolden. Contracts have been let for a \$10,000 residence at Media and for another large dwelling at St. David's. Bids are being received on a school for Haverford, a library for Wallingford and an American Viscose boarding house at Marcus Hook. Plans are in progress for a church at Cynwyd.

IN THE CITY – Samuel A. Heves has started the foundations for two large brick dwellings for Herbert Shaw at Twenty-first and Madison Streets. The interiors are being finished on the following operations. Six houses for Simon Bruner, on Front Street, at Market, seven houses in Wunderlich place for Albert Wunderlich and the store and apartment house for J. Irving Taylor at Sixth Street and Edgmont Avenue.

Mercadante and Sons, of this city, have started the brick work on the new \$30,000 by-products house for the John J. Buckley Company at 16, 18, 20 and 22 West Second Street.

They are up to the first floor frames. After the completion of this building, another brick structure containing a work shop, blacksmith shop and paint shop will be begun.

The workmen are now busily engaged on the interior and the roof of the \$30,000 annex to the Chester post office. Contractor John W. Emery of Philadelphia has to September 1 to complete the work. The new wharf and elevated coal conveyor system of the Beacon Light Company has been finished and is now being used. The Consumers' Ice and Coal Company has started improvements along the same lines as those just completed by the Beacon. H. Louis Morris is the Consumers' Contractor.

The Chester Realty and Investment Company of this city, has started to do business although not incorporated as yet. The new company contains Philadelphia capital largely, although some prominent Chester people are said to be interested. The company plans to develop many sections along modern lines.

Thomas J. Crumble, the undertaker has purchased the property on Edgmont Avenue adjoining his own residence and business place taking in the one-story stores at Nos. 805, 807, 809, and 811. The properties have a frontage on Edgmont Avenue of 55 feet running back to the public alley in the rear. The consideration is about \$15,000.

R. L. Tweltridge, the well-known bottler of 724 Morton Avenue, has purchased the plot of ground on East Seventh Street between Welsh and Deshong Streets, which was left several years ago by the late Dr. F. R. Graham to the Baptist Tract Society of New York City. The deal was made through B. C. Fox, the lawyer and real estate man. The property has a frontage of over one hundred feet on Seventh Street and runs back to a good depth.

Philadelphians have purchased the Abram Carter property at Third Street and Edgmont Avenue.

WEST END OPERATIONS – Edward S. Fry expects to have the extensive improvements being made to his hotel at Seventh Street and Central Avenue, completed next week. A new bar room, with a tile floor and walls, and a spacious dining room are two of the most important additions. The Dickerson Paving and Construction Company is laying a granolithic sidewalk about the property.

Contractor Francis Moore's four new houses in course of construction on Fourth Street, West of Palmer, are now under roof and it is expected that they will be finished in about a week.

The eight dwelling houses and apartment house being erected at Second and Wilson Streets by Contractor H. Louis Morris for John J. McGlenn are being pushed rapidly to completion. The brick work is well under way and several of the houses will soon be under roof.

The seven new houses being built by Contractor Samuel A. Hewes on Third Street, below Townsend, will soon be ready for roofing. The dwellings will be graced by spacious front porches and will have an exceptionally attractive frontage.

Captain James McMaster has commenced operations on the construction of a large store and dwelling on West Third Street, below Hayes. Ground was broken Friday morning. The building will be erected by subcontractors under the direction of Captain McMaster.

Contractor William Wiser has several operations on hand at present including the building of the two houses at 820-22 West Third Street. The brick work of these has reached the second floor. He has completed placing porches on five houses on Howell Street, above Fourth and will commence two more soon.

Mr. Wiser is repairing Goff's house at 314 Pennell Street, and several houses belonging to Eugene White on Church Street near Norris.

Contractor Francis Moore yesterday commenced operations on five houses on West Third Street between Franklin and Fulton Streets. Last evening the cellars were well under way. Mr. Moore received the contract from the German Catholic Beneficial Association, connected with the Church of the Resurrection. The houses will be two stories in height and have all the modern improvements and conveniences.

The Duplex Metals Company has about completed the erection of a white stone building 40 by 40 feet, which they will occupy as an office building at the foot of Lloyd Street. Work is being pushed on the steel experimental building at that place.

Contractor William Deviney has broken ground for two new houses at Seventh and Pusey Streets. The work is progressing nicely. The three houses which are being erected

for P. J. G. Boudart, the tailor, are rapidly nearing completion. They fill a plot of ground on Third Street, West of Pusey Street.

All the operations on west Fifth Street by Contractor Bell, who is putting up a small city between Pusey and Pennell Streets, are progressing nicely.

**BUILDING PERMITS** – The following permits were issued during the past few days by Building Inspector Terryl T. Williams:

Samuel Lax, to build four two-story brick dwellings on the South side of Fayette Street, between Welsh and Bevan Streets.

Lewis Daltry, to build a one-story brick bungalow at Twenty-Sixth and Madison Streets.

**IN THE COUNTY** – Sub-bids are now being taken on a large boarding house that the American Viscose Company will build at Marcus Hook. It will be of brick and plaster, two and a half stories high, 43 by 44 feet, with slate roof, electric light and hot air lighting.

Plans are in progress for a \$40,000 edifice at Cynwyd for the Presbyterian Church of the Covenant. It will be of stone, one-story high, with a slate roof, steam heat and electric light.

Several Delaware County contractors are bidding on a new school at Haverford. It will be of stone and plaster, two stories in height, 60 by 30 feet, with a slate roof.

Bids are due today on a \$5,000 library building that will be built at Wallingford. The structure will be of stone, one-story high, 48 by 45 feet, with marble trimmings, copper roof, electric lighting and steam heating.

J. B. Flounders of Philadelphia will build the \$40,000 residence at Media for William L. Rowland. It will be of stone, two stories high, 37 by 83 feet, with a shingle roof, electric light, steam heat and hardwood floors.

Sheldon Catlin of St. David's has let the contract for his new home to Milton W. Young of Overbrook. The structure will be of brick and plaster, two and a half stories high, 58 by 26 feet, with a shingle roof, steam heat, hardwood floors and electric light.

With twenty-five houses under way, and fifty others contemplated and to be started without loss of time, Glenolden will undoubtedly take its place this summer among other Delaware County boroughs which expect to make new records in the building line.

Brooks and Richards are building ten houses on Bonsall Avenue for James R. Price of Pleasantville, N. J.; Thomas J. Parry will erect two modern dwellings on Ridgeway Avenue for James Bengé; Daniel McGulgan will start the erection of a dwelling, and J. W. Meckert and Company of Ridley Park are hurrying the work on a new residence for Abner Mitchell on Grays avenue.

The houses being built by Brooks and Richards will be two and a half stories high, half brick and frame and will have all modern conveniences. The fifty houses now in contemplation will be erected on Bonsall Avenue.

Collingdale has been exceptionally active this season, many buildings being well under way and others are being planned. Hugh Cox of that borough will erect four houses on Pine Street near Parker Avenue. It is expected that Collingdale building and realty will take on as added stimulus. The contract for the new sewer system has been awarded to Patrick Mahoney for \$33,238. The work will commence at once.

Marcus Hook has grown so rapidly that a new school house is necessary. Means will be taken by the school Board to consider the question, which it is believed will mean another school building in that thriving borough within a year. Plans have been prepared

for two brick houses, two and a half stories high on Harrison Avenue and Maple Terrace, Clifton Heights, for John A. McGirney. Work on the two houses is to be started immediately.

The contract for the new borough lockup at Lansdowne has been awarded to George Riley, whose bid was \$1710 and \$345 for the alterations to the borough building. Plans are being prepared by a Philadelphia architect for a moving picture theater in this borough. At East Lansdowne, ground has been broken for the new firehouse, which is to be rushed to completion. Highland Park is active in the building line this season. George Collins is building a bungalow on Cedar Avenue near West Chester Pike for Thomas Fitzgerald of Philadelphia for \$3500; also another one for Thomas Sheerett on Brynmawr Avenue for \$5000, and one at Observatory Hill for Mrs. James Alburger.

An interesting discovery was made by William Taylor, a prominent Media lawyer, who recently purchased the old Maitland property there. While examining the title, Mr. Taylor found to his surprise that the property had been granted by William Penn unto William Taylor, one of his great grandfathers over two centuries before.

Francis Caldwell is preparing preliminary plans for two large English style residences, to cost about \$10,000 each to be built near Ardmore, Pa.

The Oak Lane Park Building Company has been awarded a contract for the erection of a handsome three-story stone residence for Mrs. S. Baughman at the southwest corner of Seventh Street and Sixty-Sixth Avenue. The house will be 40 by 31 feet with a wing 18 by 22 feet. The cost will be \$10,000.

Mowrer Brothers of Merion, Pa. have been awarded the contract for a stone and shingle garage at Cynwyd for E. G. Whitman.

JONES PROPERTY SOLD – The Isaac T. Jones property, South Lansdowne Avenue, Lansdowne, which extends over into Darby and which adjoins the property of Richard Y. Cooke, was sold Thursday to M. S. Quinn of Philadelphia. The consideration is said to be \$60,000. The sale was made through the agency of Richard Purdy of Darby.

The tract of land involved in the deal comprises twelve acres and is ideally situated for the purpose for which it is reported it has been purchased. It is said that Mr. Quinn represented a Philadelphia Catholic organization which proposes to build a sanitarium upon the Jones property for women and children. The tract was used by the Country Club of Lansdowne up to about two years ago.

#### REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS –

John L. Fry of Philadelphia to the Logan Trust Company of Philadelphia. Five houses and lots on West side of Park Avenue, Millbourne, nom.

G. Wallis Brown of Conshohocken to August Yanke of Lester. Lot on Wyandotte Street, Lester, \$200

Vanzant E. Buck of Chester to George B. Harvey of Chester. Three houses and lots on East side of Franklin Street, \$6,000

George B. Harvey of Chester to the school District of Chester. Three houses on lots on east side of Franklin Street, \$6000

Harry Pritchard of Chester to the School District of Chester. House and lot on West side of Concord Avenue, \$1450

Theodore G. Baugh of Philadelphia, Benjamin J. Schwartz of Wilmington. Farm of 53 acres in Birmingham and Concord Townships, \$5,000

Theodore G. Baugh of Philadelphia to Harry Gabell of Philadelphia. Three lots in Drexel Hill, nom.

Marcus Hook – Mary A. Marshall, et al, of Pa. to William J. McClare, Jr., lot 133 by 128 feet \$2305

Glenolden – G. Howard Lundy of Glenolden to Henry W. Flickinger of same place, lot 50 to 175 feet, nominal

Rutledge – The Rutledge Mutual Building and Loan Association of Phila. to Howard A. Hoffman of same place, lot 40 by 150 feet, \$350

Llanerch – William J. White of Llanerch to Frank W. Beehe of Conshockon, buildings and lot, 84 by 143 feet, \$3500

Essington – Benjamin Amsterdam of Philadelphia to John Rusonovich, lot on Carre Avenue, nom.

Chester – John D. Lee of Chester to Emma M. Platt of Chester, lot on east side of Lindsay Street, \$350

Haverford Township – William H. Ramsey of Lower Merion to Michael Dunn of Lower Merion, two lots at Preston, \$4300

Radnor Township – John Blackwood of Upper Merion to Allen Blackwood of Radnor, house and lot, nom.

Darby – Stephen J. Marks of Darby to George W. Walle of Darby, house and lot, \$1500

Collingdale – James Artman of Narberth to Hannah O'Neill of Collingdale, lot on Clifton Avenue, nom.

Collingdale – Samuel J. Bunting of Collingdale to Elizabeth T. O'Neill of Collingdale, lot on Packer Avenue, \$500

Haverford Township – Bryn Mawr Trust Company and Phillip A. Hart, Executors to James Kennedy of Haverford Township, lots at Ardmore Park, property of the late Bridget Hines, \$3100

Leiperville - Dennis McGonigal of Ridley Township to David McGonigal of Ridley Township, lot on Chester Pike, nom.

Norwood – Patrick O'Connor of Norwood to Annie Shea of Norwood, lot on Trites Avenue, nom

Darby – Harry W. Tyler of Darby to Stanley L. Rolm of Philadelphia, house and lot on Greenway Avenue, nom

Chester – Andrew Kubetcik of Philadelphia to Ignatius Kupsis of Chester, house and lot on Great Street, \$1100

Collingdale – Frank B. Rhodes of Media to Milton L. Staley of Collingdale, lot on Rhodes Avenue, nom.

Rutledge – Amelia C. Beck of Rutledge to William Patton of Collingdale, house and two lots on Linden Avenue, nom

Upper Darby – George A. Dolby of Upper Darby to Laura Lowber of Philadelphia, house and lot at Kirklyn, \$2000

Collingdale – Harmon D. Denny of Pittsburg to Elizabeth Donohue of Wilkes Barre, lot at Clifton Park, \$150

Springfield – Margaret D. Levis of Yeadon to Caroline J. Shaffner of Yeadon, farm of 100 acres in Springfield and farm of 22 1/2 acres in Upper Darby, nom

Clifton Heights – Mathias Barnhill of Howell, N. J. to Rev. Samuel W. Thomas of Philadelphia, two houses and lots on Jefferson Street, \$2900

Collingdale – Richard Purdy of Darby to Hugh Cox of Collingdale, two lots on north side of Pine Street

Marcus Hook – William J. McClure of Marcus Hook to Alfred E. Langford of Marcus Hook, brick house and lot on east side of McClenachan Terrace, \$2300

Ridley Township – Delaware County Trust Safe Deposit and Title Insurance Company of Chester to Frederick Strohm of Marcus Hook, lot on North side of Market Street, \$1500

Prospect Park – Edwin T. Ayres of Philadelphia to Sabato Fenza of Prospect Park. House and lot on Madison Avenue, \$1475

Morton – Thomas L. Levis Horne of Philadelphia to Mary M. Horner Glass of Bucks County. One third interest in house and lot on Woodland Avenue, \$175

Lansdowne – Mary E. Baker of Philadelphia to Herbert M. Adanis of Lansdowne. Two lots on Plumstead and Fifth Avenue, nom

Tinicum – Frederick Black of Tinicum to Francis H. Bohlen of Philadelphia and Charles N. Black of San Francisco. Two farms containing 44 acres and 25 acres on Black's Island, nom

Chester – Bridget Carr of ---- to Charles Palmer of Chester. Houses numbered 115 and 117 Reaney Street, \$1400

Haverford Township – Suburbs Holding Co. of Pennsylvania to Carrie J. Smith of Philadelphia. House and two lots at "Penfield", nom.

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