

CHESTER TIMES – October 18, 1913 – JAMES ESTATE CHANGES HANDS –
R. E. James Closes Deal For Valuable Site and Buildings on Edgmont Avenue

One of the largest real estate deals of the week in this city was the purchase by R. E. James, the well-known liveryman of the property belonging to his father's estate on Edgmont Avenue at Fifth Street. The consideration is not named, but it is understood that Mr. James paid the price for which he is one a good round sum for this valuable site and buildings. The new owner will make many improvements. He took out a building permit yesterday for the constructing of a large brick storage house in the rear of the properties at 506 and 508 Edgmont Avenue. This building will be three stories in height. It will have a dimension of 84 by 132. The first story will be twelve feet high, the second and third, ten feet. It will accommodate at least three hundred loads of furniture.

The building known to the citizens of Chester as the old post office and which has been used of late years as the home of the United Telephone and Telegraph Company will also be turned into a storage warehouse after November 1. The telephone people have engaged a new exchange in the Nolan building and expect to move there the latter part of this month.

MANY CHANGES TO PROPERTY – In addition to the improvements Mr. James intends to make to accommodate his storage business other buildings and the property generally will be given attention. The present stable will remain, but some of the shedding in the rear of the present office and the house next to it will be torn down to make room for the improvement that are to be started today.

Mr. James does a large business in the matter of storing and shipping furniture. He is the representative of two of the largest shipping concerns of the country. These are the Judson Freight Forwarding Company and the Trans-Continental Freight Forwarding Company. The principal business of these concerns is making long shipments of household furniture and other goods.

For years L. G. James, the father of the present owner conducted business at this place and lived next door to the stables on Edgmont Avenue. For a number of years his son R. E. James, who has secured complete control of the property was in business with his father. The elder James died some years ago and the business was continued under the name L. G. James & Son. The new business will be conducted under the name of R. E. James.

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