

CHESTER TIMES – November 29, 1913 – SPLENDID YEAR FOR BUILDING –
Permits Granted So Far For Double the Number of Two-Story Houses Built in Year 1912

According to the records in the office of Building Inspector T. T. Williams, the building done this year so far, passes that done last year he several hundred thousand dollars. The estimated amount of building last year was \$533,045. This included in addition to other work one hundred and forty three two-story brick dwellings. So far this year, while no official report has been made by Mr. Williams, he number of this class of houses to be erected will double that of last year. A rough estimate, with one more month to go is 287 houses, so far this year. The permits granted this year will approximate nearly \$1,000,000.

Mr. Williams is working on his annual report to be presented to the Mayor the first of the year. The law requires the report to include the permits for the year ending December 13. It will be but a few days after that time where Mr. Williams will have his report in the hands of the Mayor.

There has been a great demand this year for two-story houses, as the large number of permits granted for this class of houses, will attest. Many though the record number was reached last year, but with one month to go, this year has doubled the number of permits granted for 1912. The report of Mr. Williams for 1912 was as follows:

143 two-story brick dwellings	\$310,500
34 frame and brick additions	17,500
Addition to brick school	8,845
A stone moving picture building	10,000
Three three-story stores & dwellings	16,300
Lumber shed	3,000
Brick church	4,500
Stone church	20,000
Concrete & iron shed	2,000
Patter store house, frame & iron	6,000
Stone dwelling	10,000
Concrete & brick store	25,000
Brick school	65,000
Concrete dwellings	19,000
Frame buildings covered with iron	3,000

TWENTIETH STREET IMPROVEMENT – William S. Blakeley, the well-known textile manufacturer of Tenth and Walnut Streets, is having plans and specifications prepared for the erection of two or four modern residences on the north side of Twentieth Street, between Potter and Upland Streets. The houses will be in conformity in general appearance and design to the other fine residences in that vicinity. The probabilities are that operations will begin on the construction of the proposed dwelling within two weeks.

Four of the six modern houses built by Contractor Howard D. Taylor, on the north side of Twentieth Street, between Potter and Upland Streets, are completed and the remaining two are well under way and will be finished within a few weeks. Mr. Taylor's building enterprise is a very creditable one.

The Chester Lodge of Odd Fellows expects to have its new hall at Broad and Crosby Streets completed by January 14. In fact they anticipate that the extensive improvements and alterations being made to the present structure will be entirely finished

and new hall ready for occupancy at that time. The general contract is in the hands of Horace H. Jackson. A steam vapor plant, which will heat the lodge rooms and the social quarters, is being installed by William T. Owden. The new front of the building is being constructed largely of stone, which will add greatly to the attractive appearance of the remodeled hall

The nine store building and eighteen apartments being built at Seventh and New Market Streets by the Chester Realty and Investment Company are rapidly nearing completion. The roofs are being placed on the structure and galvanized ornamental work is being attached to the numerous bay windows. The buildings are three stories high and will be equipped with all the modern conveniences.

NEW CHURCH PROGRESSING – Work on the new Italian Church on west Third Street, near Concord Avenue, has been delayed somewhat recently on account of the bad weather conditions, but the contractors hope to make up for this loss of time before the real winter weather sets in. The frames for the second story windows have been placed in position and the walls have reached an appreciative height. The old frame building is still being utilized, but it will have to be torn down in a short time.

A new brick addition is being built to the property next to Edward McCarey's store on West Third Street, below Fulton. The improvement will add considerably to the appearance of that particular section.

The houses being built for James Danfield by George Hewes on West Seventh Street are practically completed and the finishing touches will be applied to them during the next few days. The houses are built on a terrace and present a good appearance.

George Hewes, the contractor of Ninth and Highland Avenue is putting up a row of ten houses at Third and Thurlow Streets.

William Hewes has just put on the roofs of four two-story houses on Howard Avenue, just off Highland Avenue.

Among the large contracts finished this week within the city was the addition to the plant of the Eddystone Type Foundry at Fourth and Engle Streets. This building cost almost \$30,000, and makes quite an addition to the already large works for the manufacture of type furniture. The contractor was H. Louis Morris, who completed the work in a satisfactory manner and in good time.

GOOD FARM SOLD – James Clark of Media has sold to John B. Maruder, through Louis T. Harlan, the real estate broker, a farm of forty-one acres on the Springfield Road, South of the West Chester Pike, Broomall. The consideration is not given but it is known that a good price was paid for this property. It was formerly owned by William Clark, who erected a fine house, barn and other buildings and made it one of the most desirable PROPERTIES IN THAT SECTION OF Delaware County.

Mercadante & Sons of this city, who were recently awarded the contract for the erection of a one-story and basement antitoxin laboratory for the H. K. Mulford Company, at Glenolden, have started on the work and will try and complete it by the early spring.

The Pomeroy Construction Company has been awarded a contract for the erection of a two-and-one-half story house to be located at Swarthmore and Felton Avenues in the borough of Ridley Park for M. T. Comerford. Heacock & Kokanson are the architects. This will be an up-to-date residence in every particular.

Edwin F. Bertolette is preparing plans and specifications for a two-and-one-half story brick and stone house to be erected at Haverford.

The Turner Plumbing Company has just completed a contract for the Almshouse at Lima. This will permit the interior of the building to be placed in a first-class sanitary condition.

The work on the new addition to the club house of the Rose Tree Foxx Hunting Club is nearing completion. It will be ready for occupancy about the first of the year, it is expected. The addition will give to the Rose Tree members one of the best club houses in this section of any of the fox hunting clubs.

VALUABLE RADNOR PROPERTY SOLD – “Hillsover,” the former residence of Lincoln Godfrey at Radnor and Godfrey Roads, Radnor, with about 50 acres of ground, has been sold by the Radnor Development Company to George W. Kendrick, 3rd, for a consideration not disclosed. In the negotiations for the sale the purchaser was represented by J. C. B. Morley, real estate broker.

“Hillsover” is one of the largest and best residences on the Main Line. It was purchased from Lincoln Godfrey about one year ago by Edgar W. Nicholson, representing the Radnor Development Company for a consideration reported at the time to be \$250,000. The property at that time included 126 acres of ground, 60 of which were subsequently sold to Robert L. Montgomery and 16 more to J. Franklin McFadden, whose country places adjoin. The remainder of the original tract, 30 acres, is included in the present sale. The property is now rented to Herbert L. Clark of E. W. Clark & Co., of which firm George W. Kendrick, 3rd is also a member.

Samuel Horner, Jr., has made settlement for two contiguous farms near Paoli, comprising about 200 acres, which he recently purchased from John R. Hughes and Dr. John K. Evans, through J. M. Fronefield, real estate broker of Wayne. The purchaser will occupy the residence on one of the farms as his country home.

The Haverford Development Company has sold to W. W. McCawley a tract of 20 acres on their development at Haverford, overlooking the gold links of the Merion Cricket Club. The purchaser is building a residence on the ground, which will cost about \$50,000.

OUT IN THE COUNTY – The sale of farm lands of from twenty-five acres up to one hundred and four acres in the rural section and the reported sale of five acres in the heart of Darby, owned by the Baird Estate, were the principal events that shaped themselves in the realty doings during the past week.

A sale of farm land is reported from Rockdale, where the seventy-five acre farm, occupied by Andrew W. Mathues, was sold to B. Moglia of Victoria Plush Mills.

The land in Darby which is reported to be sold is located on Main Street between Fourth and Fifth, with a frontage of 600 feet, on Main Street, and a depth of 200 feet. It is said that a big operation of more than one hundred dwellings will be started early in the year. A theatre or moving picture house, it is said, will be erected on the corner of Fifth and Main Streets. Richard Purdy, broker, has sold the residence at 511 Parker Avenue, Collingdale, to John Lynch of Darby, for \$4,000. Luke Bagby of Darby, who purchased a lot on Burnside Avenue, Holmes, will start to build within the next week.

The modern residence being built for Charles Adams at Ninth Street and Saville Avenue, Eddystone, is nearing completion and will be ready for occupancy in several days.

AT LEIPERVILLE – Contractor Kerr is making rapid headway on the erection of the house on Haverford Road, for John Miller. The house when completed will be one of the finest residences in that part of the county.

The two houses being built on Madden Street are nearing completion and add greatly to the attractiveness of the row they are built in.

PERMITS GRANTED – During the week Building Inspector T. T. Williams granted the following permits:

Michael Szymanski to build a one-story frame stable to be covered with corrugated iron at the rear of the property no. 215 Thurlow Street

James McDonald for the erection of two, two-story brick dwellings on the North side of Mary street between Fulton and Parker Streets

Samuel A. Hewes to build a two-story brick dwelling on the East side of Flower Street between Front and Second Streets

Haverford Township – Edna Glenn of Philadelphia to Glyndon Priestman of same place, house and lot on Hillcrest Avenue, Nom

Ridley Township – Solomon Duffy of Philadelphia to G. H. Philips of Folsom, lot at Folsom

Middletown Township – G. D. Miller of Philadelphia TO Joseph Rantozzo of same place, five acres on Baltimore Pike, \$2,000

Media – G. T. Hildebrand of Media to O. E. Janney of Baltimore. One and one quarter acres at Eighth and Olive Streets, \$937.50

Chester – Cambridge Trust Company to Carl H. Meyer of Chester, house and lot on Highland Avenue, \$3,100

Chester – G. D. Hewes of Chester to John G. Adams of Chester, house and lot at 3129 West Third Street, \$1,600

Sharon Hill – Belmont Trust Company to John H. Donahue of Sharon Hill, house and lot on Sharon avenue, \$3,600

Chester – James B. Kerlin of Chester to S. L. Hoover of same place, house and lot on McKinley Avenue, \$4650

Lansdowne – Elizabeth L. Wilson of Lansdowne to D. G. Stevens of same place, house and lot on McKinley Avenue, \$4650

Tinicum Township – Julius Gresch of Camden, N. J. to Lydia H. Hoffman of Essington, two lots at Essington, \$475

Lansdowne – W. H. Barker of Lansdowne to C. A. Barker of Ardmore, three lots at Lansdowne Heights, Nom

Lansdowne – H. F. Griffith of Lansdowne to Jennings Hood of same place, six lots on Drexel Avenue, Nom

Darby – Duncan MacKenzie of Darby to Mary J. Brosius of Darby, house and lot on Sixth Street \$2700

Chester Township – George Roheback of Allegheny County to F. O. Bryant of Chester, lot on plan of Pugh and Downing, \$250

Chester – W. B. Broomall of Chester to A. J. Miller of Chester, house and lot on Penn Street, \$2750

Upper Darby – J. T. Swearer of Upper Darby to Joseph Raitto of Philadelphia, house and two lots at Lansdowne Heights, \$2150

Collingdale – Milton L. Staley of Collingdale to Leonard E. Elverson of Eddystone, house and lot, \$2250

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Aldan – William G. Dawson and wife of Philadelphia to Blagia Delzizo of Collingdale, lot on Albert Avenue, Nominal

Lower Chichester – Clarence D. Burton of Chester to excelsior Savings Fund of Chester, frame house and lot, \$1

Newtown – Frank Fleischer of Philadelphia to Joseph Kloer of Danville, Pa., several lots, \$350

Haverford Township – J. E. Scheule of Llanerch to Bayard L. Winders of Llanerch, lot at Llanerch, nom

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Radnor Township – W. R. Wagner of Baltimore, Md. to G. W. Wagner of Philadelphia, house and lot on Midland Avenue, nom

Darby – Hugh Cox of Collingdale to M. G. Eddleman of Philadelphia, house and lot on Chester Pike, nom

Darby Township – Robert Brew of Philadelphia to Josephine L. Kennedy of same place, house and lot at Clifton Avenue and Ash Street, nom

Chester – Excelsior Savings Fund to S. G. Thomas of Chester, lot on Central Avenue, nom

Darby – Rosanna Jason of Darby to Horace J. Badson of Darby, house and lot at 219 North Ninth Street, \$300

Chester – Sue N. Baker of Chester to J. H. Phipps and Albert Wunderlich of same place, lot on Crosby street, \$1100

Thornbury Township – J. A. Mellen of Thornbury to A. B. Yeats of same place, seventy-five acres on road to Bennington's Bridge, \$7000

Ridley Township – A. K. Collins of Aldan to E. E. Cullin of Philadelphia, two lots at Folsom, nom

Ridley Park- R. S. Pomeroy of Ridley Park to F. W. Sinclair of Philadelphia, lot at Morton Avenue and Creswell Street, \$1300

Chester – Harry E. Purcill of Chester to Hannah E. Trout of Philadelphia, house and lot on West Fourth Street, nom

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