

CHESTER TIMES – June 24, 1913 – MANY HOUSES AT BROOKHAVEN – Eastern Capitalists to Build Settlement in Chester Township Embracing 300 Homes

It is stated on what is considered reliable authority that 250 or 300 up-to-date residences are to be erected at Brookhaven in Chester Township. While the names of the promoters have been kept secret, it is known that forty-eight acres of land have been purchased by Massachusetts parties and that they have offered \$6000 for six acres owned by Mr. Barlow on the opposite side of the road. The houses are to be erected along what is known as the Middletown Road and also on the tract of land running back toward Ridley River. Surveyors have been at work on the property for some time, three streets have been laid out and there has been sufficient activity about the land to indicate that the houses will be built in the near future.

While no deal has been closed, the officials of the New Chester Water Company have been consulted in reference to putting in whatever pipe is necessary to accommodate the new settlement. The pipes are already laid down the Middletown Road; in fact, the main supply pipe for the city is laid under that thoroughfares.

While it could not be verified this morning by an official of the company, it was stated that the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company has been consulted in reference to taking the carpenters, stone masons and others who will be employed on the work back and forth from this city morning and evening.

The location is one of the best in the county for a settlement of the kind proposed. It is only a few minutes' ride from Chester on the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Line. The ground is high and healthful and so situated that it will be easily drained making the place up-to-date from a sanitary point of view.

It is said that the investment will be about a half million dollars, if the present plans are carried out.

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