CHESTER TIMES – February 6, 1915 – WILL BUILD A $40,000 HOUSE – John S. Bioren of Rose Valley, Acquires Valuable Farm at Devon for This Purpose

One of the most important real estate transactions in recent years in the vicinity of Devon has just been consummated in the sale to John S. Bioren of Rose Valley of ninety-eight acres of land owned by Frank Samuel. The property is known as the old Edward Gallagher farm and is on the Waterloo Mills Road adjoining the property of C. C. Harrison. It is in one of the fashionable neighborhoods of Devon and lies along Darby creek. The price is not made public but it is known that the farm has held at $50,000.

Mr. Bioren, the new owner, will immediately have plans prepared for a mansion to cost, it is estimated to be $40,000. The preparation of the plan will probably not consume a lot of time as is usual in such cases. Bioren had planned to build a big home near Media. He purchased the ground and spent considerable time and money in getting it into shape. Plans for a house were prepared, but for some reason a change in the plans of the owner occurred and he did not build. These plans will probably be worked into shape to suit the new surroundings, and work on the new home will be begun this spring, if possible.

Mr. Bioren is a Philadelphia financier. He is president of the Merchants’ Union Trust Company of Philadelphia, but as no love for life in the city, preferring the suburbs. His wife is prominent in social circles, and many of her friends reside in the vicinity of Devon, which no doubt figured in the decision of her husband to locate at Devon.

MANY HOUSES TO GO UP – One of the busy building scenes next spring will be in Springfield Township where the Springfield Realty Company has purchased many acres of land which will be laid out into building sides. The land is conveniently located along the Media Short Line of the Philadelphia and West Chester Traction Company. This progressive company is asking for bids for the construction of about three miles of macadam streets which are to have four feet cement sidewalks, vitrified brick gutters. Just when the contract for this work will be let is not known at this time, but it will be in the near future. As was stated in the Times some time ago, many houses will be erected on this development next spring.

SOME COUNTY TRANSACTIONS – Samuel J. Crawford, tax collector for Clifton Heights, has purchased the Robert Cocker store and dwelling in that borough, and Mr. Crawford will, it is understood, have plans drawn in a few days for the erection of a theatre. The place is centrally located and the new improvement will add much to the borough.

Arthur F. Blake of Clifton Heights has sold the property of Charles Arsanlainian on Baltimore Avenue to Charles Lindsay, a cigar manufacturer, who will use the place as a cigar manufactory.

Gillespie and Son, contractors of Oakview, have started the work of grading for new streets at Bywood, in Upper Darby Township, which is being developed for building sites by V. Gilpin Robinson, Esq., of Clifton Heights and A. F. Damon the well-known engineer of Darby.

J. V. Kane, a real estate broker of Clifton Heights, has sold four lots in Kirklyn, Upper Darby Township, belonging to Danis and Michael Kane of Clifton Heights to Arthur Compton, a builder of Kirklyn, who will erect four new houses on the ground. Mr. Crompton paid $1800 for the lots. Mr. Kane is also asking for bids for four two-story six-room houses in Clifton Heights.

TO BUILD SEWERS – The commissioners of Upper Darby Township are asking for bids for the construction of sewers in Garrettford, Drexel Hill and Keystone, which will be opened at the regular meeting of the commissioners, in Fernwood next month. The money for these improvements will come from the recent bond issue of $150,000. Just as soon as the contracts are let for these improvements, work will be started, which it is believed will require about four or five months to complete. Work on a new sewer has already been started on the West Chester Pike, near Sixty-Ninth Street, and despite the weather conditions is progressing favorably.

With the construction of sewers in Upper Darby Township, it is expected there will follow a big building boom, unprecedented in any section of the county.

FIRST WARD OPERATION – Ground will be broken in a few days on Twenty-Second Street, between Providence avenue and Potter Street, for eight airlite houses such as those erected some time ago by the Arthur Machine Company. The dwelling will contain modern conveniences, with three rooms and bath on the second floor and two rooms, kitchen and frame shed on the first floor. A laundry will also be installed in the basement of the houses.

Contractor Joel Phipps is making good headway on the interior work of the Linski Garage, Ninth street and Morton Avenue and with the weather a trifle more favorable the next week, it will be but a short time before the entire building is completed.

Ground has been broken at Twenty-Fourth Street and Edgmont Avenue, for four two-story brick dwellings. The work is being done by M. T. Ackerman.

The bad weather conditions has kept the roofers in every section of the city extremely busy. This is also true of the paperhangers, who have been called to repaper rooms that were spoiled by leaks during the heavy rain and snow.

BUILDING PERMITS – Two permits were granted by Building Inspector Terryl T. Williams the past week to the following:

Arthur Machine Company, eight two-story dwellings on East Twenty-Second Street

M. T. Ackerman, four, two-story dwellings on Twenty-Fourth Street near Edgmont Avenue

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS – The following transfers of real estate were yesterday recorded with recorder of Deeds J. Lord Rigby:

East Lansdowne – Frank P. Lowther of Atlantic City to Thomas Fitzgerald of Yeadon, two lots on Glenwood Avenue, nom

Upper Darby – Samuel Crothers of Philadelphia to Clifford Pemberton, Jr. of same place, two lots on Penn Avenue, Drexel Hill, nom

East Lansdowne – Dorothy M. Wood of Philadelphia to Margaret H. Fehling of same place, two lots on Baltimore Avenue, $750

Sharon Hill – Heirs of W. D. H. Serrill, deceased to Charles J. Hurley of Sharon Hill, lot on Felton Avenue $115

Chester – O. B. Dickinson of Chester to Delaware County Building Association, lot at Front and Engle Streets, nom

Norwood – Charles C. Aengle of Philadelphia to Joseph S. Kratz of same place, lot at Winona and Trites Avenue, nom

Clifton Heights – Robert K. Cocker of Clifton Heights to Charles Crawford of same place. House and lot on Delaware County Turnpike, $5000

Chester – Oliver B. Dickinson of Chester to James L. Rankin of same place. Lot at Twenty-Fourth and Worrall Streets, Nominal

Upper Darby – George W. Statzell of Upper Darby to the Presbytery of Chester. Lot at Garrett Road and Riverview Avenue, Drexel Hill, $3000

Milbourne – George F. Deiser of Philadelphia to Logan Trust Company. House and lot on Parke Avenue, Nominal

Lansdowne – T. Ellwood Bartram of Lansdowne to Leo E. Rush of same place. Lot with buildings on Lansdowne Court. Nominal

Haverford Township – Fred Haxton of Philadelphia to George W. Haxton of Philadelphia. Two lots with buildings at Llanerch Manor, Nominal

Ridley Township – Charles A. White of Philadelphia to Joseph Snyder of same place. Six lots at Holmes, Nominal

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Darby – Thomas J. Mains of Darby to W. Lane Venlenden of Darby. House and lot on Hamilton Avenue $450

Springfield Township – William P. Hille of Marple Township to Melvin T. Ackerman of Springfield Township. Three lots on Cedar Street, Morton

Marple Township – John T. Atkinson of Marple Township to Clarke Thomson of Philadelphia. Twenty-Eight acres with buildings on Paxson’s Hollow Road. Nominal

Darby – John M. Kennedy, Jr. of Philadelphia to William H. Hobbs of same place. House and lot on Forrester Avenue, Nominal

Marple Township Manor Real estate and Trust Company to Levi Malin of Marple Township, seven and four-fifths acres adjoining property of George H. Earle, Jr. and Charles Brentz, $1200

Norwood – Grace W. Gregg and Ethel Gregg of Norwood to John J. Dougherty of Manoa, house and lot with stable at Chester Pike and Winona Avenue, Nom

Nether Providence – Townsend E. Levis of Media to Jennie B. McKee of Nether Providence, lot on South Media Avenue, $2600

Colwyn – Richard H. Thatcher of Philadelphia to Thomas E. Crumback of Colwyn, lot on Ellis Avenue $200

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Upper Darby – Walter B. Knighton of Philadelphia to Emma L. Wagonknight of Upper Darby. Two lots at Observatory Hill, Nominal

Chester – Samuel A. Hewes of Chester to Henry B. Blackburn of the same place. House and lot, 902 West Seventh Street, $1925

Haverford – Joseph R. Connell of Oakmont to Daniel S. Blackman of Pitman, N. J. Two acres, Nominal

Upper Darby – John H. Storer and wife of Boston, Mass. to Frank J. Colin of Philadelphia. Two lots, $1,380

Darby – William J. white of Philadelphia to Annie Golstein of the same place. Nine lots with building, 902, 904, 906, 908, 930, 933, 934, 936, 938 Maple Terrace, Nominal

Upper Darby – W. Franklin Hodges of Philadelphia to Florence E. Longacre of Upper Darby. Lot in Observatory Hill Nominal

Chester Township – Henry R. Holland and his wife of Chester to Alfred C. Barlow of Chester Township House and lot. $975

Chester – Elizabeth L. Mullen of Philadelphia to Robert Fussel of Media. Lot northwesterly corner Ninth and Market Streets, Nominal

Yeadon – Horton H. Cooke of California to Lansdowne and Darby Saving Fund and Trust Co., lot with buildings on Lincoln Avenue, nom

Tinicum Township – Vida B. Baer of California to Elizabeth M. Snagg of Camden N. J., lot on Wyandotte Street, Carbondale, $300

Darby Township – Charles S. Hirst of Philadelphia to Abraham M. Beltler of same place seventy-nine acres with buildings on Cobb’s Creek, nom

East Lansdowne – Charles N. Valentine of Upper Darby to Charles C. Stickley of East Lansdowne, two lots on plan of Wood, Harmon & Company, $700

Chester – Benjamin D. Wright of Chester to Leib Katz of Chester, lot with buildings on Third Street west of Reaney Street $2000

Chester – Holstein H. Fields of Chester to Waleyjan Maydzinski of same place. House and lot at Seventh and Wilson Streets, $250

Glenolden – William H. Harrison, Jr. of Glenolden to Charles E. Henry of Barrington, J. J. House and lot on Scott Avenue nominal

Haverford Township – Midland Realty Company to Rosalind G. Bryant of Brookline. Two lots at Brookline, $1240

Haverford Township – Emil Mueller of Philadelphia to George W. Dawson of same place. Lot at Brookline, $80

Aston Township – Alfred R. Jamison of Philadelphia to James N. Miller of same place. Two lots with buildings on road from Chester Heights to Llewllyn, Nominal

Radnor Township – Edward Morrell of Philadelphia to Herman Wendell and F. H. Treat of Radnor Township. Lot with buildings at Wayne and Lancaster Avenue $11786

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