

CHESTER TIMES – January 24, 1922 – HISTORIAN TO LEAVE WASHINGTON QUARTERS – Resident of Famous Place at Chadd's Ford to Vacate

Christian C. Sanderson, school teacher and historian, for the past sixteen years a resident of the famous old Washington Headquarters at Chadd's Ford, must leave the historic place by April 1. Recently Mr. Sanderson received a notice from the owners of the building that he must vacate, and naturally he is obeying the instructions, although he very much regrets having to leave the place, which he has himself helped to make famous to thousands of motorists all over this country and Canada.

Commenting on the change, a member of the Atwater family, owner of the land, says the house is wanted for a granddaughter, Mrs. Kent Meadowcroft, who, with her husband, now lives in half the dwelling. Dr. Arthur Cleveland, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Richard No. Atwater, has had charge of the property for some years, this being a part of the Lafayette Farm. He said: "The change is made because members of the family have need for the house. That is all that it is necessary to say at present."

Mr. Sanderson, who is principal of the High School at Glen Mills, has not decided where he will live, but he doubts if any other home can ever be so dear to him.

"I have had a great sixteen years there," he exclaimed, when asked for an expression, "and one thing no person can take from me is the memory of living in that house and the happy expression on the faces of visitors from far and wide as they gathered around the old log fire. I shall miss the old fireplace, which so smacked of 'Snowbound,' and if you appreciate the spirit of T. Buchanan Read's 'Stranger on the Sill,' then you will know my feelings at being driven away from a place in which my life was wrapped.

"I hope someone will erect along the concrete road within jurisdiction of the battlefield, a fireproof building as a Brandywine Battlefield Museum, where I can keep the collection of relics intact so that the public may see them. If a State park at Valley Forge and Paoli, why not at Brandywine? If the public in any way appreciates the last sixteen years of being allowed to come into my private home, then the only reward I want is to see them work toward a State park. I mean by that that in allowing them to come, I hope I have created a love for local history."