

CHESTER TIMES – January 10, 1914 – JACK FROST PREVENTS WORK –  
Howard L. Martin Lets Contract for Two Stores on Edgmont Avenue, Opposite  
Commission Row

While some new work as given out during the week, there was little outside building planned for, owing to the cold weather. Contractors and builders say, however, that if they had known this pleasant weather was going to continue for such a long period, there would have been considerable building done, which was interrupted one month ago owing to the thought that the weather would be bad.

J. Howard Martin, the well-known grocer of Fifteenth Street and Highland Terrace, has let the contract for the erection of two stores on Edgmont Avenue to Samuel Lax. The latter has taken out a permit from the Building Inspector's office to begin work at once. The stores will be two story in height, will be constructed of brick and will have dimensions 26 by 90 feet. They will be located on the East side of Edgmont Avenue between Third and Graham streets and will adjoin the property of E. H. Arment, the expressman

The stores will be suitable for Commission houses of other wholesale business and will be much larger than those on the opposite side of the street now used as commission houses. Work will be started at once and it is the intention to have them finished as early in the spring as possible.

Other permits taken out during the week were for the erection of an outside stairway in the rear of the property at 230 Market Street, owned by William J. Farley, furniture and carpet dealer.

Ranson Wilgus took out a permit to build a brick kitchen on the south side of Second Street between Trainer and Tilghman Streets.

THE WETHERILL MANSION – William Provost, Jr. has been awarded the contract for the erection of a two-and-a-half story brick residence at Thirteenth and Potter Streets for Richard Wetherill of the firm of Robert Wetherill and Company. Savery, Scheetz and Savery of Philadelphia are the architects. The house will be of Colonial design and will be erected on the site of the mansion that was occupied for many years by the late Captain Henry H. Edwards. Mr. Wetherill will build the new residence for his daughter, Mrs. B. Y. Wilson of this city.

The Board of Trustees of the Linwood Heights Methodist Episcopal Church has appointed a committee comprising J. T. Gill, Harry Slice and Howard J. Wood to form preliminary plans for the erection of a church building in Linwood Heights. During the past year the congregation has grown to an appreciable extent, the members holding weekly cottage prayer meetings at the homes of the members. About two months ago the subject of building a church edifice was broached and the appointment of the building committee is the first active step towards the culmination of the project.

Contractor J. Irvin Taylor contemplates the erection of a number of modern residences off Kerlin Street, above Eleventh next spring. The dwellings will be similar in design to those he had built in other sections of the city. They will be graced with front porches and will contain all the modern conveniences.

Manager Spiddall of the Chester Realty and Investment Company, states that he expects to have the nine stores and eighteen apartments at Seventh and New Market Streets finished by February 1. The buildings are now all under roof and the work of finishing the interior of the stores and apartments has been commenced.

NEW BUILDING OPERATIONS – James P. Calvert of Newtown Square is preparing to erect a fine residence in that township. It will be constructed of stone, two and one-half stories high; 39 by 54 feet, electric lights, asbestos shingles roof, hot water heating, and hardwood floors. The estimated cost has not been made known, but it is understood that it will be one of the finest dwellings in that section of the county and will be quite expensive. Some of those who are figuring on the plans and specifications are A. Whitehead, M. Roy Sheen, J. B. Flounders, W. B. Leach, Harry Roberts and P. J. Barley, all well-known builders in this county and Philadelphia.

H. Lee of Moylan is preparing to build a commodious dwelling at Moylan. It will be two and one-half stories high and construction will be brick and plaster. The main building will be 37 by 24 feet with wings 15 by 22 feet and will have hot water heating plant, hardwood floors and electric lights. The contract has been let to R. C. Barlinger & Company, the well-known Philadelphia builders.

J. W. Meckert & Company of Glenolden have been awarded the contract for the new fire house at Collingdale borough. This building will be of brick, two stories high, electric lights and steam heat, with slag roof.

PROPERTIES CHANGING HANDS – Bristol R. Lord, the well-known ballplayer of Upland, has purchased the brick house and lot at Eighth and New Market Streets from James A. Flemming of this city. The price paid was \$3600. The property is located in what is known as the Holy City and will make a convenient home for Mr. Lord who is engaged in the cigar business on Market Street near Fourth, when not playing ball.

The Cambridge Trust Company has sold to William J. Hewes of this city the brick house and lot at Twelfth Street and Highland Avenue for the nominal consideration of \$100. It is understood that Mr. Hewes will make the property up-to-date in every way.

William S. Register of Bethel Township has sold to Edward T. Larkin of the same place a house and lot for \$1000.

H. P. Albertson of Colwyn has sold to T. J. Kelly of the same place, a house and lot located at No. 34 Chestnut Street in that borough for the sum of \$2600

The property at Eighth and Crosby streets owned by Joseph Solomon and wife has been sold to Henry Mille, Sr. for the sum of \$800. All of the parties reside in this city.

John McShane of Oakview, Upper Darby Township has purchased of Wallace M. Spear and wife of Clifton Heights, a house and lot on Broadway in the borough of Clifton for the price of \$2450

The Carington and Collingdale Land Company this week come into possession of considerable land and mill property in Upper Darby Township. The price is not given, only the nominal consideration of \$100 but the nominal consideration is said that the land brought a good figure. It is understood that the property is to be developed by the land company in the near future.

Frank E. Griffith of this city has sold to Matilda Harkness of Boothwyn the brick house and lot at the corner of Seventh and Crosby Streets for the sum of \$2000

DULL IN WEST END – The real estate market in the West End is at a standstill, no important sales having taken place during the week. The building operations of this section are also dull, no new houses being started. All those which have been in the course of construction during the past few weeks are about completed.

The only sale recorded during the week was that of the house at 2117 West Fourth Street, transferred from Mrs. Elizabeth Deveney to Mrs. Lola Kirk, the sale being made

through the West End Realty Company. The West End Company also has several other deals on foot, which are expected to culminate in a week or so.

Charles Meredith with S. B. Pennington, agent for the West End Realty Company on Tuesday, took a trip to Elkton, Maryland to look over some land that he contemplates purchasing.

Chester – James A. Shropshire of Chester to Isaac Baer of Phoenixville, three brick houses and lots, situated Fifth and Lloyd Streets, \$2550

Ridley Township – William J. McEntire and wife of Upper Darby Township to Zema A. Thomas of Philadelphia, tract of land situated on South Avenue and Providence Road, which is partly in Ridley and Upper Darby Township, \$1700

Darby Borough – James Haley of Philadelphia to Ellen A. Sharpler, wife of Henry Sharpler of Darby, brick house and lot at Second and Greenway avenue, \$2200

Marcus Hook – Harriet B. Dutton of Chester to Benjamin Summersill and wife of Marcus Hook, brick house and lot, situated on Post Road and McClenachan Terrace, \$3000

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