

CHESTER TIMES – WEST ESTATE CHANGES HANDS – Desirable Homestead Property in Upland Said to Have Been acquired By John P. Crozer –

Considerable speculation is being indulged in by real estate operators as well as many members of the general public as to the probable purchaser of the well-known Elias West property on the Upland-Bridgewater Road about a quarter of a mile the other side of Upland.

For some time past the property had been for sale in the hands of Lewis & Hopkins, real estate brokers, in the Sleeper Building, and a number of prospective purchasers had been looking over the proposition until a few days ago when it became known in a roundabout way that the place had been bought in by a local attorney, but the name of the real purchaser was not divulged, nor the actual purchase price, although it is known that \$400 an acre had been asked and was being stood out for by the agents. It is understood that the final settlement was very close to this figure making a transaction involving approximately \$10,800.

The property is looked upon as being one of the most desirable in Delaware County for use as a small farm or for use as a country place. It contains twenty-seven acres and owing to railroad facilities trolley service, good roads, drug store and the stores within a short distance has been viewed as a place almost ideal for the country gentleman. While no official announcement has been made to that effect, there is a report current to the effect that the property has been purchased in the interests of John P. Crozer, as it has been one little patch of land which he is reputed to have been desirous of obtaining for many years, but it had been in the West family for so long and the associations were such that there was no desire of the owners to part with the tract. Should it develop that it has been purchased for Mr. Crozer it will make it possible for that gentleman to walk entirely on his own land from Chester River to Ridley Creek.

Previous to the recent sale the property, since the death of Elias West a couple of years ago, had been in the possession of Dr. J. F. Leys, U. S. N., fleet surgeon now located at Cuba a member of the West family. The property has been tenanted during the past couple of years by E. T. Flounders, and it is not known that it will be necessary for him to remove.

This property is directly opposite the large stock farm of J. P. Crozer and has a frontage of a quarter of a mile on the Upland-Bridgewater Road, and the buildings include a 2-story Greystone dwelling house, with attic, the whole being surrounded by old shade trees in an excellent state of preservation. There is also a 2-story frame barn and a stone spring house. There is an orchard which contains apple, pear and other trees in bearing condition. There is also a grove of old trees on the property containing black walnut, butternut wild cherry, willow and oak trees some of the oak trees being ten feet in circumference. Taken as a whole it is looked upon as being one of the most desirable improved properties in this section.

OTHER TRANSACTIONS – Through the medium of Lewis & Hopkins there was sold a few days ago a lot of ground on the south side of Eighth Street near Deshong, owned by the estate of the late A. O. Deshong, 47 by 100 feet, the same being bought by J. Francis Taylor, local agent for the Dodge automobiles. As soon as weather conditions will permit it is the intention to erect a modern garage.

This same real estate firm makes a specialty of the purchase and sale of homes and among the recent transactions in this line of properties are included:

House and plot of ground on Ninth street west of Highland Avenue to Charles F. Middleton

Sold for David B. McClure house and plot of ground at 522 West Front Street

Sold for R. H. Kauffman at 2107 Madison Street to Charles Deans of Eddystone, including a modern 2-story brick dwelling, \$3300

Sold for A. W. Wolf estate property at 624 East Ninth Street to Thomas P. Doherty

Sold for John L. Hawthorne and Frank L. McCullough, two properties on Barclay Street near Ninth Street, opposite Chester Hospital

Sold property at 1319 Ninth Street Eddystone for Frank Berman to Mary Ann Jones, containing 2-story brick house and lot, 20 by 120 feet