

Clement Bates Grubb Builds a House on Lime Street

(Editor's Note: We are indebted to James Rawle of Philadelphia for uncovering these notes from Grubb's Account Book in the Historical Society of Pennsylvania.)

Building a house on a square of ground purchased of Ann M. Eveans.

At the suggestion of some friends, I made up my mind, not to purchase, but to build, that the cost would not exceed \$3000. The purchase of the lot amounted to \$1500 made January 31, 1845.

Laid out the foundations 47 ft. by 43 ft.

John Gallaher contracted to dig cellar for \$26.00. I agreed to furnish a cart 10 days at \$1.50—\$15.00. Commenced digging cellar on Wednesday, Feb. 26th, [;] 45 years previous John Gallaher dug cellar for a house at Mt. Hope for my father.

Chapman and Winow agrees to lay the stone for 45 cts, brick \$2.00 per 1000. Mr. Benedict agrees to furnish stone at 70 cts. per perch.

Team came from Chestnut Hill and hauled 50 bu. lime, commenced hauling sand from Dr. Muhlenburg's.

Masons commenced at cellar foundation.

Ben Outrage cleaning cellar.

M. Shay digging sand.

John Booth hauled 25 bu. lime from Somb-

Team went to G. W. Buckley for —

26 cartloads sand from Gorman's at 31¼.

Hauled 25 loads sand estimated 100 cash load.

REMARKS FOR APRIL 1845

1845

Building House

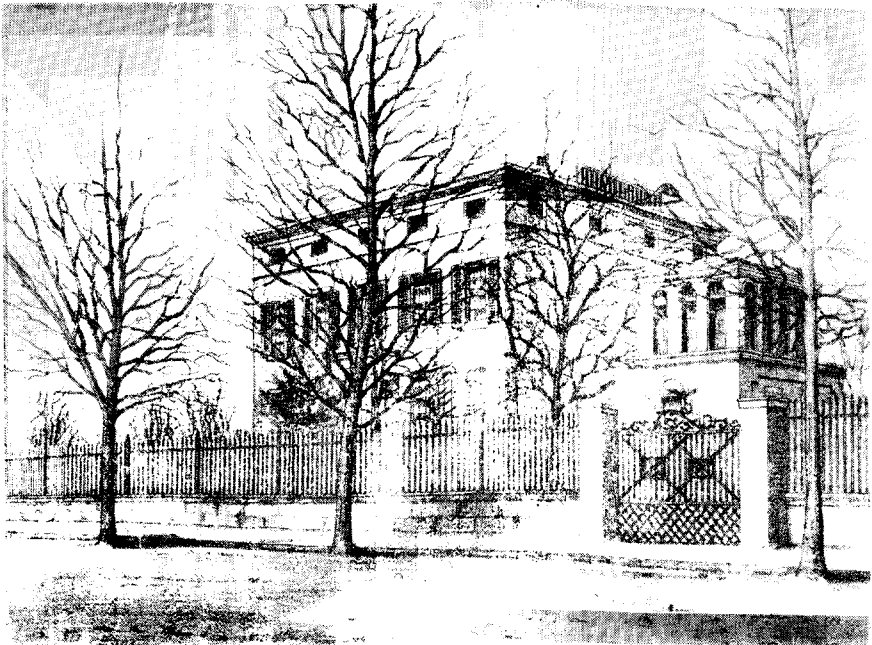
April 1. Weather has proven fine for the masons during the time the mortar did not freeze.

3. Ben Outrage is to have 62½ per day.

3. Richard Waters is to do the carpenter work for \$1.50 and joining by the measurement.

4. Masons finished the cellar stone wall and brick up to the G and joints — put on joists today.

4. Went to city.



Lithograph of the Grubb Mansion as it appeared in the 1850's.

4. 125 bushels lime used to this time in building.
4. Contracted with Jacobs in Philadelphia for flooring stuff \$27.28.
Returned from city for 10,000 feet Caroline pine.
4. Kitchen commenced digging drain at 13 cts. per yard out of cellar.
4. Hauling sand.
5. Carter hauled scaffold poles $\frac{1}{2}$ day

wagon	cart
5	4
5	6
5	6
Pd.	8
ent.	ent.

REMARKS FOR MAY 1845

Mr. Langenecker [Longenecker] got 300 pressed bricks and $\frac{1}{2}$ cart load river sand.

55 bushels lime received from Here [Herr]

Masons commenced laying brick.

55 bu. lime received from Here [Herr]

Returned 503 pressed bricks rec'd from J. Jack

400 " " " " Bundle

Received 10,000 ft. Carolina Pine flooring from Philadelphia.

1/2 day painting
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 masons finished first story
 Commenced hauling sand from Gorman's—
 500 common brick from Carson and Conty
 Ent. 8 loads sand rec'd from Here [Herr]
 Ent. 8 loads sand rec'd from Gormley
 10 do do
 5 do do

REMARKS FOR JUNE 1845

Masons commenced at the second story
 5th John Raals carted away 34 loads.
 Ent. 5 loads sand rec'd from Gormley
 Warfle got 1 bu. mortar at 12 brick.
 6th ent. 5 loads sand rec'd from Gormley
 John Raals carted 35 loads. 7th John Raals carted
 Masons finished laying brick on house
 Rec'd of Hays lime kiln 3 bushels lime
 Borrowed of R. Moderwell 5 bu. lime.
 Daniel Fagen got 1/2 cart load river sand
 Andrew Mehaffer got Plank. 2 boards for carpenter shop.
 John Raals carted 1 load of sand stones at 18 3/4
 do do 8 do do do
 Funeral procession in honour of Andrew Jackson.

REMARKS FOR JULY, 1845

Gilman Converse commenced making palings for fence on Chestnut St. at 60 per panel. Jacob Booser, carpenter.

notes about receipt of lime for stable

Finished foundation of stable.

Booser at fence— at laying flooring—

Booser 5 days altogether at fence.

Cost of stable foundation

35 1/4 perch stone at 62 cts.—	\$18.65
12 days masons	15.00
4 days tender	4.00
35 bu. lime at 10	3.50
10 days digging cellar at 62 cts.	6.25
Carting dirt	3.84
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Commenced digging cellar for stable

Commenced laying tin on roof

Finished digging cellar foundation
 Mason worked $\frac{1}{2}$ day at hotair found action in the cellar
 Commenced stable foundation
 Isaac Dunn—mason worked 4 days this week
 Rained
 Ben. bricklayer worked July 28 and 31st.

REMARKS FOR AUGUST 1845

- Aug. 1. Plasterers commenced on outside of the house.
 " Rec'd 45 bu. lime from Elias Here [Herr]
 2. " 45 do " do.
 5. Sold Carson and Kants 1 load river sand.
 " Received of Reissel 3 marble steps for gateway.
 6. Masons finished laying stone wall.
 " William Young has 26 feet coping on front wall
 50 rods from within 860 pickets on fence around lot.
 50 from fence finished.
 28. Took scaffolding poles down.
 Richard Waters contract ceased.
 George Kleiss takes the house and his work will be
 credited to him at \$1.25 from the 12th of Sept.
 John Ditton is paid up to the 13th
 Wm. Kutz the same.
 For porch 9 loads of screenings at $18\frac{3}{4}$ \$1.68.
- Aug. 26. 10 loads sand for stable at 30 cts.
 27. 8 " " "
 28. 7 " " "
 Sept. 3. 3 " " "
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- 28 load 31c— \$8.68.

REMARKS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1845

- Sept. 1. Commenced brick work of stable.
 3. Rec'd 40 bu. lime of Elias Here [Herr]
 Rec'd 22 " do of do.
 5000 lath—commenced lathing house,
 Benedict alone
 5000 lath
 6000 lath
 Commenced plastering house—1 coat
 300 lath plastering.

REMARKS FOR OCTOBER, 1845

- Oct. 3. Rec'd 20 bu. lime of Elias Here [Herr]
 do 20 do " do
 " 600 lath from Cooper and Gillis
 " 4300 do " do
 Cellar pavement

23 yards pavement	\$2.07
57 ft. gutter	\$2.75

	\$4.82
Foundation of stable	51.24
30,000 bricks layed	198.75
10,000 ft. lumber	115.00
Carpenter work	75.00
Roof tin	150.00

REMARKS FOR NOVEMBER, 1845

- Nov. 3. Rec'd 40 bush lime from Elias Here [Herr]
 4. Put the horses in the new stable.
 5. Rec'd 40 bush lime of Elias Here [Herr]
 19. Hassen & Son & John Sister, Carpenters, came from Philadelphia to work on house.
 Raals hauled 6 loads oyster shells from Kellar's.
 20. Do " 12 " "
 21. " " " "
 22. " " " "
 24. Rec'd 20 bu. lime of Elias Here
 26. Raals by 3 days carting.
 " John Sister, Hassen & son commenced working in the evening.
 29. Ed. Shippen commenced keeping horse for riding to coaling job.

DECEMBER, 1845

Henry Sheaff put up 2 pair brackets at \$10. apiece.
 Gussler worked 1/2 day fixing hot air stove and hearth.

Went to Reading Furnace

Jacob Booser moved into my house. Snow fell 4 inches.
 On Monday 29, went to Hibernia with family.
 2 tons coal from R. Johnson.

REMARKS FOR JANUARY, 1846

Returned from Mrs. Grubb from Coatesville

Mrs. Grubb went to Coatesville.

Put in common stove in hot air furnace

Gussler
1 day.

FEBRUARY, 1846

- Feb. 5. Making iron gates G 4— 419 lbs.
 Laying carpets. 2nd story. Deep snow.
 Finished laying carpets 2nd story.

Putting in furniture. Snow.
To Jacob Hill's wife $2\frac{3}{4}$ days cleaning house
" " " " " "

2 tons coal.

MARCH, 1846

Commenced housekeeping today, arrived from city—in new house.

Per week: \$ 1.25 Mary Mullen chambermaid.

\$ 1.50 Margaret O'Neill cook.

\$10.00 per month Anthony Lutz, man of all work.

E.B.G. here.

Susquehanna River higher than has been known for number of years.

Mr. Brooke arrived.

Rec'd 32 bas. oats from Mt. Vernon Farm at 36 cts.

Put up range and fixed furnace in cellar.

E.B.G. here. 3 tons stove coal from Mt. Vernon.

Mrs. Brooke and Children came.

G. W. Buckley here.

Waiter came.

Gallaher cutting wood.

5th & 6th. Cleaning Rooms. Mrs. Dellent 75 pd.

10. Went to Harrisburg with N. Burt.

Rain.

14. Fixing range in cellar.

J. Shippen here.

APRIL, 1846

2. Michael Clarkson for garden, sodding yard, came
Thursday morning.



Photograph of the Grubb Mansion about 1948 before the fences, outbuildings and distinctively Victorian landscaping were leveled. The structure now serves as the headquarters for the Lancaster Recreation Association.