

pany, and for that purpose funds had been raised by subscription, and a legacy and also a residuary bequest had been made by Mr. Joseph Fisher to us. In April, 1869, there being an apprehension that before long no available lots of ground could be obtained in a convenient position for the erection of the library, a Committee was appointed for the purpose of selecting a lot. It consisted of Mr. Williams, Mr. Alexander Biddle, and myself. This was on the 24th of April, 1869. The Committee was appointed to make inquiries as to the purchase of a lot. They reported at the next meeting, April 29, a Resolution to be submitted to the Stockholders. At the meeting of the Stockholders on May 3rd, the authority was obtained, by a resolution which has been given in evidence by Mr. Smith. On the same day on which the meeting of the stockholders was held, there was a meeting of the Directors at which the same Committee on the lot was continued. After that, Mr. Williams, Mr. Biddle, and myself made inquiries as to lots of ground in different situations. Mr. Williams was very active in the matter. I, also, having the opportunity to see conveyancers and real estate brokers often, made inquiries myself. Among other lots looked at was one at the corner of Juniper and Locust Streets, on the northwest corner, which has since been bought by the Library Company. Mr. Gummey was the agent for sale. Soon after this Mr. Gummey said that the owners were pressing for an immediate answer. I saw Mr. Biddle on the subject at once.

Q. Why did you not communicate with Mr. Williams also?

A. He was out of town on that day. I asked Mr. Biddle if Mr. Williams was satisfied with the purchase of the lot, and he said he thought that he was. I then went to Mr. Gummey and said that, subject to Mr. Williams' approval, we would purchase the lot. The next morning Mr. Biddle met me, or came to see me, and said that Mr. Williams had objected to the lot. I was annoyed at this, and got Mr.