

A. After that there were two or three interviews, but I don't remember anything of them, except my recollection of another statement by him after this conversation, that he had applied since the purchase of this lot to Mr. Thomson, President of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, with reference to the purchase of their depot on Market Street below Broad, but he had given up the idea on account of the price of the lot, which I think he said was \$250,000. I am very certain that this was after Mr. Williams' statement of the former purchase, and either just before Dr. Rush's death, or it may have been very shortly after. It left upon my mind the impression that the purchase of the lot on Broad and Christian Streets was not then a final one.

Q. Was the conversation you have referred to as taking place between Mr. Williams, Mr. Biddle, and yourself the first information you ever had of any plan on the part of Dr. Rush to give the Library a building lot, or to endow it with any part of his fortune?

A. It was.

Q. Refer to page 5 of Mr. Williams' Answer, in which this sentence occurs: "The contract was signed on the eighteenth day of May, 1869, and the title papers were directed to be sent immediately to Mr. Henry Wharton for his opinion thereon;" and please state your recollection as to what took place.

A. I don't know whether or not Mr. Williams directed the deeds to be sent to me immediately. All I know is that about the time of the conversation, Mr. James H. Castle sent me a bundle of papers, which afterwards proved to be the title papers to the lot in question. Whether this was before or after the conversation I cannot say; but I can say that as Dr. Rush for several years before had from time to time sent me papers for examination, there would be nothing peculiar in that to strike my attention. I know that nothing at the time was said to me by Mr. Castle on the subject of the lot being for the Library.

Q. Did you examine the title papers?

