

A. In rough, about two-thirds.

Q. These lots were purchased partly with the funds of that estate, and in pursuance of the directions of Joseph Fisher's will, and for the purposes mentioned in his will, were they not?

A. They were purchased with funds, part of which were the proceeds of Joseph Fisher's legacy, but they were not purchased in pursuance of the directions of that will, nor for the purposes mentioned in his will, at the present time.

Q. Were they purchased with any intention or expectation of ultimately building thereon a library building?

A. I can only speak positively as to my own expectation and intention, but I believe I can speak also of the expectation and intention of the other Directors. So answering, I say that they were not purchased with any immediate expectation or intention of building. It was thought by myself and others that if the ultimate result of the situation in which the Library then was, was its failure or refusal to accept the gift of Dr. Rush, this would be a very suitable location for a fire-proof building. On the other hand, if it should appear that the true construction of Dr. Rush's will was that a separate establishment for the circulating department of the Library could be kept up, under the provisions of Dr. Rush's will, this would be equally a suitable place for the books. And, finally, the value of property was rising in that neighborhood, and we should probably make something on the investment in any event.

Q. Do you know how the prices of lots in Locust Street, between Juniper and Thirteenth, sold in 1869, compared with subsequent prices?

A. I do not know that any have been sold since then. I know that the Academy of Fine Arts were very anxious to purchase the lot at that time for the same price, and very much disappointed that they did not get it.

Q. Do you know how the prices of lots in that square in 1866-7-8, compared with the prices in 1869?