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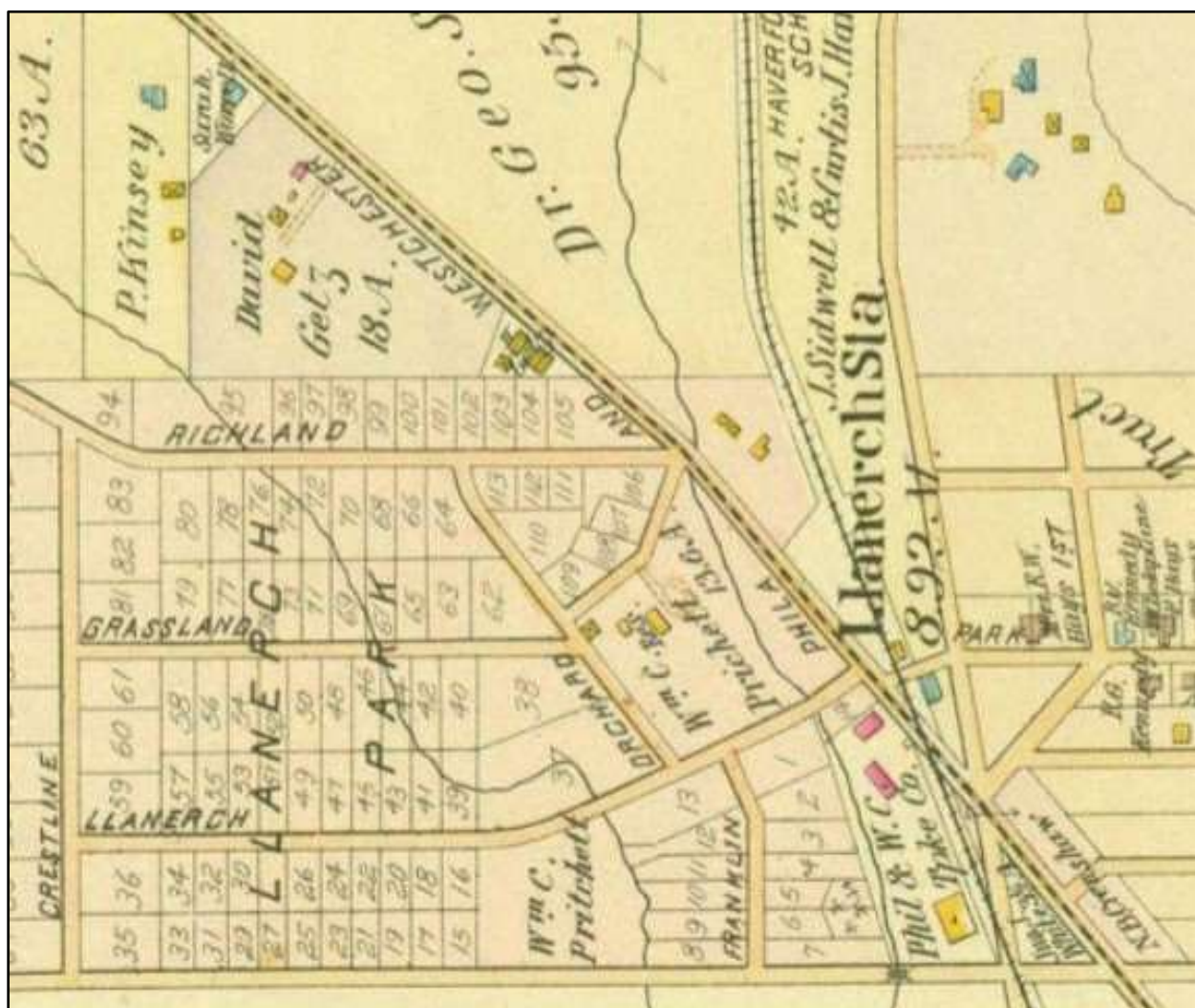
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Drawing of William C. Prichett's Richland mansion, from "American Architect and Building News" of July 3, 1897.

[The following text is excerpted from Rural Pennsylvania in the Vicinity of Philadelphia by Rev. S. F. (Samuel Fitch) Hotchkin, M. A., published in 1897 by George W. Jenkins & Co. in Philadelphia, with additional comments in square brackets.]

RICHLAND – This name was given to indicate the fertile character of this farm. The extensive lawn, with the abundant box-bushes and natural terrace, form a beautiful view. Colonel Willing built a portion of the old mansion. Adam C. Eckfeldt owned it several years. William C. Prichett bought from him, and enlarged the house, and renovated it and the outbuildings. [The architect for this work was Frank A. Hays, who lived in the nearly Llanerch development and was the architect for many houses in that development as well.] A very large garden is in the rear of the house, and an old log-house still stands [1897], showing the axe-hewed rafters and the simple construction of the earliest days of the country's settlement. [Richland was a rectangular 152 acre tract, west of present-day Darby Road, between present-day Steel Road and Township Line Road.]



Richland is already subdivided as Llanerch Park in this 1897 map detail. Prichett's house remains on 13 acres.

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