

# RAILROAD TO NORTH COLUMBUS

## Work to be Begun Today.

### Sale of Lots in Northwood Heights.

**Ohio State Journal (September 11, 1871)** – As one of the prime movers remarked to us yesterday, “the battle has been fought and the victory won.” For the past six months, when occasionally local news was as scarce as blood in a turnip, we had the alternative of turning to the proposed North Columbus dummy engine street railroad. The enterprise being under consideration by various combinations of men, and different companies having organized for the purpose of constructing the road on certain triangles that would prove the most advantageous to the interest of each, we had the satisfaction, at intervals of thematical dullness, of writing against space about the thing.

But it gives us pleasure to publish the fact this morning, that out of the multitudinous attempts that have been made in the direction of getting a dummy engine railroad connection with the suburban village of North Columbus, success has been plucked at last. Samuel Doyle entered into a written contract on Saturday with subscribers to the capital stock to build the road, and have it in running order inside of one hundred and twenty days. Accordingly, work of breaking ground for the road will be commenced to-day at the tile factory, and proceed rapidly without abatement until completed.

The route of the road, surveyed by W.P. Brown, is as follows: Beginning in the Mock road at the tile factory, North Columbus, and running thence to Adams avenue; thence south on Adams avenue to south street; thence east on south street to Summit avenue thence south on summit avenue to First avenue; thence west on First avenue to Kerr or Third street extended; thence south on Kerr or Third street to Tod Barracks; thence connecting with the High street railway and the depot.

Very deeply allied to this dummy engine railroad is George Williams’ Northwood Heights addition to the city of Columbus. On the success of the former materially, yea, even almost wholly, rests the growth of the latter. No doubts whatever hang gloomily over the one – the other is in consequence free from those probabilities that cause people to hesitate and debate as to whether an investment there would be advisable in a business point of view.

H.J. Raffensperger, the successful real estate agent, will begin the sale of lots in Northwood Heights on next Wednesday, and will continue the sale from one day to another until the lots are all disposed of at some price. Besides the hundreds of our citizens who will attend the sale, a great many people from a distance, who are always looking out for financial opportunities of this character, will crowd in and get as large interests as will be possible for them to secure.

That which is most to be hoped for, and which both Mr. Raffensperber and Mr. Williams desire, is, that the lots shall be purchased by men who are needing homes, and who will build residences thereon and live in them. Thus, the Villa will be composed of sober, industrious, well meaning and intelligent families – the foundation of good society.