MRS.W.K.VANDERBILT TO LIVE IN AVENUE A

Quitting 5th Av., Buys Home in Sutton Place, at Foot of East 57th Street.

JOINS THE NEW COLONY

East Side Section to Become a Centre for New York Society Leaders.

Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt plans to lead an exodus of society from Fifth Avenue and elsewhere to Avenue A. This became known yesterday in connection with final details of the recent sale of the Vanderbilt home at Fifth Avenue and Fifty-second Street to the Empire Trust Company for about \$3,000,000.

Sutton Place, a little-known two-block thoroughfare, running from East Fiftyseventh to East Fifty-ninth Street, along Avenue A, is the street chosen as the nucleus of a colony to blend three so-called classifications of life-social, artistic and professional. Mrs. Vanderbilt, it was learned, has purchased the old-fashioned four-story and basement dwelling at 1 Sutton Place, at the foot of East Fifty-seventh Street, for \$50,-000. And when extensive alterations are completed, she plans to live there. Others who have purchased homes near Mrs. Vanderbilt are her sister, Mrs. Stephen H. Olin; W. Seward Webb Jr., Ellot Cross, Robert C. Knapp, Mrs. Lorillard Cammann, Miss Elisabeth Marbury, Dr. Edgar Stillman, and Professor J. P. Chamberlain of Columbia University. The centre of the new development a generation or so ago was the heart of a charming home district, and its proposed restoration is due to the scarcity of homes and also to the renewed activity in private dwelling buying for occupancy. This condition of affairs has led to the development of several east side blocks, some of these developments being due to the formaing for occupancy.

Old Houses Remodeled.

Sutton Place contains eighteen old three and four story houses, eleven on the east side of Sutton, Place and the other seven on the south side of Fiftyeighth Street, the numbers being 502 to 514.

In this short block Dr. Foster Kennedy bought the house at 512 and Dr. Kenneth Taylor bought 510. The end house, 514, was acquired last Summer by Rosecrans Baldwin. The houses in this little block face Riverview Terrace, one block in length, the houses facing the river.

The Sutton Place block was acquired about six months ago by Eliot Cross, architect, and plans for the remodeling of the houses with an attractive garden in the rear, from which a clear view of the East River is obtained, were made by Cross & Cross, architects. The three houses at 1, 3, and 5 Sutton Place were acquired in November by the newly formed firm of Webb & Knapp, consisting of Eliot Cross, Robert C. Knapp, formerly director of Douglas L. Elliman & Co., and W. Seward Webb Jr., formerly a partner in Greer, Crane & Webb, who resold No. 1 to Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt and No. 3 to Mrs. Stephen H. Olin, Mrs. Vanderbilt's sister. In addition to these sales during the last week, 15 Sutton Place has sold to Miss I. M. Cammann, sister of Lorillard Cammann, owner of 7 Sutton Place. It is rumored that 5 Sutton Place is at present under option to another prominent New Yorker.

Rebuilding Has Been Started.

The rebuilding of several of the houses on Sutton Square has already been started and plans for the others are now being drawn by some of the most prominent architects of the city. The work in connection with the rebuilding of 1 Sutton Place for Mrs. Vanderbilt, which it is estimated will cost about \$100,000, is in charge of Miss Elsie De Wolfe, decorator.

The Sutton Place development it is estimated will involve an outlay of about \$2,000,000. All but three of the original houses have been sold.

The ornate gray mansion at Fiftysecond Street and Fifth Avenue which Mrs. Vanderbilt recently sold was placed on the market soon after the death of William K. Vanderbilt in France several months ago.

Following the marriage of William K. Vanderbilt Jr. and Virginia Fair of California in the early nineties, a smaller residence, similar in construction and design, was built on the adjoining plot to the north, fronting fifty feet on the avenue and having a depth of 100 feet. This property is known as 666 Fifth Avenue and is not for sale. The corner house, however, which has passed to the Empire Trust Company, will be used as a branch for its business.

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