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### SOCIETY NEWS

Work is progressing on "Allendale: Background of a Borough," the book we plan to publish this fall in commemoration of the borough's centennial and the Society's 20th anniversary. The history of Allendale, written by this editor (Pat Wardell) is now in the final editing stage, and typesetting, page layout, and picture selection is now under way. It will be a hardcover book with photographs, source citations, and an index. The total number of pages will be somewhere between 200 and 400, depending on publication costs and whether we include a section of biographical information on families in Allendale before 1920 (this section alone is over 150 pages long). Those who have kindly read sections of the book and offered suggestions have been enthusiastic and have encouraged us in our publication efforts.

Printing and binding costs are high, and further costs will include printing and postage costs for mailing of brochures and order forms advertising the book's availability. The Society is committing its entire savings of \$2,500 to this project, but this will be only a fraction of the cost of production. Because of its potential limited appeal, the book may have to sell for about \$40 or more unless some of the costs of publication are underwritten by private donation. The funds raised by the Allendale Centennial Committee have already been committed to its various projects, so no funding is available there.

If any of our members wish to make a donation towards the publication, to lower the final selling price of the book, any amount will be gratefully received. A space to allocate an optional donation is on this year's Society dues notice attached to this newsletter. Each donor's name will be printed in a

separate section on sponsor listing pages in the book.

For any members living locally who wish to volunteer their time, we will need help this summer addressing brochures for a mailing and order form. This mailing will announce the book and offer a discounted pre-publication price. We plan to send it to every Allendale resident, to each Bergen County library, to local schools, to Allendale Historical Society members, and to other historical societies in the area. Offering a discounted pre-publication price (of probably about \$5 off the price of the book) will help us to determine the number of copies to print, and will give us advance money to pay publication costs. (The printer/binder requires a percentage of its fee upon contracting for the work, a percentage when "blueprints" are issued for proofreading, and a final percentage when the books are delivered.)

We also need local volunteers who would be willing to investigate possibilities and arrange for sales of the book through local merchants or other publicly accessible locations. Local volunteers might also be needed to man tables or booths at centennial or other functions this fall to sell the book. Any other suggestions for ways to market the book will be gratefully received. If you can volunteer (or if you would be willing to coordinate volunteers) please call Pat Wardell at 201-327-0605.

Many thanks to Helyn Anthony Meyer, who sent us a Xerox of photographs of her third grade of 1925-1926 (class of 1931), which was her first year of teaching in the Allendale Grammar School. The photos are reproduced in this issue.

Also in this issue is an article on the Allendale Centennial Committee's mural on the exposed side of a downtown store building in the center of town.



The mural was conceived and coordinated by Stiles Thomas and its overall design was created by George Takayama. The mural is a beautiful asset to the business section, a highly visible reminder of Allendale's heritage and the celebration of its 100th anniversary, and a monument to volunteerism — the entire project was accomplished with donated materials, supplies and man- (and woman-) power!

A dues notice is attached to this newsletter for your convenience in submitting dues for 1994-1995. A few of you have already sent in dues for the coming year and if you have already paid, please ignore the attached notice. As mentioned earlier, a space is included on this year's dues notice for any Society member who wishes to make an optional donation to the book publication fund.

We always warmly welcome any articles, photos (especially with total or partial identification), reminiscences, newspaper clippings, and any other items or information on Allendale. You can send items directly to this editor: Pat Wardell, 78 Edgewood Road, Allendale, NJ 07401 (201-327-0605).

The Allendale "100" Committee plans to publish a souvenir booklet, including a brief history of Allendale, which they plan to distribute to every household in Allendale. The booklet will devote about two pages to each decade, and so will not be a complete history, and will not "compete" with the Society's planned book.

Our Society continues to operate in an inactive capacity because volunteers to serve as officers are needed. Anyone interested in volunteering for any position should call Pat Wardell at 201-327-0605 for further information.

It is our hope that in this, Allendale's 100th birthday year, a group of enthusiasts will come forward to reorganize the Historical Society. Do you know of someone who might be interested? Please encourage them! Until then, we muddle along with the publication of this newsletter and thank our members for their support. ■

## The Allendale Centennial Mural

As part of Allendale's celebration of its 100th anniversary of incorporation as a borough, Allendale "100" Committee member Stiles Thomas proposed the idea of a mural to be painted on a building in the center of the business district. A building in the center of town had been destroyed by fire in March 1990 and the lot on which it stood is still vacant today, leaving the side walls of its two adjacent buildings exposed. The concept Stiles proposed was enthusiastically received, and he went to work coordinating the project.



*This photo, taken in March 1990, shows the removal of debris after the destruction by fire of a building on West Allendale Avenue. The building on which the mural was painted is shown at the left.*

Contests were held to select designs for the logo and mural for the Allendale Centennial. The logo designed by Frank Vitale and the mural design submitted by George Takayama were chosen.

Stiles then went to work to obtain donations of materials and permission for use of property from the following:

- Gift of paints and wall treatment materials — Don Landzettel of Allendale (Lazon Home Decorating Center, Midland Park)
- Gift of scaffolding — Bob and Doris Krippendorf of Allendale (King Scaffolding & Ladder Company, Hackensack)
- Use of wall by building owner, Lily Kowalczyk.



• Use of adjoining property, Giovanna and Frank Tommaso (Allendale Pizzeria)

Volunteers who worked on the project included:

• Rich Furfaro and Timothy Clayton (scaffolding maintenance)

• Jerry Johnson (foreman), Bob Beach, Bud Blide, Bob Pirie, and Tony Ward (wall preparation)

• Bud Blide and Mike Shanley (artists — lettering)

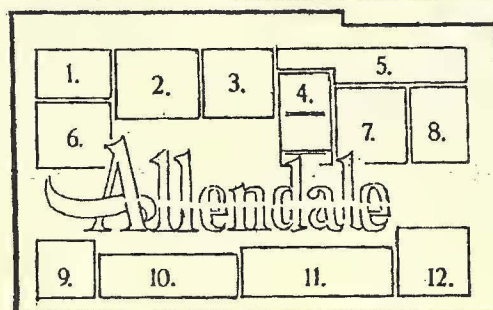
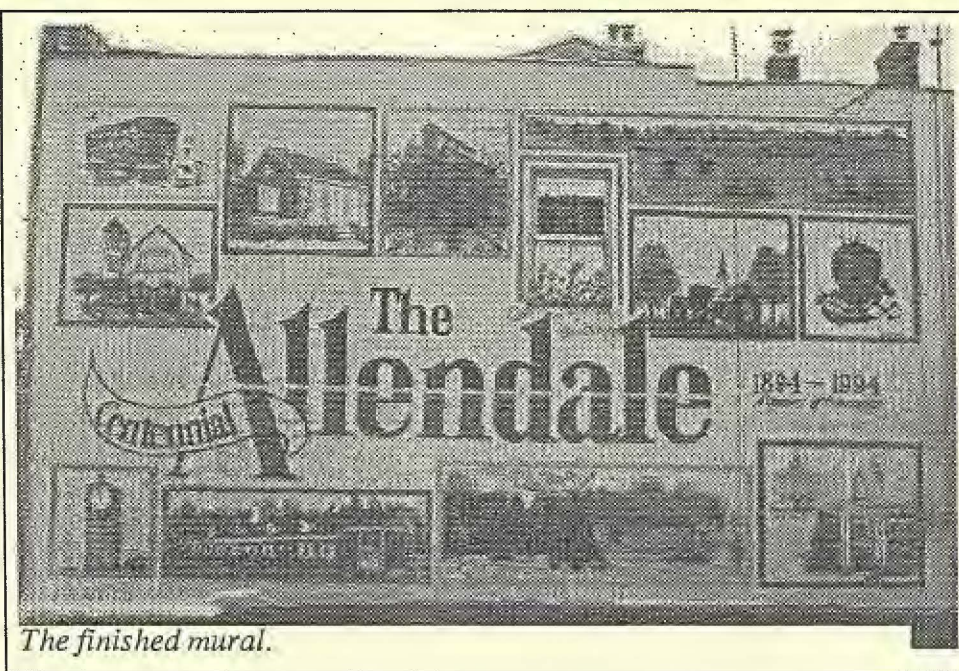
Artists who worked on the mural, under the direction of designer, George Takayama, and the panels they painted (see key at right) are :

1. Trolley — Henry Syverson
2. Old Library — Rich Plessner
3. Coal Chute — Polly Calhoun
4. Window — Joan Ward
5. Celery Farm — Bud Finley
6. Old Firehouse — Jessica Ludwig and Helen Lee (NHRHS students)
7. Old Methodist Church — Eileen Vergoz
8. Strawberries — Pat Rutkowski
9. Clock — Ian Gavulis (age 13, Brookside School student)
10. Municipal Building — Billie Samuelson, Betty Rypkema, and Felice Cebak
11. Railroad Station and Train — Hilary Tosdevin
12. Brookside and Old Franklin Turnpike Schools — Lorraine Strangfeld.

The Mural was dedicated on June 18, 1994. Stiles Thomas thanked all who contributed and introduced donors and artists.

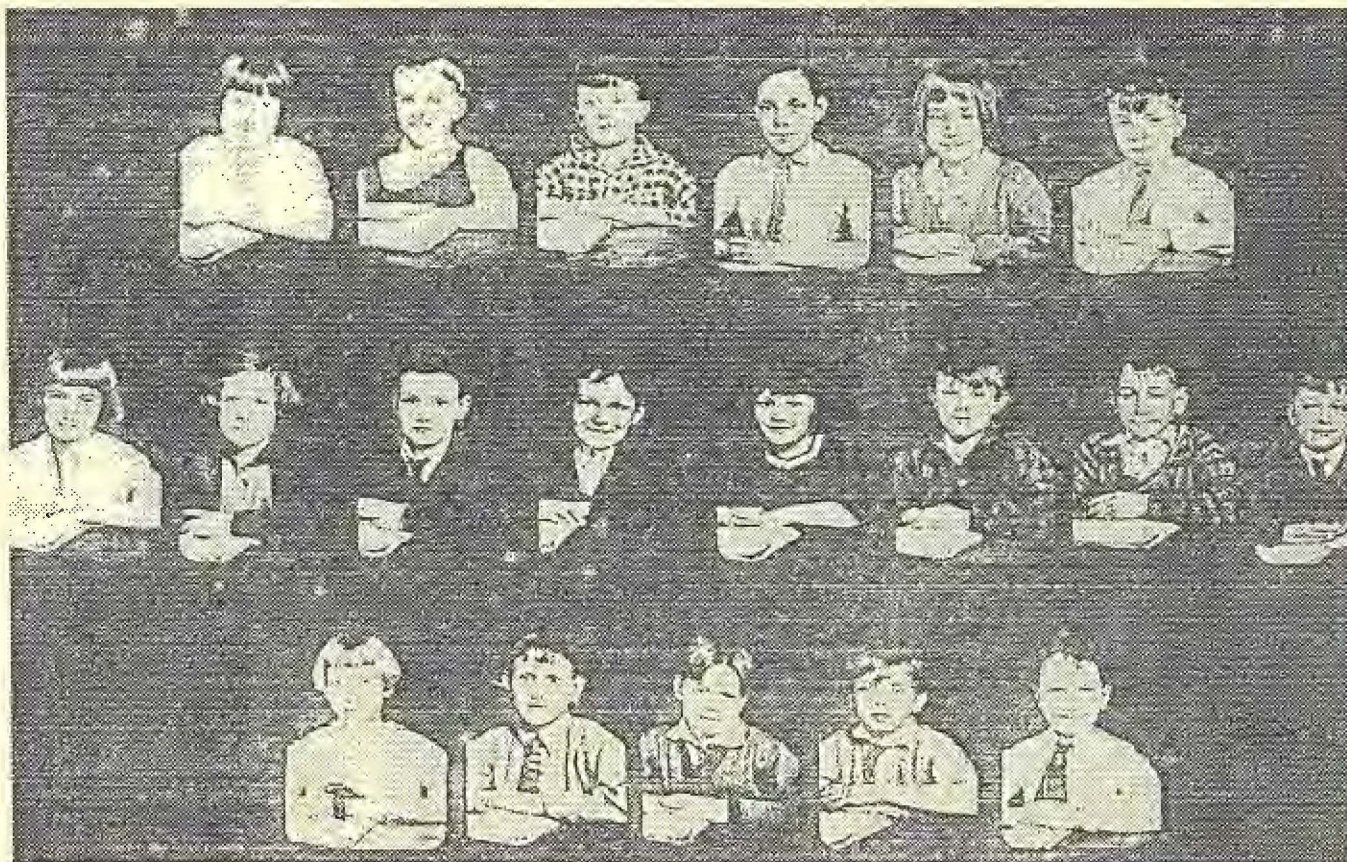
Councilman Frank Parenti congratulated all those involved in the project and awarded special certificates of appreciation to the students who worked on the mural.

To this we add our praise and thanks for a project that enhances Allendale's business section and promotes the borough's heritage. ■



*Dedication of the mural, June 18, 1994. Stiles Thomas, left, thanked all who contributed to the mural, introduced the artists, and briefly described each scene depicted.*





### Allendale Third Grade September 1925 - June 1926

*In reference to the picture of the graduating class of 1931 in the December issue of [Allendale History & Heritage], I am sending you a picture of that same group in my third grade September 1925 - June 1926. As Miss Anthony, this was my first year of teaching in the Allendale Grammar School. The school was on Franklin Turnpike then. Some of the same third graders were in that eighth grade graduating class of 1931. — Helyn Anthony Meyer*

Shown in the picture above are:

(Top row) Virginia Van Horn, Willis Dunkel, Frank Berdan, Francis Smith, Janet Russell, and Teddy Blackmore.

(Middle row) Ethel Cappel, Betty Appert, Robert Owen, William Phair, Lillian Haulenbeek, Gerard Welch, Henry Forshay, and Clinton Rossner.

(Bottom row) Betty Horack, Charles Clain, Stuart Billhart, John Hartt, and Billy Hunter.

Missing classmates not in the picture were Herbert Miller, Lois Carpenter, Earl Bogardus, and Mayrose Schmidheini. (Identifications by Helyn Anthony Meyer.)

### ALLENDALE HOUSES BUILT BEFORE 1940

Compiled by Pat Wardell

*Compiler's Note: This "inventory" of pre-1940 Allendale houses has been compiled using information in the Society's files and in my own files. Very few of the houses have been systematically researched, so we know that for most of them, the information is incomplete. We would welcome any additions, corrections, updating, etc. from our readers, and will happily add such information to the Society's files.*

*Only houses still in existence today are included in this inventory. Houses are generally named for the earliest known owner/occupant. Names associated with a house are not necessarily always owners; some may have been tenants. Also, not all owners actually lived in houses they owned; some houses were leased for rental income. The houses are listed alphabetically by street names, then numerically by house number.*

(continued from the February-March 1994 issue)

137 Franklin Turnpike  
Lawrence House

Block 2003, Lot 11 (Old Block 21, Lot 6)

Built 1922. William R. Lawrence and Anna A. Lawrence, 1921-1951. Ugo J. Lisi and Mary Lisi,



1951-1960. John T. Kievit and Evelyn C. Kievit, 1960-?. Robert F. Malenda and Marlene Malenda, about 1973/1974-?. Marlene Malenda, 1994.

The lot on which the house stands was sold by Malachi E. Higgins on 2 October 1921 to William R. Lawrence and wife, of Brooklyn.

In 1940 the house was described as a two story frame dwelling on a poured concrete foundation, with a clapboard and wood shingle exterior and a



137 Franklin Turnpike, 1940 Tax Appraisal Photo

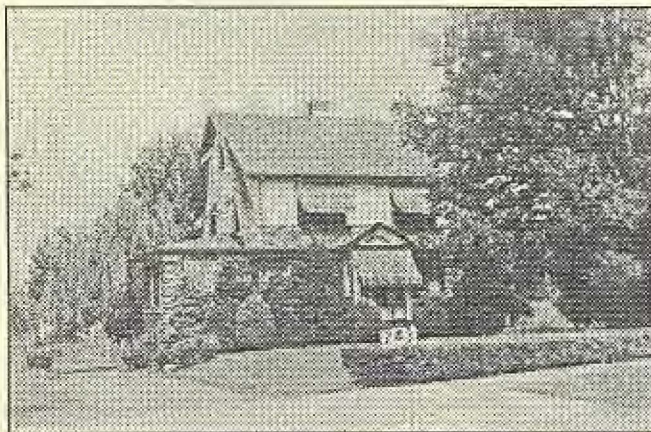
composition shingle roof. It stood on a 53.75 x 261-foot plot and had an open porch and a detached garage. There were seven rooms, including three bedrooms and one wood and plaster bath.

#### 145 Franklin Turnpike O'Connor House

Block 2003, Lot 12 (Old Block 21, Lot 5)

Built about 1925. F. S. O'Connor and Agnes C. O'Connor, 1940-?. Rev. Floyd Nicholson, 1985-86.

In 1940 the house was described as a two story frame dwelling on a poured concrete foundation. It had a stone and clapboard exterior and a composition shingle roof. There was an entry and a sun porch and it had a two car detached garage. There were seven



145 Franklin Turnpike, 1940 Tax Appraisal Photo

rooms, including three bedrooms and one half-tile bath.

#### 215 Franklin Turnpike Ackerman-Beckley House

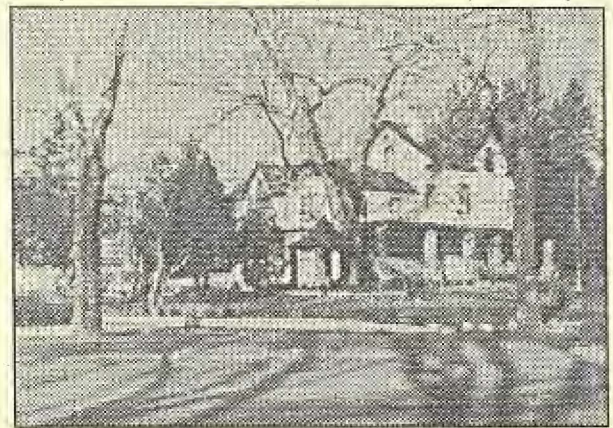
Block 2103, Lot 23 (Old Block 20, Lot 6-2)

Built about 1862-1871, probably about 1862, for Aaron Ackerman. Samuel Beckley, 1871-1901. William C. Ilsley, 1901-1919. Malachi Edward Higgins, 1919-c. 1946? Dominick F. Mazzola, 1958-present.

The 1861 Hopkins-Corey map shows a schoolhouse on this site. This schoolhouse was built in 1826 and in 1862, after a new schoolhouse was built slightly east of today's police headquarters on Franklin Turnpike, this old school building was removed to John Wilson's farm, where it was used as a granary.

This house was probably built soon after the old schoolhouse was moved, probably for Aaron Ackerman who a few years later sold it to Samuel Beckley. On September 1, 1871, *The New Jersey Citizen* reported a real estate transfer for the week ending August 31, 1871: "Aaron Ackerman to S. Beckley, 73 acres, farm of our freeholder, \$16,000."

In May 1878, according to *The Bergen County Democrat*, Beckley, "a poor but honest farmer...had the misfortune to lose a cow. His neighbors and friends felt sorry, but it remained for Mr. [W.] P. Shearman,



215 Franklin Turnpike, photo taken 1970

Treasurer of the Erie, [who lived a bit further south on the Turnpike, on the site of today's Allendale Nursery] to show real sympathy. He ordered his servant to drive one of his cows over to Mr. Beckley's and gave it to him."

In 1885 the house was enlarged for Samuel Beckley to "twice its present size by Van Blarcom Bros. [builders]" (*Hackensack Republican*, August 27, 1885).

In 1901 William Ilsley was reported to have "made many alterations in the house and grounds, and templates making further improvements." (*Hackensack Republican*, August 27, 1885). In 1916, Ilsley owned 16 acres.



The house was said to have had an entrance in its basement to an underground tunnel that supposedly surfaced behind the house at 25 Orchard Street, near the railroad tracks. Another account reports the tunnel emerging at or near the house across Franklin Turnpike from this one. This tunnel was supposedly a part of an underground railroad, but nothing more than rumor has been found to substantiate this speculation.

The house has been much altered in the 20th century, so that all that remains of its 19th century appearance is the massing and fenestration (shape of the house and window size, type, and placement). The stucco surface was probably applied at the same time the cobblestone porch was added (early 20th century).

*Series to be continued next issue*

## 1910 Federal Census Borough of Allendale

Transcribed by Pat Wardell

The following information was taken from a microfilm produced by the National Archives. For additional information on this census in general, refer to the introduction in the issue of February 1992, p. 3.

*(continued from February-March 1994 issue)*

(Myrtle Avenue)

Dwelling #96; Family #103

- **McDermott, Michael**, Head; M; W; age 52 yrs; Married (1) 24 yrs.; b. New York; his father b. Ireland; his mother b. Ireland; speaks English; Station Agent, RR; rented house
- —, **Elizabeth**, Wife; F; W; age 46 yrs; Married (1) 24 yrs.; mother of 5 children, 5 now living; b. PA; her father b. Ireland; her mother b. Ireland; speaks English
- —, **Catherine**, Daughter; F; W; age 22 yrs.; Single; b. PA; her father b. NY; her mother b. PA; speaks English; Asst. Post Master
- —, **Agnes**, Daughter; F; W; age 21 yrs; Single; b. PA; her father b. NY; her mother b. PA; speaks English; saleslady, dry goods
- —, **Lauretta**, Daughter; F; W; age 20 yrs.; Single; b. NY; her father b. NY; her mother b. PA; speaks English; music teacher, at home
- —, **Mary**, Daughter; F; W; age 17 yrs; Single; b. NY; her father b. NY; her mother b. PA; speaks English
- —, **John**, Son; M; W; age 14 yrs; Single; b. NY; his father b. NY; his mother b. PA; speaks English

Dwelling #97; Family #104

- **Bloomer, James**, Head; M; W; age 51 yrs; Married (2) 15 yrs; b. NJ; his father b. NY; his mother b. Ireland; speaks English; Engineer, owned house
- —, **Margaret L.**, Wife; F; W; age 39 yrs; Married

(1) 15 yrs; mother of 4 children, 4 now living; b. NJ; her father b. Ireland; her mother b. Ireland; speaks English

- —, **Grace J.**, Daughter; F; W; age 21 yrs; Single; b. NJ; her father b. NJ; her mother b. NJ; speaks English; occupation illegible
- —, **Lillian**, Daughter; F; W; age 14 yrs; Single; b. NY; her father b. NJ; her mother b. NJ; speaks English
- —, **James**, Son; M; W; age 12 yrs; Single; b. NY; his father b. NJ; his mother b. NJ; speaks English
- —, **Ruth**, Daughter; F; W; age 10 yrs; Single; b. NY; her father b. NJ; her mother b. NJ; speaks English
- —, **Edna**, Daughter; F; W; age 8 yrs; Single; b. NY; her father b. NJ; her mother b. NJ; speaks English

Dwelling #98; Family #105

- **Scholz, Max**, Head; M; W; age 43 yrs; Married (1) 17 yrs; b. Germany (Austria); his father b. Germany (Aus.); his mother b. Germany (Aus.); immigrated 1885; naturalized; speaks English; Barber, owned house
- —, **Mary**, Wife; F; W; age 39 yrs; Married (1) 17 yrs; mother of 2 children, 2 now living; b. Germany (Aus.); her father b. Germany (Aus.); her mother b. Germany (Aus.); speaks English
- —, **Charlotta**, Daughter; F; W; age 16 yrs; Single; b. NY; her father b. Germany; her mother b. Germany; speaks English; music teacher, at home
- —, **Raymond**, Son; M; W; age 8 yrs; Single; b. NJ; his father b. Germany; his mother b. Germany; speaks English

Dwelling #99; Family #106

- **Austin, Frank**, Head; M; W; age 46; Married (2) 4 yrs; b. NY; his father b. NY; his mother b. NJ; speaks English; Speculator, Farm Products; owned house
- —, **Mary Elizabeth**, Wife; F; W; age 48; Married (2) 4 yrs; mother of 1 child, 1 now living; b. NJ; her father b. NJ; speaks English; Dressmaker, Family
- —, **Kittie Ruth**, Daughter; F; W; age 17; Single; b. NY; her father b. NY; her mother b. NJ; speaks English
- **Edgar**, Son; M; W; age 9 yrs; Single; b. NY; his father b. NY; his mother b. NJ; speaks English
- —, **Sarah**, Mother; F; W; age 73 yrs; Widow; mother of 5 children, 3 now living; b. NJ; her father b. NJ; her mother b. NJ; speaks English

(Allendale Avenue)

Dwelling #100; Family #107

- **Borger, Henry**, Head; M; W; age [47?] yrs.; Married 23 yrs; b. NY; his father b. Germany; his mother b. Germany; speaks English; Real Estate



Agent; rented house

- **Eliza**, Wife; F; W; age 45 yrs; Married (1) 26 yrs; mother of 3 children, 3 then living; b. NY; her father b. NY; her mother b. NY; speaks English; [Proprietor?], Dry Goods Store

- —, **Lillian Gertrude**, Daughter; F; W; age 20 yrs; Single; b. NY; her father b. NY; her mother b. NY; speaks English

- —, **Ethel V.**, Daughter; F; W; age 17 yrs; Single; b. NY; her father b. NY; her mother b. NY; speaks English

- —, **John J.**, Son; M; W; age 14 yrs; Single; b. NY; his father b. NY; his mother b. NY; speaks English

Dwelling #101, Family #108

- **Kornhoff, William F.**, Head; M; W; age 35 yrs; Married (1) 13 yrs; b. NJ; his father b. Germany; his mother b. [illegible]; speaks English; [occupation illegible]; owned house

- —, **Mary**, Wife; F; W; age 38 yrs; Married (1) 13 yrs; mother of 2 children, 1 now living; b. Kentucky; her father b. Kentucky; her mother b. Kentucky; speaks English

- —, **Leon**, Son; M; W; age 9 yrs; Single; b. NY; his father b. NJ; his mother b. Kentucky; speaks English

- **Quackenbush, Mattie**, Servant; F; W; age 46 yrs; Widow; Mother of 7 children, 4 now living; b. NJ; her father b. NJ; her mother b. New Jersey; speaks English; [occupation illegible]

- **Winkle, Frederick W.**, Servant; M; W; age 19 yrs; Single; b. Germany; his father b. Germany; his mother b. [illegible]; speaks English; [occupation illegible]

- **Bell, George**, Boarder; M; W; age 20 yrs; Single; b. NY; his father b. PA; his mother b. England; speaks English; [occupation partly illegible: —, Bakery]

- **Seipel, Thomas Harry**, Boarder; M; W; age 20 yrs; Single; b. NJ; his father b. NY; his mother b. NY; speaks English; Baker, Bakery

Dwelling #102; Family #109

- **Van Blarcom, Stephen**, Head; M; W; age 63 yrs; Married (1) 42 yrs; b. NJ; his father b. NJ; his mother b. NJ; speaks English; [Carpenter, Constr.?]; owned house

- —, **Eliza Jane**, Wife; F; W; 63 yrs old; Married (1) 42 yrs; mother of 2 children, 2 now living; b. NJ; her father b. NJ; her mother b. NJ; speaks English

- —, **Anna C.**, Daughter; F; W; age 37 yrs; Single; b. NJ; her father b. NJ; her mother b. NJ; speaks English; [occupation partly illegible: —, at home]

- —, **Jennie**, Daughter; F; W; age 33 yrs; Single; b. NJ; her father b. NJ; her mother b. NJ; speaks English; [Family nurse, Family?]

Dwelling #103, Family #110

- **Beaver, Jacob**, Head; M; W; age 53 yrs; Married (2) 3 yrs; b. NY; his father b. NY; his mother b. NY; speaks English; Livery Stables; owned house

- —, **Lenore**, Wife; F; W; age 33 yrs; Married (1) 3 yrs; b. Washington, D.C.; her father b. Germany; her mother b. Germany; speaks English

- —, **Ferris**, Son; M; W; age 22 yrs; Single; b. NY; his father b. NY; his mother b. Washington, D.C.; speaks English; [occupation illegible]

Dwelling #104; Family #111

- **Wetmore, Edward A.**, Head; M; W; age 41 yrs; Married (1) 14 yrs; b. NJ; his father b. NJ; his mother b. NY; speaks English; [?Office —, Dry Goods H.?]; rented house

- —, **Jennie B.**, Wife; F; W; age 39 yrs; Married (1) 14 yrs; mother of 3 children, 3 now living; b. NY; her father b. NJ; her mother b. [New York?]; speaks English

- —, **Hazel P.**, Daughter; F; W; age 13 yrs; Single; b. NJ; her father b. NJ; her mother b. NY; speaks English

- **Mahlon A.**, Son; M; W; age 11 yrs; Single; b. NY; his father b. NJ; his mother b. NY; speaks English

- **Rodney A.**, Son; M; W; age 7 yrs; Single; b. NY; his father b. NJ; his mother b. NY; speaks English

- **Pyatt, Hannah**, Mother; F; W; age 60 yrs; Widow; b. NY; her father b. NY; her mother b. NY; speaks English

- [Travis?], **Florance**, Boarder; F; W; age 21 yrs; Single; b. NY; her father b. NY; her mother b. NY; speaks English; [School Teacher, Public?]

Dwelling #104; Family #112

- **Rapelje, Peter D.**, Head; M; W; age 81 yrs; Widower; b. NY; his father b. NY; his mother b. NY; speaks English; Own Income; owned house

- —, **Elizabeth M.**, Daughter; F; W; age 47 yrs; Single; b. NY; her father b. NY; her mother b. NY; speaks English

- **Perrine, Sarah**, Sister-in-Law; F; W; age 80 yrs; Widow; mother of 1 child, 0 now living; b. NY; her father b. MA; her mother b. MA; speaks English

Dwelling #105; Family #113

- **Cook, George**, Head; M; W; age 48 yrs; Married (1) 25 yrs; b. PA; his father b. PA; his mother b. PA; speaks English; Lawyer; owned house

- —, **Elvira**, Wife; F; W; age 46 yrs; Married (1) 25 yrs; mother of 3 children, 3 now living; b. Missouri; her father b. Illinois; her mother b. Washington, D.C.; speaks English

- —, **John**, Son; M; W; age 21 yrs; Single; b. NY; his father b. PA; his mother b. Missouri; speaks English; Student, College



• —, **George E.**, Son; M; W; age 16 yrs; Single; b. NJ; his father b. PA; his mother b. Missouri; speaks English

• **[O'Mann?], Emma**, Servant; F; W; age 53 yrs; Single; b. NY; her father b. NY; her mother b. Ireland; speaks English; Cook, Family

• **Johnson, Ralph**, Brother-in-Law; M; W; age 36 yrs; Married (1) 12 yrs; b. Missouri; his father b. Illinois; his mother b. Washington, D.C.; speaks English; Broker, Stock

Dwelling #106; Family #114

• **Mallison, Joseph**, Head; M; W; age 82 yrs; Married (2) 45 yrs; b. England; his father b. England; his mother b. England; speaks English, Own Income; owned house

• **Mallison, Mary Ann**, Wife; F; W; age 73 yrs; Married (2) 45 yrs; mother of 3 children, 2 now living; b. NJ; her father b. NJ; her mother b. NJ; speaks English

*(1910 Federal Census to be continued next issue)*

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The newsletter, **Allendale History and Heritage**, is published four times a year in September-October, December, February-March, and April-May, and mailed to members of the Allendale Historical Society. The Society is currently inactive and holds no general meetings. Volunteers for the presidency and other offices are needed to reactivate the Society. Please volunteer.

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