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**NEXT MEETING:** Monday, October 4, 1976, 8:30 p.m. at the Allendale Municipal Building.  
**PROGRAM:** "Archeology of Local Indians" by James Veith of Suffern, N.Y.

**NEWS AND VIEWS:** We are extremely pleased to announce that we at last have found a home for our collection. The Independence Bank, at 63 W. Allendale Avenue, has very generously given us permission to store our cabinets and collection in their lower level. We are indeed grateful to the bank. The executive board appointed Eva Schmitt and Marian Strangfeld to obtain file and storage cabinets for our collection, and during the summer months they did so. The result is that we now have a filing cabinet and a storage cabinet (thanks to the efforts of the Misses Schmitt and Strangfeld, and to the money donated by the Junior Woman's Club of Allendale). Our librarian, Marion Schwack, will be organizing the collection and gradually placing items in the cabinets. We will keep you informed about our progress in cataloging and filing the collection.

Jack Knapp has done a superb job in lining up marvelous speakers for our meetings this year. All are experts in their various fields, and we can look forward to learning more about local history, archeology, Indians, the Bergen County Historical Society historical marker program, and folklore. You will find our speakers listed in the membership handbook (which will be distributed at our October meeting and afterwards mailed to any members not present in October).

We are pleased to announce that Marian Strangfeld has volunteered to fill the position of third trustee for the society. Eva Schmitt and Marian Strangfeld will chair the hospitality committee, and Lucie Kirylak will serve as publicity chairman.

Watch for our table at the Old Fashioned Country Fair planned for October 16th (raindate October 17) at Crestwood Park. We plan to have a display, weather permitting, and to sell back issues of our newsletter. We do need volunteers for two jobs: preparing and setting up a display (we hope to use photographs, documents, newspapers, etc. from our collection), and actually "manning" our table at the Fair-- if you can spare an hour or so of your time, please sign up at the October meeting or call any board member to volunteer. In any event, try to set aside October 16th from 10:30 until 4:30 and come to Allendale's Old Fashioned Country Fair. You'll have fun, meet and greet your neighbors, and painlessly support Allendale's many non-profit and service organizations. See you there!

**IN MEMORIAM:** It is with very deep regret that we record the passing of three of our members, Mr. John G. Hubbard, Mr. Ray V. Jones, and Mr. J. Wilbur Vanderbeek.

IV. Allendale--The Newport of Bergen County--1880 to 1894.

At some period during the 1880's, as Allendale's reputation as an outstanding resort area grew, the small village came to be known as "the Newport of Bergen County." It may be difficult for us, with our modern highways, shopping centers, housing developments, and public recreational facilities to imagine Allendale as a rural vacation paradise, but for more than 30 years, the community was a summer haven for countless "city people." The height of Allendale's popularity as a summer resort seems to have been reached in the late 1880's and early 1890's. One important reason for the village's vacation popularity has already been mentioned: the Erie Railroad. The railroad made Allendale easily accessible from city areas, an important asset in the eyes of Allendale's earliest commuters. In addition, Allendale offered city folks a coveted rural atmosphere--true, the farms were rapidly disappearing or shrinking in size, but even so, the city gentleman could come to Allendale and indulge in the cultivation of a small patch of garden, raise dogs, horses, and chickens, and enjoy local streams, lakes, ponds, and woods. Fishing, hiking, tennis, swimming, and boating were but a few of the pastimes enjoyed by summer residents.

Allendale's vacation charms notwithstanding, some residents took trips to other sections of the country. Mountain areas of Pennsylvania and New York were popular with the people of Allendale, and some even ventured way down south as evidenced by this tongue-in-cheek warning printed in the Bergen County Democrat in June 1883: "A lady who returned from Florida brought home an alligator. It has escaped into the Allendale creek. Bathers must take warning."

Various social and civic organizations were formed in Allendale during these years. In May of 1885, an American Legion of Honor Council was instituted in Allendale with the following men elected as officers and trustees for the ensuing year: W. S. Decker, A. L. Zabriskie, John J. Hopper, Jr., A. M. Ackerman, E. E. Powell, I. I. Roswell, W. E. Switzer, Stephen Hopper, A. J. Ackerman, W. C. Rowland, Smith Roswell, H. Yeomans, and W. Ackerman.

In June of 1882, a group of public-spirited citizens banded together and formed a society for improvement, with O. H. P. Archer as President, John L. Yeomans as Vice-President, Henry L. Hopper as Secretary, and J. Alfred Ackerman as Treasurer. Their first endeavor was to "shine up" the area around the train station. This organization evidently soon disbanded, for in 1887 a new and different improvement society was formed--The Village Improvement Association, with Albert L. Zabriskie as President. This organization served as Allendale's "unofficial" civic body until the incorporation of the borough in 1894.

The Village Improvement Association declared the following goals in December 1890: to place street lamps about 500 feet apart on both sides of the railroad and hire a competent person to care for and light them nightly, and to place board walks on all roads leading from the station. The Association aimed for a membership of 50 and in 1890 the initiation fee was \$1.00 and the monthly dues were 25 cents. On November 27, 1891 the Bergen County Democrat announced that "there will be an entertainment under the auspices of the Village Improvement Association in Archer Hall on Monday evening, Dec. 7th. The talent engaged for the occasion is of a high order, and the entertainment will undoubtedly be the event of the season."

One of Allendale's early baseball clubs was the Cricket Base Ball Club, organized in July 1880. The club played on grounds near the depot,

and its first game was held on July 31, 1880 against the Thistles of Ridgewood. Early players on this team included Charles O'Donnell playing first base, Roswell in right field, Lou Nerring as pitcher, and a man named Foler as catcher. By 1885 the Crickets were reported to be "in a state of inertia" and the Alerts had taken their place. The Alerts played on a field in the vicinity of present-day Cottage Place, near Rowland's Grocery Store. By the late 1890's Allendale boasted of two baseball teams, probably temporarily organized for a special game: The Allendale Huckleberries listed the following players--R. L. Nimmo, left field; Mr. Cunningham, right field; W. C. Tallman, center field; Jacob P. Beaver, short stop; Dr. Pittis, third base; Frank L. Drummond, second base; S. J. Van Blarcom, first base; J. W. Spring, pitcher; and S. T. Van Houten, catcher. The Crimson Ramblers listed their players as Percy Doty, left field; Theodore Smith, right field; William Dewsnap, center field; F. A. Willard, short stop; Edgar Hubbard, third base; J. B. Willard, pitcher; and Frank S. Merrill, catcher.

In July of 1895, the Council of the recently formed borough gave the Allendale Base Ball Club permission to improve the ball grounds in the park (in what is now Memorial Park, corner of Brookside and Park Avenues) and to play ball there any time except Sundays. In June of 1899, however, the Council ordered the club to remove the seats and stands they had erected at the park.

By the 1880's summer boarders were so plentiful at Allendale that many of the larger estates and homes were converted into summer boarding houses. As early as July 25, 1878 the Hackensack Republican reported that "Messrs. Powell, Southwick, and Cable have their houses filled with city boarders and nearly every other house in the place entertains one or more guests." By July 3, 1890, the number of boarding houses had multiplied, and the Hackensack Republican announced "the weather is delightful, one day of summer succeeds another with an ever-present breeze to temper the atmosphere to a perfect degree. Our Newport is as usual full of life and pleasure parties. Lennox Avenue can be seen at its best now: we have three hotels on the Avenue now, The Powell House, the Lennox Hotel, and Hotel Windsor; the latter conducted by Mrs. Asten is said to be one of the best in town. The Powell House is full of select New York people, and exceedingly well kept. The Lennox is doing fairly well and bids to rank with the best. Most conspicuous among the long train of vehicles which grace Lennox Avenue are Mr. E. E. Powell driving his fast stepper "Albemarle," Mr. George B. Cook behind "Buckingham," and B. Coleman with his fine horse "Surefoot." There are at present about twenty new houses being erected here, and the appearance of our avenue and other drives evidences an increased interest." Lennox Avenue was the street we call East Allendale Avenue today, and many of the lovely old homes lining that street today served as boarding houses during Allendale's "Newport" phase.

Business, too, was booming in Allendale. Albert Lydecker in about 1880 had erected a grist mill on the Hohokus brook near West Crescent Avenue, on the site of today's San Jacinto Swim Club, and this mill was a favorite gathering place for residents of Allendale. In 1883, local newspapers reported that Lydecker had received and unloaded 60 tons of grain within one week and was running his mill night and day to supply orders. In 1892 Edward E. Burtis bought this mill from Lydecker, and the site became known as Burtis Mills. Prior to 1894 Burtis started a cider press at this mill.

About 1880-1881 Hopper Yeomans had started a traveling butcher shop, carrying meats and vegetables by wagon on his route. In 1885, he built a permanent butcher shop at the junction of Allendale Avenue and Myrtle Avenue.

In 1892, Henry J. Mansfield came to Allendale to re-open the Allendale Hotel, then called "The Allendale House." A great controversy arose among the residents of the village when, in September, Mansfield applied to the court in Hackensack for a license. Mansfield maintained that the "men and beasts of the neighborhood needed rest and refreshment" and what the town wanted most was a hotel. The commotion, evidently, was not caused by the "rest" portion of his proposal, but by the "refreshment" portion! Newspapers of the time followed the uproar with evident glee, and the Ramsey Journal reported in September, after Mansfield had applied to Hackensack for a license, that "great was the commotion; a remonstrance with one hundred and two names was gotten up, but Mansfield went them several better with a petition on which were one hundred and twelve signatures. The application was rejected, and the commuters will continue to carry home bundles which look as if they might contain a pair of corsets or something else." Mansfield persevered, and in December 1892 was finally granted a license, an event which provoked the droll Ramsey Journal reporter to observe that "the Alderman moves around with an exaggerated funeral expression of countenance, and all he has to say is: 'Don't you want to buy a house?' It is claimed that the license was sprung on the community without due notice...The little tin sign which reads 'Hinschliffe's Lager' appears to have taken all the charm and romance out of our pleasant little town and a number of good citizens have signified their intention of moving away in the spring. It is said they will locate in Secaucus, that being the only village on the 'picturesque Erie' unpolluted by a gin mill."

By 1876 John J. Pulis, Henry Mallinson, and Joseph Mallinson were running a paint, wheelwright, and blacksmith shop on the site on Franklin Turnpike across from Archer Hall. Pulis was the blacksmith, Henry Mallinson was both blacksmith and wheelwright, and Joe Mallinson was a house and carriage painter. Henry Mallinson also served as the unofficial village dentist, and was often called from his bellows to yank out an aching molar. In 1890, Henry's son, Joseph Henry Mallinson, operated a cider mill at this site, utilizing at first a large screw press which each week pressed hundreds of bushels of apples into juice for townsmen and local farmers. In 1896, "Joe Hen" installed a new hydraulic cider press and four years later, on September 7, 1900, the Ramsey Journal reported that "J. H. Mallinson has started his steam cider press, and from the indications, his press, which is the best in the vicinity, will do a big business." Schoolchildren passing by the cider mill on the way home from school were admonished by the Principal not to stop at the mill, but few students could resist the lure of a free sample.

In 1884 Abraham Rowland opened up a general store on the former peat mill site, on today's Cottage Place. The Hackensack Republican of July 31, 1884 carried his advertisement: "A. C. Rowland, Allendale, New Jersey. New stores, new goods; Full line of groceries, Full line of dry goods & fancy goods, confectionery, paints, oils, putty, lead. Tobacco, Segars, etc. Wooden and Willow Ware, Hardware, Lamp Goods of all kinds. Come compare my prices with city prices and you will find it to your advantage."

(Next issue: Allendale--The Newport of Bergen County, 1880 to 1894, continued.)

#### Sources:

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AN 1804 INVENTORY

The following inventory is a list of the belongings of an extremely well-to-do resident of the Allendale vicinity in 1804. It is the first inventory on record in Hackensack, found on pages 1 to 5, Liber A, Bergen County Inventories. Peter Tibow (whose name is spelled elsewhere variously Tebow, Debow, Te Bouw, Thybow, and Thibout) lived somewhere in the vicinity of present-day Allendale-Waldwick. He is listed in the 1779 Franklin Township Rateables as owning 100 acres, 9 horses and cattle, and 1 slave. He had children baptized at Paramus Dutch Reformed Church in 1784, 1787, 1790, and 1794. Two other children were baptized at New Prospect (Waldwick) M.E. Church in 1797 and 1800. This extensive inventory, while certainly far from typical of the belongings of families in our area early in the 19th century, does, however, provide us with a fascinating glimpse of a myriad of personal belongings and their values circa 1800. Original spellings have been retained.

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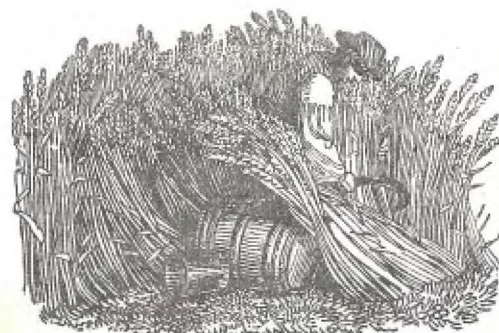
An inventory taken and made this second day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and four of the goods and chattles rights and credits of Peter Tibow, late of the Township of Franklin in the County of Bergen, deceased, by Susanna Tibow relict of sd. Deceasd., Administratrix and John Van Blaricum and Abraham Quackenbush administrators of said Personal Estate, and appraised by Abraham Westervelt and Henry A. Hopper.

The Goods and Chattles 1st in the Kitchen

1 Negro male slave. Named Sam. \$275.00  
 1 Negro male slave. Named Lamore. \$250.00  
 1 Negro Female slave. Named Phillis. \$162.50  
 1 Negro Female slave. Named Dine. \$75.00  
 1 Negro Boy. Named Ben. \$62.50  
 1 Negro Girl. Named Gin. \$35.00  
 1 Negro Male child named Jack. \$25.00  
 1 Bedstead & Bedding. 1 Slaubank & Beding. \$1.50  
 1 small dresser & furniture thereon. \$1.25  
 5 chairs, rocking cradle, 1 small cupboard. \$1.50  
 Table, Lanthorn, 1 gun, 1 pr. and irons. \$3.00  
 1 fire shovel, 1 pr. of fire tongs, 1 gridirons. 75¢  
 1 Trammer, 3 iron pots, 1 spinning wheel. \$5.00  
 Iron Tea Kettle & 6 metal Molers. \$1.00  
 1 Griddle, 1 server, 1 skillet. \$1.50  
 2 Kitchels, 2 Smooden Irons. \$1.75

2nd In and About the Barn

1 black horse. \$62.50  
 1 black Mare. \$50.00  
 1 Brown Horse. \$37.50  
 1 Bay colt. \$35.00  
 1 Windmill, 1 Cutting Box. \$9.00  
 2 Dung Forks, 2 Hay forks, 3 flails. \$1.12  
 Rye in the sheaf. \$16.00  
 Hay, straw and corn stalks in the Barn. \$10.00  
 20 Hens. \$2.50  
 1 Waggon and Harness. \$25.00  
 1 Pleasure Sleigh, 2 Wood Sleds. \$7.00  
 1 Harrow, 1 Cracklin, 1 Ladder. \$1.00  
 1 Yoke of Oxen & yoke. \$35.00  
 1 Brown Cow. \$15.00  
 1 Brindle Cow. \$13.75  
 1 Brown Cow. Streak over the Back, \$13.75  
 1 Brown Cow. Star in the forehead. \$13.75  
 1 Red Cow. \$12.50



- 3 Heifers, 2 two year old & 1 one year old. \$16.25
- 1 Lot of Flax Barn and yarn in the House. \$3.00
- 1 Lot of Hemp and ressd. 50¢
- 5 Shoots. \$10.00
- 8 Geese. \$2.50
- 15 Sheep. \$30.00

3rd In the Store Room or Work Shop

- 1 Saddle and Bridle, side Hoppel & ct. \$1.75
- 1 Cross Cut Saw, 1 Plough Share. \$4.00
- 3 Augers, 1 Narrow ax. 75¢
- 2 Spades, 5 Hoes. \$2.25
- 2 Cradles, 7 Scythes and Sneaths. \$2.00
- 1 Tar Bucket, 2 Casks. 50¢
- 2 Bee Hives & old Iron, 1 Rope. 25¢
- 2 Raw Hides. \$1.50
- 1 pr. Sledrunners, plow share & sawed timber. \$3.00
- 2 Casks, 3 Axes, 1 half Bushel Measure. \$2.37

4th in the Celler

- 1 Hogshead and one Barrel. \$2.00
- 2 Powdering [indecipherable word] Tubs. \$3.00
- 1 Weaving Loom, Reeds, gears and all the furniture thereunto belonging. \$12.50
- 1 Soap Cask and soap. \$1.00
- 1 Salt Chest Salt & two old Bee Hives. 50¢
- Soal and upper leather. \$2.00
- 1 Cask with Hemprud & Churn. 50¢

5th in the Yard

- 1 Grindstone, lye Cask and old beehives. \$1.25
- 3 Beehives with Bees. \$6.00
- 1 Plough Share & Clevis. \$1.50
- 1 Draw Bench and Corn in the Crib. \$12.50

6th In the Blacksmith Shop

- Blacksmith's Tools, Iron & Steel in the same. \$34.00

7th In the Milk Room

- 6 pails, 3 Keelers and churn. \$1.25
- 1 Table, Bake Tray & 2 Hives. 50¢
- 1 Scale & weights & 2 Woolen Wheels. \$2.25
- 1 Washing Tub and old pail. 25¢

8th In the Garret

- 1 Chest with Flaxseed. \$3.00
- 20 Bushels of Buckwheat. \$7.50
- 4 Bushels of Oats. \$1.00
- 1 Keeler, 2 small Scoops. 10¢
- 7 Bags. \$2.25

9th In the Parlor

- 1 Eight Day Clock. \$50.00
- 1 Bedstead, Beding, Curtains, Blankets & all the furniture thereunto belonging. \$20.00
- 1 Table, 1/2 Doz. Windsor Chairs. \$7.00
- Glass, China & Earthan Ware in the Closet. \$1.50
- 1 Bottle Case with 12 Square Bottles. \$1.00
- Wearing apparel of Decd. \$13.00

10th In the Hall

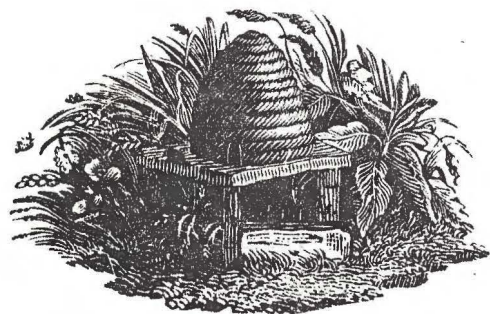
- Large Cupboard and one small chest. \$5.00
- 1 Looking Glass. \$1.00

11th in the 1st Bed Room

- 1 Bedstead and Beding. \$6.00
- 1 Looking Glass, 1 Bottle Case. 50¢

12th in the 2nd Bed Room

- 1 Bedstead and Beding. \$2.50
- 6 Bushels of Rye. \$3.75
- 1 Dressor. \$1.00



13th In the Dwelling Room

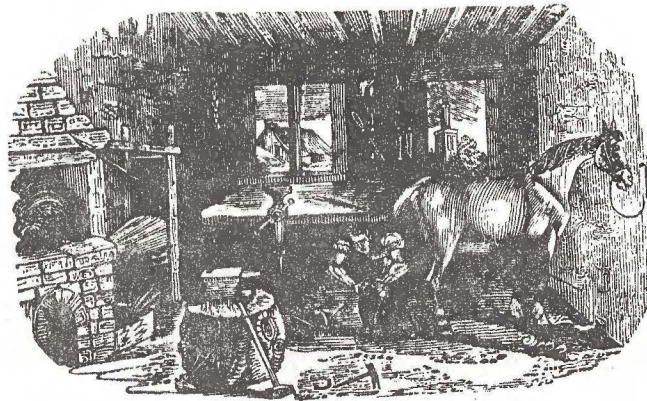
- 1 Bedstead and Bedding. \$12.00
- 1 Spinning Wheel & 2 Reals. \$2.50
- 1/2 Doz. Chairs. \$2.00
- 1 Corner Cupboard & all on & in the same. \$1.50
- 1 Spoon Case, 12 Spoons, knives & Forks. \$1.00
- 2 Books, 1 pr. of And Irons. \$2.00
- 1 pr. of Fire Tongs and shovel. \$1.00
- 1 Sliflyer. \$1.50.

Rights and Credits

- 1 Bond agt. Jacob Van Reyper due May 1st 1804. \$1187.50
- 1 Bond agt. Jacob Van Reyper due May 1st 1804 with Int. \$500.00
- 1 Bond agt. Jacob Van Reyper due May 1st 1805. \$1187.50
- 1 Bond agt. Alexander McCall due May 2, 1804. \$170.67½
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- 1 Bond against Cornelius Smith & Albert Smith dated 16th June 1797 with Interest the principal whereof is \$130.00
- 1 Note against Cornelius Smith dated the 1st day of May 1800 with interest, Principal \$66.25
- 1 Bond against Cornelius Smith & Albert Smith dated the 2nd day of May 1801 with interest, Principal \$250.00
- 1 Note of hand agst. William McEver dated the 4th day of May 1802 on demand with interest, Principal \$19.00
- 1 Bond against John Pine and Henry Valentine dated the 8th day of May 1798 with interest, Principal \$55.00
- Ballance due on a Bond from Jacob Van Rypen of \$2000 payable 1st May 1803 on the 4th day of 1804. \$262.50
- Due on a Negro Sold to Cornelius Smith due 1 May 1803. \$262.50

Due on Black Smith's Book

- from William McEver. \$4.07
- from Jonas Van Dervoort. \$9.25
- from John Perry. 56¢
- from John Bogart. \$3.37
- from John Baker. \$13.13
- from James Thew. \$2.59
- from John Ramsey. \$1.62
- from Abraham Foshee. \$3.23
- from Cornelius Smith. \$9.25
- from Albert Smith. \$10.21
- from Samuel Foshee. \$1.21
- from John R. Hicks. \$1.62
- from Mark McCrackin. \$1.91
- from Harmanes Van Zile. \$6.53
- from Thomas Wanamaker. 75¢



Articles or Items Omitted

- Demand against Jacob Van Reyper for articles left by Decd. on the premises of sd. Van Rypen. \$33.75
- 3 oxchains at Cornelius Smith's. \$3.00
- 1 Crow Bar at Cornelius Smith's. \$1.00
- Demand against Thomas Cornel for Hogs. \$4.87
- 10 Bushels sewing of Rye on the field. \$15.00
- 6 Sheep. \$10.00
- 1 pr. of Boots & whip. \$3.75
- [TOTAL] \$5954.61

Appraised by us the day and year above written,  
Abraham Westervelt  
Henry A. Hopper

Department of Curiosities.....or Plowman, Save that Pewter!

From The Paterson Daily Guardian, June 8, 1861: DISCOVERY OF PLATES AND DISHES SECRETED DURING THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR. Aaron Ackerman of Allendale, Bergen Co. ploughed up a dozen pewter plates, two large Turkey dishes also of pewter. They were packed one within the other so that they were only corroded around the edges. They had undoubtedly been buried during the time of the Revolution.

From The Paterson Daily Guardian, June 10, 1861: REVOLUTONARY RELICS AT ALLENDALE.-- The following is a correct report of the finding of pewter plates buried in Bergen Co., referred to a few days ago in this paper. Interesting relics of the time when a dresser lined with shining plates was the housekeeper's most valued possession, were recently found while plowing on the farm of Mr. Aaron Ackerman, Sr. The plow tearing up a piece of metal, a search was instituted, which resulted in digging up a very large bowl that had been torn by the plow, two large platters underneath the bowl, and still lower eight smaller plates, all made of pewter, and all carefully arranged in the earth upside down. The large plates apparently had been used...but the small ones must have been new when buried, and were still remarkably bright. They bear the stamp of a crown with the word "London" underneath. How and when they came there is a mystery, though it is supposed they were hidden there during the Revolutionary War, probably to save them from being converted into bullets. Mr. Ackerman recollects being told by a Mr. Folly many years ago that such things had been buried on his farm by somebody he has forgotten who, who entered into service as a soldier, and never returned; but the story received no more attention than such stories usually deserve, and it probably would never have been thought of again but for the present discovery.

New Members

We welcome the following new members:

- Mr. & Mrs. William F. Anderson of Florida
- Mrs. J. H. Ferguson of Ridgewood
- Mr. & Mrs. Tom Lewis of Allendale

Accessions

We gratefully acknowledge the following gifts to the society's collections:

Two programs of the Franklin Club of Allendale theatrical productions given in June and December 1903; program-menu of a dinner given in honor of Mayor-Elect Gustave Nadler on Dec. 4, 1913; program of Village Improvement Association theater production, "Tom Cobb" presented Dec. 3, 1904; typewritten list of members and friends of Epiphany Church, October 1913; all donated by Mrs. Stanley A. Haviland.

Newspaper clippings, ca. 1939-48, most about Allendale Police Dept., donated by Mrs. C. Miskowski.

Two display cases donated by Miss Eva T. Schmitt.

Stock certificate issued by Allendale Firemen's Entertainment Association to R. L. Roswell, May 2, 1921 (money raised was used to show movies at the Fire House) donated by Mr. & Mrs. John Webb.

More Appreciation...

To Mrs. L. Kornhoff for loaning photographs of Allendale school students to be copied for the society's collection.

Allendale Historical Society  
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Membership Categories	(Annual Dues)
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Junior Membership (under 18).....	\$1.00

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