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NEXT MEETING: Monday, May 3, 1982 at 8:30 p.m. at Borough Hall, Allendale.

PROGRAM: Geneva Keating, member of our society and teacher of interior decorating and foods at Northern Highlands Regional High School, will discuss "Period Furniture," illustrating her talk with pictures, and tying it in with the new American wing at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

SOCIETY NEWS: The Nominating Committee has proposed the following slate of officers for 1982-1983:

President: Dorothy Kornhoff
Vice President: Eva Schmitt
Treasurer: Jeanne Cotz
Secretary: Geneva Keating

Additional nominations for any office may be made from the floor at our annual meeting on May 3, and election of officers will take place that night.

We regret that due to the rising costs of printing, postage, and paper, we can no longer send our newsletter to members whose dues are in arrears. Dues are payable at our May 3 meeting, or send a check, with your name and address, to the Society at the address below.

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ALLENDALE NOTES . . .
BITS AND PIECES OF ALLENDALE HISTORY
COMPILED BY PAT WARDELL

(Continued from the
February 1982 issue)

Chicken Factory

One hundred years ago, when Allendale was a farming community, nearly every home had a chicken coop and chickens to provide the family with eggs and meat. But when George C. Sterling moved to Allendale about 1883 he apparently created quite a stir by his use of the very latest in scientific machinery for poultry farming. The Bergen County Democrat, on February 22, 1884, reported: "The chicken factory (in Allendale) is exciting great interest. Three incubators are in operation. One is hatching 100 eggs by electricity.

There is some prejudice against the productions. One man says 'he will not eat any of them un-natural chickens.'" Mrs. Sterling was the niece of Mr. and Mrs. O. H. P. Archer. The Sterlings first lived in the Mallinson-Cook home on West Allendale Avenue until about 1886-1887 when the Van Blarcom brothers built a new home for them on East Allendale Avenue. There, Mr. Sterling continued his "chicken factory."

The Hackensack Republican reported, on May 14, 1885, that "Allendale is now a famous section for poultry fanciers. Among the most noted pens are those of George C. Sterling, in the construction of whose yards time and expense have been a secondary consideration. A new comer to the place is Frank Van Tassell, fresh from Harlem; he is a breeder of high class poultry and has just finished a very complete chicken house which is in every respect unsurpassed--it is commodious, well-lighted and thoroughly ventilated. One good point Mr. Van Tassell had in view was the interior finish, making it absolutely vermin-proof--but this idea was original with our friend Mr. Doty, he being a most able authority on matters of this kind. Mr. Doty is about to add some new improvements for his young stock, consisting of large runs made only with sash and blinds, giving light and ventilation as may be desired.

About 25 years later, in 1911, Arthur Bull Sullivan came to Allendale and began his "Sable Feather Farm" on Franklin Turnpike, as a breeder, exporter, and importer of S. C. Black Orpington chickens. His farm was known as one of the finest in the state. His cable address was "Sable Sully."

Christmas Tree Association

This organization, begun in 1916, was a forerunner of The Holiday Observers, organized a few years later. The group obtained, erected, and decorated a Christmas tree, located in Station Square, and planned dedication ceremonies each year. In 1917, William C. Lee led the Allendale Community Chorus, comprised of all residents who wished to participate, in the singing of Christmas carols. The choirs of the Episcopal and Methodist churches supplemented the Community Chorus, members of which rehearsed for several weeks prior to the dedication ceremonies.

The tree was topped with a large star, with hundreds of red, white, and blue electric lights beneath it. Members of the Christmas Tree Association in 1917 included: R. L. Oberholser, president; C. Johnson, secretary; A. K. Merrill, treasurer; A. L. Zabriskie, J. H. Robertson, and B. F. Hutches, Jr., Tree Committee; Mayor Nadler, Chief Braun, B. F. Hutches, Jr., Stanley Fisher, and Charles Hamilton, Lighting Committee; Wallace E. Carver, Mary S. Parkhurst, and W. Critchley, Music Committee; George M. Potter and A. B. Sullivan, Finance Committee; Louis Jones, A. B. Sullivan, W. Critchley, Publicity Committee.

Community Club

The Community Club, a forerunner of the Woman's Club of Allendale, was formed on December 13, 1918 as a Woman's Auxiliary of The Allendale Board of Trade. Many of its members had been active in The Ladies' Village Improvement Association, whose primary activity had been the organization and voluntary running of the Allendale Library.

The Community Club became The Woman's Club of Allendale on May

26, 1922, when the organization joined the New Jersey Federation of Women's Clubs.

The charter members of The Community Club were: Mrs. W. E. Carver, Mrs. O. O. Clark, Mrs. W. G. Z. Critchley, Mrs. W. H. Darken, Mrs. J. R. Fisher, Mrs. K. L. Harris, Mrs. B. F. Hutches, Jr., Mrs. Ida Jersey, Mrs. A. A. Lawrence, Mrs. W. C. Lee, Mrs. J. H. Mallinson, Mrs. B. Markwell, Mrs. E. Mainey, Mrs. A. K. Merrill, Mrs. G. Nadler, Miss Mary Parkhurst, Miss Martha Parkhurst, Mrs. G. M. Potter, Mrs. J. W. Rudolph, Mrs. E. Spicher, Mrs. A. B. Sullivan, Mrs. W. C. Talman, Mrs. J. B. Taylor, Mrs. S. T. Van Houten, Mrs. G. Wilkin, Mrs. H. E. Watson, Mrs. F. A. Whitaker, Mrs. J. W. Winter, Mrs. M. L. Woodruff, and Mrs. A. L. Zabriskie. The presidents of the club were: Mrs. F. A. Whitaker (2 years) and Mrs. W. C. Talman (2 years).

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DID YOU KNOW?.....That our nominee for president of The Allendale Historical Society, Dorothy Kornhoff, is the daughter of early Allendale School Principal Willard Alling and his wife, Mabel Quackenbush Alling? She is a native of Allendale, having been born in the old Quackenbush homestead on the corner of Franklin Turnpike and Pittis Avenue.

THE PERILS OF YESTERYEAR....from a newspaper clipping dated August 13, 1908:

ALLENDALE--A party consisting of Miss Grace Archer, Miss Amy Zabriskie, Miss Laura Dougherty, Miss Emilie Burroughs, Mason Garber, Ward Townley, Bert Weaver, Arthur Braig, and Sam Pritchett, driven by Chas. Simon, went to Suffern Saturday night in the Zabriskie wagonette, on a moonlight ride. Coming home near the Suffern station the horses became frightened and dashed down the main road. Several of the young people jumped, but the majority stayed in the carriage. At the bridge, near the Fox place, near Mahwah, the carriage was thrown against the iron supports; fortunately the harness broke, the wagon stopped and the horses went on. They were caught below Ramsey. The wagon was badly damaged. Outside of a few bruises and scratches no one was hurt, but all were badly frightened. Much credit is due to Sam Pritchett, who seized the reins and guided the team from going down an embankment. All agreed they had a very narrow escape from serious injury. Another wagon had to be hired at Suffern, and it was nearly three o'clock before they arrived home and relieved the minds of many anxious mothers.

RAMSEY IN 1857.....a description from The Paterson Daily Guardian, October 12, 1857:

RAMSEY'S--An extensive business is done at this station in the way of freight; besides it is a central place, where many people resort. John Y. Dater has one of the best stores in the county,

where you can be supplied with all the necessaries requisite to satisfy the wants of the people.

Here, too, David W. Valentine, something less than seven foot in stature, with a heart as big as himself, regales the appetites of the thirsty, with every variety of beverages, which are to be found in his model Hotel. To cap the whole, we have an obliging Agent, prompt and attentive to his calling, ever ready to render assistance, and to give all information that may be required in his business.

We have a good many noble souls among us, not omitting J. May and J. Dater, who dwell a little beyond us, who will at any time feast the senses with a good joke and drive away dull care.

Opposite page: A section of a map, showing Allendale and some of the homeowners in the borough, taken from the Bromley Atlas of Bergen County, published in 1913.

"FIRST FAMILIES" OF ALLENDALE...Notes on early residents of Allendale
Compiled by Pat Wardell and vicinity

Compiler's Note: This alphabetical listing cannot be considered an all-inclusive list of prominent early residents. We invite any member or friend to write us to add information to any listing or to insert an omitted listing. We would welcome additional information for our files. These notes are being compiled using information at hand that has been accumulated over the years, and we freely acknowledge that the list, and the information, is far from complete. In general, it is our policy to list residents who were born or lived in Allendale and its vicinity before 1900, but there are a few exceptions for those with unusual or outstanding accomplishments or lengthy and dedicated service to Allendale.

Price, Theodore R.

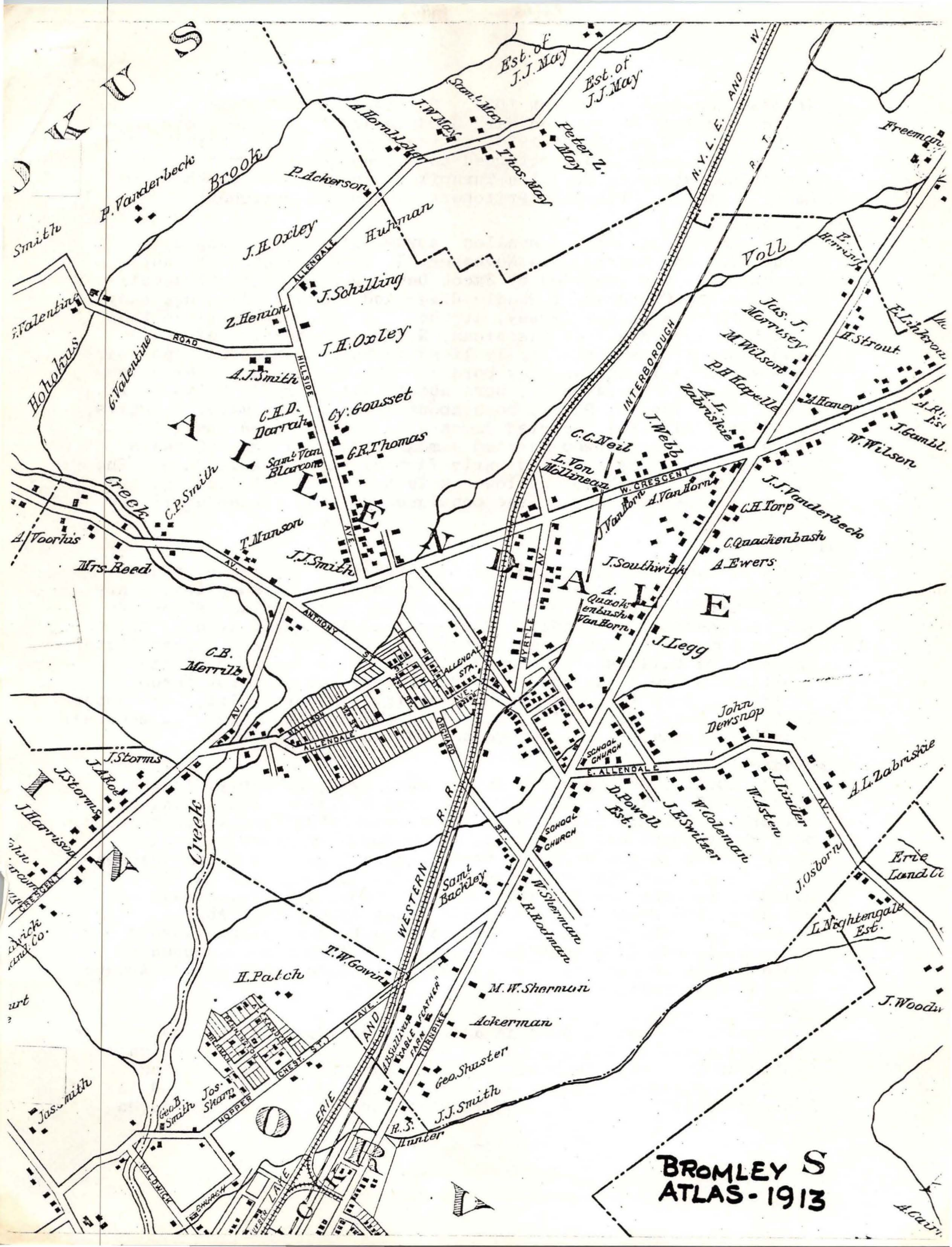
Theodore Price ran a meat market in Allendale in the early 1900's. An account book he kept in 1912 shows the following costs of various meats: one pound of bacon, 22 cents; a 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ -pound ham, \$1.13; a 3-pound pot roast, 45 cents; one pound of frankfurters, 17 cents; a 5-3/4-pound leg of lamb, \$1.15. Theodore Price and his wife, Georgette, had children: four sons--Theodore Price, Frederick Price, George Price, and Wilson Price; and two daughters, one who married Lemuel Webster, and one who married Alfred Croissant.

Pritchett, Samuel M.

Mr. and Mrs. Pritchett first came to Allendale about 1893, staying at The Powell House on East Allendale Avenue. In 1900 they bought the home at 264 Franklin Turnpike from Katherine Harris. Mrs. Pritchett was active as a volunteer worker for the Allendale Library, first as a member of the Allendale Ladies' Village Improvement Association, and later as a member of the Allendale Library Association; she served as treasurer for both groups.

Pritchett, Samuel M., Jr.

The son of Samuel M. and F. McC. Pritchett, he was born



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in 1888 and died in August 1934. He lived in Allendale as a child. In 1916 he married Mary Goodwin and they made their home at Cranford, N.J. About 1930, at the time of his mother's illness and death, they returned to Allendale and lived in the family homestead on Franklin Turnpike. They had children: Dancy Pritchett, Florence Pritchett, and Mason Pritchett.

Pulis, Abraham D.

The name is also found spelled "Abram Pullis." He was born about 1815 and married, on November 14, 1838, Margaret Straut. The marriage was recorded by Jacob Dewy, Pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Churches of Saddle River and Ramapo. Although they were both born in New Jersey, at the time of their marriage they were both listed as "of Masonicus, N.Y." By the time of the 1860 Federal Census the family lived on East Crescent Avenue near the present Allendale-Ramsey border. Abraham was a farmer. They had children: David Pulis, born about 1841; Mary J. Pulis, born about 1843; John J. Pulis, born about 1846; and Margaret A. Pulis, born April 24, 1851 (married James J. Gamble). When their daughter, Margaret (who married James J. Gamble), was 90 years old (in 1941), she recalled early farming days in Allendale. She first "went to market," on lower Main Street in Paterson, at the age of fifteen years, and she continued driving a team until she was 70 years old.

Pulis, John J.

His surname is also found spelled "Pullis." He was born about 1849 and was a blacksmith. He ran his blacksmith shop near Henry and Joseph Mallinson's paint, wheelwright and carriage shops at the intersection of Franklin Turnpike and Allendale Avenue, first on the southeast corner, and later near the northwest corner (later the site of Mallinson's Cider Mill, and today the site of Ames Appliance store.) He and his wife, Ellen, had at least three children: John A. Pulis, born about 1873; Albert Pulis, born about 1875; and Anna Bella Pulis, born 1878 (died at the age of 5 months). John J. Pulis was a Borough Councilman in 1897 and 1898.

Quackenbush, Abraham

Born about 1798, he was a farmer and lived, probably, in the house at 700 Franklin Turnpike. He and his wife, Elizabeth, had children: Corines Quackenbush, born about 1829; Maria Quackenbush, born about 1832; and Rachel Ann Quackenbush, born about 1834. There were probably at least two other children: Abraham Quackenbush, born about 1824 (married Catherine Lozier); and Martin Quackenbush (married Margaret Lozier). Abraham's father was probably also named Abraham, and is most likely the "Abraham Quackenbush" who signed an 1811 petition to discontinue a road through Allendale called "the shunpike." This road was used to avoid having to pay tolls at the Franklin Turnpike-Crescent Avenue intersection tollgate.

Quackenbush, Abraham

Probably the son of Abraham and Elizabeth Quackenbush, he was born about 1824 and died January 10, 1910. He married, on September 29, 1849, Catherine Lozier, daughter of John J. Lozier and Elizabeth Winter. She was born October 4, 1831 and died in January 1904. They lived on Franklin Turnpike and had children:

Elizabeth Quackenbush, born April 3, 1850 (married John Jacob Vanderbeek); Catherine Quackenbush, born October 29, 1853 (married David Henry Valentine); William Quackenbush, born November 22, 1855 (married Mary E. Sturr); Hester R. Quackenbush, born about 1852 (married _____ Coe); Jane Quackenbush, born about 1857; Irene Quackenbush, born about 1858; Louisa Quackenbush, born about 1861; John Quackenbush, born about 1864; Lily Quackenbush, born August 1869; and (probably) Romaine Quackenbush.

Quackenbush, Charles A.

The son of Martin Quackenbush and Margaret Lozier, he was born about 1866 and died March 25, 1940. He lived on Myrtle Avenue and was a painter, decorator, and paper hanger. He married Anna Winters and they had children: Roy Quackenbush; Reginald Quackenbush; and Myrtle Anita Quackenbush (married Everett Zabriskie Dator). Myrtle Avenue was named for Charles and Anna Quackenbush's daughter, Myrtle.

Quackenbush, Corines A.

Probably the son of Abraham A. Quackenbush, he was born between 1820 and 1830 (probably about 1829) and died in September 1900. He married Eliza Hosey, daughter of Francis and Elizabeth Hosey. She was born about 1836. They lived at 754 Franklin Turnpike and had children: Abraham Quackenbush, born about 1857; Francis Quackenbush, born about 1859; Frederick Quackenbush, born about 1864; Kate Quackenbush, born about 1866 (married C. Wesley Smith); John W. Quackenbush, born about 1868; Charles Quackenbush, born about 1877; and Garret Quackenbush, born about 1879 (married Jennie Gamble). Corines A. Quackenbush was a Trustee on the School Board of District No. 55 in April 1889, when the Board was directed by County Superintendent Terhune to divide the district. A few years after the division of the district, it was decided that a new schoolhouse would be built at Waldwick. This decision outraged most of Allendale's citizens, who then formally petitioned the state to form a separate borough, and resulted in the incorporation of the Borough of Allendale in 1894.

Quackenbush, Cornelius H.

The son of Martin Quackenbush and Margaret Lozier, he was born about 1861 and died in September 1929. His first wife, Lottie, died in 1893 and he married, second, Jennie Berdan, daughter of Conover Berdan. She died in December 1903. Cornelius H. Quackenbush served as a councilman on Allendale's first Borough Council in 1894. He had children: Ethel Quackenbush, born August 1897 (married Russell Mallinson); and Arthur Quackenbush. Cornelius H. Quackenbush was also a charter member of the Allendale Fire Association and was Commissioner of Parks for the Borough.

Quackenbush, Garret H.

The son of Corines A. Quackenbush and Eliza Hosey, he was born about 1879 and married, September 10, 1900 at the Archer Methodist Church, Jennie Gamble, daughter of James Gamble. They had a daughter, Katherine Quackenbush (married Wilfred Paulsen). Garret Quackenbush was an underwriter for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. He was active in the Archer Methodist Church and was a charter member of the Allendale Fire Association.

Quackenbush, John M.

The son of Martin Quackenbush and Margaret Lozier, he was born about 1851 and died March 4, 1887. He married, on October 12, 1872, Leah Lavinia Vanderbeek, daughter of John R. Vanderbeek and

Aletty Demarest; she was born March 28, 1856 and died January 11, 1932. John M. Quackenbush, according to the 1880 Federal Census, was a railroad worker. John M. Quackenbush and Leah Lavinia Vanderbeek had children: Martin Quackenbush, born 1873, died April 25, 1875; Minnie Quackenbush, born about 1875; and Walter Quackenbush, born June 16, 1877, died March 15, 1903.

Quackenbush, John Will

Born about 1868, he was the son of Corines A. Quackenbush and Eliza Hosey. He was a block operator for the Erie Railroad Company. He married, on January 10, 1891, Anna Henion (Hennion). They had at least two children: twin daughters, Mazie Quackenbush and Nina Quackenbush, both baptized September 22, 1894 at Archer Methodist Church.

Quackenbush, Martin

Probably the son of Abraham Quackenbush, he was born about 1826 and died between 1903 and August 1906. He married, on July 11, 1846, Margaret Lozier, daughter of John J. Lozier and Elizabeth Winter. She was born April 30, 1829. Martin Quackenbush was a carpenter and farmer; he and his family lived on Myrtle Avenue. They had children: Elizabeth Quackenbush, born about 1847; Ellen J. Quackenbush, born September 26, 1848 (married Andrew Nelson Terhune); John M. Quackenbush, born about 1851 (married Leah Lavinia Vanderbeek); Mary Quackenbush, born about 1853; Martha Quackenbush, born about 1853; Emma Quackenbush, born about 1855; Willetta Quackenbush, born about 1857; Cornelius H. Quackenbush, born about 1860; Ina (or Ida) Quackenbush, born about 1862 (probably married Henry M. Blauvelt); Charles A. Quackenbush, born about 1866 (married Anna Winters); and Carrie Quackenbush, born abt. 1869.

Quackenbush, William

The son of Abraham A. Quackenbush and Catherine Lozier, he was born November 22, 1855 and died October 10, 1911 from a fractured skull resulting from a fall from a ladder. He was a farmer. He married Mary E. Sturr, daughter of John Henry Sturr and Jemima Zabriskie. She was born at Campgaw on August 23, 1860. They had an adopted daughter, Mabel Quackenbush, who married Willard Alling, an early Principal of the Allendale School.

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