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**NEXT MEETING:** Monday, December 6, 1982 at 8:00 p.m. at Borough Hall, West Crescent Avenue, Allendale.

**PROGRAM:** Antique expert Jerry Krawitz will speak on early American glass and silver. Members are invited to bring one article of glass, porcelain or silver to the meeting and Mr. Krawitz will appraise items.

Champagne and cookies will be served.

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"FIRST FAMILIES" OF ALLENDALE...Notes on early residents of Allendale and vicinity  
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*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 lists, 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.*

### Sherwood, Harvey

On March 16, 1868, Harvey Sherwood and his wife Charity M., and Herman Talman and his wife, Marie, bought from John A. Garrison and his wife Dolly, a tract of land along both sides of what is today Park Avenue, from First Street to New Street. They divided the tract into plots, and sold lots in what might be called Allendale's first development, which included a plot set aside for park purposes (today's Memorial Park). They also built, on land near the railroad station, a hotel, The Allendale House, which opened with a grand party (including two bands and 75 couples) in October 1870.

### Simon, Charles F.

Born in Germany in 1840, Charles F. Simon died October 24, 1924. He had been a dispatch bearer for Col. Reno at the Battle



of the Little Big Horn where Custer made his last stand, according to an item in The Bergen County Democrat of July 30, 1897. He had enlisted in 1871 in the 7th U.S. Cavalry and was honorably discharged in 1875.

Simpson, James E.

Born at Sussex, N.J. on November 10, 1848, he ran a butcher business in Allendale in the Guatelli building, following Hopper Yeomans, an earlier Allendale butcher. He and his wife had a son, Herbert, who succeeded him in business. James E. Simpson died in February 1937.

Slingland, J. J.

J. J. Slingland was the proprietor of the Allendale Dairy Co. An advertisement from The Allendale Methodist Herald in August 1904 invited: "Try our milk and cream. Strictly Pure. Delivered to any part of Allendale or Waldwick."

Smith Family

Compiler's note: the Smith family that settled in northern New Jersey and southeastern New York is, to say the least, very confusing to the historian of today trying to sort out who was who. Many families have traditional or "pet" given names that are found over and over again in family records, but the Smith family in this area seems to have carried the practice of assigning the same name to numerous relatives of the same generation to its highest and most confusing pinnacle! Many individuals with common names were living in this area at given time periods, and it is often difficult and sometimes impossible to differentiate persons named in records one and two centuries old. It is with some apprehension that the following accounts of Allendale-vicinity Smiths are given.

Smith, Albert

Albert Smith and his wife, Susanna, had children baptized at Paramus: Gerrit Smith, b. March 11, 1786; Albert Smith, b. March 15, 1788; and Jacobus Smith, b. July 24, 1795. There probably were other children, including (possibly) John A. Smith, b. about Nov. 1783 (m. Abigail Van Blarcom); and Jacob A. Smith, b. 1792 (m. Margaret Van Blarcom).

Smith, Albert G.

Born about 1778, he died in 1868. He lived in the Allendale area, possibly in or near Wyckoff or Fardale. He married Hopper and their children included: Cornelius A. Smith; John A. Smith; and Garret A. Smith, b. 1820 (m. Eliza Lake).

Smith, Albert A.

Probably the son of Albert Smith and his wife Susanna, Albert A. Smith was born March 15, 1788, was baptized April 20, 1788 at Paramus, and died in 1863. His will, dated Oct. 8, 1862, mentions his wife, Hannah, and sons John, Garret, and Cornelius. Census records indicate that there was also at least one daughter. He and his family were living in Allendale in the early 1800s; he signed Bergen County Road Return E-193, dated June 30, 1827 applying for the establishment of a public road in Franklin Township, apparently the easterly continuation of today's Brookside Avenue from its intersection with Crescent Avenue to the line of Albert Garrison.

Smith, Albert

Born October 9, 1806, he died March 27, 1889. He married, in



1836, Mary Vanderbeek Mickler, and they had a daughter, Susan Ann Smith, b. September 25, 1836 (m. Samuel Coe).

Smith, Albert G.

Born about 1845, he was living in the Allendale area at the time of the 1870 Federal census, with his wife, Martha, and their daughter, Carrie, born about 1868.

Smith, Albert J.

The son of Jacob A. Smith and Margaret Van Blarcom, he was born December 28, 1836. He married Margaret \_\_\_\_\_, and they had at least one child: Margaret Smith, born about 1855.

Smith, Albert J.

The son of John Smith and Eliza Agnes \_\_\_\_\_, he was born about 1846 and died in May 1924 at his home on Forest Road.

Smith, Charles F.

Born in March 1880 in West Hoboken (now Union City), Charles F. Smith moved to Allendale in 1907 and served the borough over a period of years as councilman, tax assessor, tax collector, borough clerk, as an exempt fireman, and he served on the Board of Education and the Board of Health. He was a sugar broker in New York City and also sat on the Board of Trustees of the Allendale Building and Loan Association. He married (1) Elizabeth Allen, who died in 1938. He married (2) Frances Heath. He and his first wife had two children: Allen E. Smith, and Elizabeth Smith (m. Charles S. Mullenbach).

Smith, Christopher P.

In 1896, when Christopher P. Smith was county superintendent of Hudson County, he brought his family from Jersey City to summer at Allendale. His son, Christopher J. Smith, bought the former Jacob Smith house on Brookside Avenue in 1902, and came to live in Allendale, later serving as an Allendale councilman. Christopher J. Smith formed a real estate and insurance business in partnership with Henry Ryerson in 1917, and in 1927, in partnership with Stephen Van Houten, developed the former Mallinson's pond into Crestwood Lake.

Smith, Daniel Aborn

Born in Pawtucket, R.I. and raised in Perry Mills, Georgia, he visited Allendale in 1873 for a summer vacation and became interested and involved in the newly forming Union Sunday School, the forerunner of what is today the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany. He became a licensed lay-reader and commuted each week from New York City to spend Saturdays on parochial calling and Sundays on church services. In 1887, he moved his family to Allendale to better serve the "Hope Chapel." When the little church grew large enough that an ordained clergyman was put in charge, Mr. Smith continued to supervise the material affairs and finances of the church. Daniel Aborn Smith died in December 1902.

Smith, Garret A.

Probably the son of Albert Smith and his wife, Susanna, Garret A. Smith was born about 1790. He married, on June 18, 1808, at Paramus, Rachel Hopper, daughter of John D. Hopper and Maria Westervelt. They had at least one child: Mary Ann Smith, b. about 1820 (m. \_\_\_\_\_ Valentine).

Smith, Garret A.

The son of Albert G. Smith and \_\_\_\_\_ Hopper, he was born in



1820 and married on September 25, 1841, Eliza Ann (or Eliza Jane) Lake, daughter of Abraham Lake and Margaret Van Sise. He was a millwright, farmer, and carpenter, and he lived in the Forest Road-Hillside Avenue area of Allendale. Garret A. Smith and his wife, Eliza Lake, had children: Albert G. Smith, b. about 1845 (who lived in Campgaw and was a Justice of the Peace); Abraham L. Smith, b. about 1848 (who was living in Paterson in 1898); Margaret E. Smith, b. about 1850; Edward V. H. Smith, b. about 1857; Garret G. Smith, b. about 1860 (m. Matilda Blauvelt); Maria Jane Smith, b. about 1862 (m. Daniel Van Blarcom); Charity L. Smith, b. about 1865 (m. M. E. Seigler); and Rosa M. Smith, b. May 5, 1869 (m. A. W. Parsons).

Smith, Garret G.

The son of Garret A. Smith and Eliza Ann Lake, he was born in 1860 and married Matilda Blauvelt, the daughter of Abram A. Blauvelt (who was deputy sheriff of Bergen County for many years). Garret G. Smith was educated in the State Normal School and by 1894 he had formed a partnership with Martin L. Hennion and had opened a grocery store in Allendale, in which J. M. Christopher worked as a clerk. The partnership dissolved in 1896 and Smith formed a new partnership with Christopher, running the store as "Smith and Christopher's."

Garret G. Smith served the borough in various capacities, including terms as borough clerk, borough collector, and as a member of both the Board of Education and of the Board of Health.

Smith, Harmen

Harmen Smith and his wife Jane (or Jenny), were by 1835 living in the "toll gate house" on the south corner of the intersection of today's Crescent Avenue and Franklin Turnpike. They had at least two children, both baptized at the Paramus Reformed Dutch Church: Charles Smith, born October 18, 1819, and Harmen Smith, born December 1, 1823. Harmen's wife, Jane, died in October 1841.

Smith, Jacob A.

Probably the son of Albert Smith and Susanna \_\_\_\_\_, Jacob A. Smith was born November 13, 1792 and died May 25, 1870. He married Margaret Van Blarcom, the daughter of John Van Blarcom and Elizabeth Mickler. She had been born October 31, 1796 and she died November 24, 1872. They lived in the Brookside Avenue area of Allendale, probably near the site of the house today standing at 350 Brookside Avenue. They had children: Susan Smith, b. January 2, 1819 (m. Cornelius G. Van Dien); Eliza Smith, b. October 23, 1820 (m. John Van Blarcom); Mary Smith, b. Feb. 28, 1822 (m. \_\_\_\_\_ Bamber); John Smith, b. May 10, 1824; Rachel Anna Smith, b. March 11, 1829 (m. Daniel Yeomans); Jacob Smith, b. January 15, 1831; a child of unknown name who was born between 1832 and 1835 and died May 20, 1835; Albert James Smith, b. December 28, 1836; and Cornelius J. Smith, b. Feb. 26, 1839 (m. Margaret Ann Young).

Smith, Jacob J.

The son of Jacob A. Smith and Margaret Van Blarcom, he was born January 15, 1831 and baptized at Paramus Church. He married Jemima \_\_\_\_\_. They lived in a home near the house today standing at 350 Brookside Avenue. Jacob J. Smith was a farmer and a miller. He and his wife Jemima had children: John J. Smith, b. about 1864; Mary Smith, b. about 1866; Rachel Smith, b. about



1868 (m. \_\_\_\_\_ Snyder); and Margaret Smith, b. about 1870-71 (m. George Terwilliger).

Smith, John

Born about 1771, he was living in the Allendale area by 1827, when he signed an application for the continuation of present-day Brookside Avenue easterly from its Crescent Avenue intersection. He was a miller and his mills are mentioned in both the 1827 application and in a deed dated September 7, 1840 conveying property from William and Leah Shannon to Isaac I. Storms and Martin C. Blauvelt. The mills apparently stood on or near the site of what became Lake San Jacinto.

Smith, John A.

Probably the son of Albert Smith and his wife, Susanna, John A. Smith was born about November 1783 and died March 7, 1848; he is buried in the Union Cemetery at Waldwick. He married Abigail Van Blarcom, daughter of John Van Blarcom and Rebecca Tebow. They had children: Albert Smith, b. October 9, 1806 (m. Mary Vanderbeek Mickler); Rebecca Smith, b. June 3, 1808 (m. Lewis Van Blarcom); Susan Smith, b. February 15, 1818; and Anna Maria Smith, b. August 7, 1823.

Smith, John

Born about 1815, he married, on October 31, 1835, Agnes (or Eliza Agnes) \_\_\_\_\_. They had children: Mary Ann Smith, b. about 1837 in Allendale (m. (1) James Westervelt; m. (2) Joseph Mallinson); Elizabeth Smith, b. about 1839; Catherine Smith, b. about 1841; Rachel Smith, b. about 1843; Albert J. Smith, b. about 1846; and Margaret Smith, b. about 1848 (m. \_\_\_\_\_ Storms).

Smith, John

He married Margaret Pulis and had a daughter, Rachel Ann Smith, born March 23, 1861 in Allendale (m. 1877 Richard Vanderbeek Valentine).

Southwick, James Morton

The son of James Reynolds Southwick and Martha Partridge, he was born in New York City July 15, 1860 and died May 7, 1943. He was the nephew of Dr. William G. T. Morton, the discoverer of ether as an anesthetic. In his youth, he worked for his father in the wholesale butter, cheese, and egg business, and later worked in Mahwah for the American Brake Shoe and Foundry Company. In 1890 he married Frances M. (Fannie) Rowland. He was a borough councilman and County Committeeman. About 1890, 13 oil street lamps were installed along West Allendale Avenue by the Village Improvement Association and J. Morton Southwick was hired as lamplighter. One of his favorite stories in years to come was his threat, at one point, to confiscate all of the lamps if the Association did not pay him back wages owed to him for some time.

Southwick, James Reynolds

Born about 1828-30, he married Martha Partridge and about 1867-68 he had the house at 144 East Allendale Avenue built and moved his family to Allendale. He was in the wholesale butter, cheese, and egg business in New York City. James R. and Martha Southwick had children: Harriet Needham (Hattie) Southwick, b. about 1857, d. March 24, 1889 (m. Samuel C. Beckley); James Morton Southwick, b. 1860; Mary R. Southwick, b. about 1862; Jennie Southwick, b. about 1865 (who ran a private school in Allendale in 1910); Ida M. Southwick, b. about 1869.



Steele, Ernest Roswell

The son of Joseph M. Steele and Ella Roswell, he was born in 1876 in New York City and died in April 1931. He was a charter member of the Allendale Fire Association and served as assistant chief of the Fire Department for a number of years.

Steele, Joseph M.

The son of Moses Steele and Elizabeth Arnot, Joseph M. Steele married, in October 1875, Ella Roswell, daughter of Smith Roswell and Ellen McKinsey Bull. They had a son, Ernest Roswell Steele, b. 1876.

Steele, R. Walter

A charter member of the Allendale Fire Association, he was Allendale's first Fire Chief. He served as vice president of the Allendale Rod and Gun Club in 1917. Walter Steele married Ella Morgan and they had children: Roland Steele, b. about 1905, d. January 2, 1976; Robert Steele; Grace Steele; and Becky Steele.

Sterling, George Curtis

George C. Sterling began bringing his family to summer in Allendale about 1880, finally building a permanent home here in 1887. The family probably learned about Allendale from Mrs. Sterling's aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. P. Archer. "Squire" Sterling, reported The Bergen County Democrat in 1887, had a model "chicken factory" in Allendale. The Sterling children probably included Charley Sterling, Emily Sterling, Hattie Sterling, and Mamie Sterling, all of whom attended the Allendale school in 1884.

Stocker, Charles Wesley

Charles W. Stocker was elected Commissioner of Appeals at the borough's first election held in Dec. 1894 and was later appointed Borough Recorder in 1899. He also served on Allendale's Board of Education. He married Josephine \_\_\_\_\_ and they had children: May Alida Stocker, b. 1886 in Brooklyn (m. William H. Ackerman); Rita L. Stocker; and Morgan R. Stocker.

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ALLENDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT...RECORDS OF EARLY CALLS TO FIRES (ABSTRACTED)

(continued from the September 1982 issue)

March 19, 1918--Alarm 1-4, Allendale; brush fire, Ware's; left 12:00, returned 1:00 p.m. Used auto, Ackerman driving.

March 19, 1918--Alarm 1-4, Allendale; brush fire, Kornhoff & Nadler's; left 10:30 a.m., returned 10:50 a.m. Used auto, Kornhoff driving.

March 23, 1918--Alarm 1-4, Allendale; Clark's, roof fire; left 10:30 a.m., returned 11:00 a.m. Used auto, Ackerman driving.

March 24, 1918--Alarm 2-6, Allendale; back of Hamilton's, brush fire; left 6:45 p.m., returned 7:30 p.m. Used auto, Kornhoff driving.

March 30, 1918--Alarm 1-7, Allendale; Talman, brush fire; left 4:35, returned 5:15. Used auto, Chief Braun driving.

April 1, 1918--Alarm 1-5, Allendale; Nadler & Kornhoff, brush fire; left 3:00 p.m., returned 3:30 p.m. Used auto, Ackerman driving.

April 9, 1918--Alarm 1-4, Waldwick; Gang House, Erie R.R., total loss; left 10:45 p.m., returned 11:45 p.m. Telephone call. Used auto, Ackerman driving.



April 27, 1918--Alarm 1-4, telephone call, Allendale; brush fire, Lutz & Yeomans; left 3:45 p.m., returned 5:40 p.m. Used auto, Kornhoff driving.

August 2, 1918--Alarm 1-4, Allendale; property of J. Yeoman, rented by Geo. Van Riper, S. Simon. Left 6:22 a.m., returned 7:35 a.m. Used auto, used truck; John Ackerman and John Mowerson, drivers.

BOOK TWO

December 20, 1918--Still alarm; Chimney fire, Hutches; used hook & ladder truck; Megnin driving. Left 8:25 p.m., returned 9:40 p.m.

January 21, 1919--Pittis, house fire (old barn); used hose truck, Ackerman driving; used hook and ladder truck, J. Mowerson driving. Left 2:25 a.m., returned 4:30 a.m.

January 30, 1919--Alarm 1-5; House fire (oil stove), small loss, Klimicks; used hose truck, Ackerman driving; used hook and ladder truck, J. Mowerson driving. Left 6:55 p.m., returned 7:20 p.m.

January 31, 1919--Alarm 1-4, house fire (old stove), total loss, Pittis; used hose truck, Kornhoff driving. Left 2:30 a.m., returned 3:15 a.m.

February 1, 1919--Alarm 1-4; brush fire, Sullivan's; used hose truck, Ackerman driving. Left 3:10 p.m., returned 4:15 p.m.

February 2, 1919--Still alarm; brush fire, Megnin's; used hose truck, Simpson driving. Left 2:30, returned 3:00.

February 3, 1919--Brush fire, Ware's; used hose truck, Braun driving. Left 3:10 p.m., returned 3:50 p.m.

March 12, 1919--Alarm 1-4; brush fire, Alling's; used hose truck, Ackerman driving. Left 12:35 a.m., returned 1:30 a.m.

April 4, 1919--Alarm 1-4; brush fire, Yeoman's; used hose truck, Ackerman driving. Left 3:30 p.m., returned 4:00 p.m.

April 7, 1919--Alarm 1-5; chimney fire, Travis; used hose truck, Ackerman driving. Left 12:00 noon, returned 12:30 p.m.

April 23, 1919--Alarm 3-6; roof fire, Zabriskie; used hose truck, Megnin driving. Left 8:15 a.m., returned 8:38 a.m.

April 27, 1919--Still alarm; brush fire, Talmans; Used hose truck, G. Megnin driving. Left 3:45 p.m., returned 4:30 p.m.

May 3, 1919--Still alarm; brush fire, George's. Left fire house 9:30 p.m., returned 10:00 p.m.

July 27, 1919--Alarm 1-4, Saddle River; Oil house, Eckert; used hose truck, G. Megnin driving. Left 1:30 a.m., returned 4:00 a.m.

November 20, 1919--Alarm 1-4, telephone call; garage, Darrow, \$100 damage; used hose truck, G. Megnin driving; used hook and ladder truck, Kornhoff driving. Left 11:45 p.m., returned 1:15 a.m.

February 17, 1920--Alarm 1-4, telephone call; chimney fire, Washburne, no damage; used fire sleigh and Ackerman's horses; used fire truck, G. Megnin driving. Left 8:00 a.m., returned 8:45 a.m.



