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NEXT MEETING: Monday, October 3, 1983 at 8:00 p.m. at Borough Hall, West Crescent Avenue, Allendale.

PROGRAM: A speaker will present slides from the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program, with commentary personalized for our locality. In addition, background will be given for a probable Green Acres bond referendum in November.

SOCIETY NEWS: We regret that the Society's Librarian, Dawn Dugas, has had to resign her position. Dawn is moving to South Carolina. She has been a great help to us, and she will be sorely missed. We wish her well in her new home.

Paulette From has volunteered to be our new publicity chairman, and we are most appreciative of her interest and help.

Several times in the past Society members who once lived in Allendale and who now live in other parts of the country have expressed interest in knowing who and where similar Society members are. One of our members, Helyn W. (Mrs. C. Kirn) Meyer (Tiny Anthony Meyer) of Longboat Key, Florida, has suggested that we publish some information about members of the Society. She has suggested a questionnaire for members to complete and return. We think it's a wonderful idea, and so you will find such a questionnaire attached to this newsletter. Of course, completing and returning it is completely optional, but we'd love to hear from you! Notes from information received will be published in future newsletters, and who knows--you may open up lines of communication with fondly remembered friends and neighbors with whom you've been out of touch for years!

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CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

From William R. Taylor of Old Lyme, CT: "A slight correction to the biography of my father, Joseph B. Taylor. His father's name was Edwin Stoddart Taylor, not Stoddart Taylor. For your files--he bought his home on Franklin Turnpike from Robert Cable in March 1912. He added to it about 1917. He was on the school board in Allendale and I believe he was a councilman. Keep up the good work, and it must be a lot of work. It is so well researched and presented. Thank you."

From Marion Fisher Wagner of Yardley, PA: "It was very interesting to read that a new member was Mr. Edward Etesse of Peru, N.Y. It did stir memories--"

Gertrude Robinson Etesse taught 8th grade. I wonder if this is her husband. She was a great teacher."

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"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 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.

Valentine, Jacob

He married, on May 1, 1760 at Schraalenburgh, Margrietje Banta, the daughter of Wiert Banta and Geertruyd Van Boskerck. She had been born Jan. 23, 1743. He is probably the Jacob Valentine listed in the 1779 and 1780 Franklin Township Rateables, and he probably lived in the Ramsey-Allendale vicinity.

Jacob and Margrietje had children: Jacob Valentine, b. Feb. 15, 1761; Geertruy Valentine, b. Feb. 27, 1763; Wiert Valentine, b. Jan. 31, 1765; Hendrick Valentine, b. Dec. 24, 1766; David Valentine, b. Nov. 27, 1768; Margaret Valentine, b. Jan. 31, 1771; John Valentine, b. March 28, 1773; Maria Valentine, b. Feb. 16, 1777; Elizabeth Valentine, bapt. Sept. 19, 1779, Paramus; Abraham Valentine, bapt. Nov. 1, 1781, Paramus; and Hantice Valentine, bapt. Feb. 19, 1775.

Valentine, John D.

The son of David Valentine and his wife, Rachel, John D. Valentine was born Feb. 10, 1799 and was baptized April 14, 1799 at Paramus. He married, on November 16, 1833 at Oakland, Abigail Vanderbeek, daughter of Richard J. Vanderbeek and Margaret Goetschius. She had been born on June 9, 1815 at Fardale.

They had children: Rachel Jane Valentine, b. July 23, 1838, m. (1) _____ Ackerman, m. (2) Henry Herring; Margaret Catherine Valentine, b. Apr. 6, 1841, m. Nov. 18, 1871, James Henry Pulis; John Jacob Valentine, b. May 28, 1846, m. (1) Cecelia Coe, m. (2) Harriet Demund; Richard Vanderbeek Valentine, b. March 23, 1850, m. Rachel Ann Smith; David Henry Valentine, b. June 30, 1852, m. Catherine Quackenbush; Elizabeth E. Valentine, b. Aug. 6, 1854, m. Stephen G. Lawrence; William Nelson Valentine, b. Sept. 23, 1857, m. Mary Winter; and Jemima Valentine, b. April 1860, died young.

John D. Valentine died Dec. 23, 1878 at Ramsey. His wife, Abigail Vanderbeek, died Nov. 17, 1905. They are both buried in Union Cemetery, Ramsey.

Valentine, Richard Vanderbeek

The son of John D. Valentine and Abigail Vanderbeek, he was born March 23, 1850 at Darlington. He married, on July 7, 1877 at Paterson, Rachel Ann Smith, the daughter of John Smith and

Margaret Pulis. She had been born in Allendale on March 23, 1861.

They had children: Margaret Catherine Valentine, b. July 9, 1878, m. William Oscar King; and Elizabeth Emily Valentine, b. March 9, 1882, m. Frederick William Gertzen.

Richard Vanderbeek Valentine died October 17, 1929 and his wife, Rachel Ann Smith, died December 9, 1929.

Valentine, Wiert

Probably the son of Jacob Valentine and Margrietje Banta, he was born Jan. 31, 1765, and married Metje _____. Her surname was probably Meyer, and she was most likely the daughter of Cornelius M. Meyer and Ariantje Folk, bapt. Nov. 5, 1767 at Paramus.

Their children were: Margrietje Valentine, bapt. 1792 Paramus; Maria Valentine, bapt. Aug. 24, 1794 Paramus; and Sara Valentine, bapt. June 17, 1787 Paramus.

Van Blarcom, Daniel

The son of John L. Van Blarcom and Hester Winters, he was born Sept. 18, 1857 and died June 17, 1942. He married, February 16, 1881, Maria Jane Smith, daughter of Garret A. Smith and Eliza Jane (Eliza Ann?) Lake. She had been born about 1862. Both Daniel Van Blarcom and his wife, Maria Jane Smith, had been born in Allendale.

They lived in the house at 117 Hillside Avenue which was very old and had been in the Smith family for many years.

Maria Jane Smith Van Blarcom was familiarly known to Allendale residents as "Aunt Jane." She died in May 1952.

Van Blarcom, James L.

James L. Van Blarcom, the son of Lewis Van Blarcom, was born about 1834. He lived all his life in Allendale, and died there May 1, 1914.

He married (1) on April 16, 1859, Mary Elizabeth Vanderbeek, daughter of John R. Vanderbeek and Aletta Demarest. They had children: Rebecca Ann Van Blarcom, b. June 27, 1863, m. Garret I. Van Houten; John I. Van Blarcom, b. Feb. 10, 1866, m. Lydia Jane Thomas; Aletta ("Lettie") Van Blarcom, b. Oct. 27, 1870, m. Garret Vandenburg; and Emma Louise Van Blarcom, b. Aug. 28, 1872, m. Edward Shuart.

Mary Elizabeth Vanderbeek Van Blarcom died August 11, 1875, aged 33 years, and James L. Van Blarcom married (2) Leah Margaret Winters. They had children: Frank Van Blarcom, d. 1934; Jacob H. Van Blarcom, b. April 1880; and Lewis Van Blarcom.

Leah Margaret Winters Van Blarcom died July 9, 1936 in Paterson, aged 81 years.

Van Blarcom, Johannes

The son of Johannes Hanse Van Blarcom, he was born near Hackensack and probably lived in the Wyckoff-Allendale vicinity. His will, dated Nov. 25, 1772 (proved March 12, 1773) mentioned his son John and "the improvement where he dwells, at the Cranberry Vley, and a bond of £ 40 of Eghbert Van Zeyl." At least part of this property probably lay within present day Allendale boundaries, near the Wyckoff line.

Johannes married (1) March 31, 1716, Hackensack, Jannetje Van Zeyl, daughter of Egbert Stevense Van Seyl and Annatje Dutouit. She had been baptized April 17, 1692 in New York City. They had children: Martha Van Blarcom, bapt. Feb. 24, 1717; Jannetje Van Blarcom, bapt. May 20, 1722; Elizabeth Van Blarcom, bapt.

March 21, 1725; Rachel Van Blarcom, bapt. Apr. 21, 1728; Isaac Van Blarcom, bapt. May 9, 1736; and Annatje Van Blarcom, bapt. Feb. 13, 1742 Paramus.

Johannes Van Blarcom married (2) Marytje _____ and they had two sons: John Van Blarcom, b. July 7, 1751; and Peter Van Blarcom, bapt. March 30, 1754.

In 1755, Johannes placed the following notice in the newspapers: "Whereas Merity Van Blarikom, wife of me, Johanes Van Blarikom, in the County of Bergen, East New Jersey, hath absconded herself from me, her Husband, this 2nd day of July, in the year 1755. These are therefore to forewarn all Merchants and Tradesmen, either in the City or Country, not to trust her, the said Merity on my Account, for I will pay no debts contracted by her from this Date." Presumably this rift in their relationship was overcome and repaired, for he provided for her in his will, dated 1772.

Van Blarcom, John

The son of Johannes Van Blarcom and Marytje _____, he was born July 7, 1751 and was baptized at Paramus. He died March 31, 1829 and is buried in the Reformed Churchyard, Wyckoff.

He married Rebecca Debow (or Tebow), daughter of Ryer Debow and Abigail DeBaun. She had been baptized July 10, 1750, Paramus, and she died May 10, 1822 and is buried in the Reformed Churchyard, Wyckoff.

They had children: John Van Blarcom, b. July 9, 1771, m. Elizabeth Mickler; Ryer Van Blarcom, b. Jan. 29, 1773, m. Maria Smith; Peter J. Van Blarcom, b. Jan. 19, 1774, m. (1) Abigail Bush, m. (2) the widow Martha (Pulis) Winter; James Van Blarcom, b. July 19, 1779, m. Sarah Bertholf; Albert Van Blarcom, bapt. Nov. 10, 1781, m. Eva Sloat; Maria Van Blarcom, bapt. Feb. 16, 1783, m. (1) Samuel Forshay, m. (2) Daniel Yeomans; Abigail Van Blarcom, b. Sept. 15, 1786, m. John A. Smith; and Ann Van Blarcom, b. March 2, 1789, m. John Terwillegar.

John Van Blarcom served as a Private during the Revolution. He and his family lived in the vicinity of the Waldwick-Allendale-Wyckoff borders on property mentioned in his father's (Johannes Van Blarcom) will dated 1772, referring to his son John and "the improvement where he dwells, at the Cranberry Vley." John Van Blarcom's will, dated May 23, 1827, established the right-of-way roadway known as "Van Blarcom's Lane" leading from Brookside Avenue to Van Blarcom property partly in Wyckoff, partly in Allendale; the Allendale portion in the area now encompassed by Butternut and Beechwood Roads off Schuyler Road.

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NOTES ON ROADS AND STREETS IN ALLENDALE BOROUGH

compiled by Pat Wardell

Allendale Avenue

Circa 1870, part of what is today known as Park Avenue, was called "Allendale Avenue" (in a contemporary description of Allendale that appeared in The Paterson Daily Guardian, March 30, 1870).

The Walker's Atlas Map of 1876 also shows what is today Park Avenue as "Allendale Avenue."

See also: East Allendale Avenue and West Allendale Avenue

Anthony Street

"Anthony Street" is also mentioned in the description of Allendale published in The Paterson Daily Guardian of March 30, 1870. According to the writer (not credited, but probably Alfred P. Smith), "...casting your eye in a South Westernly direction [from the railroad depot] it falls upon the residence of one of its active and energetic class of citizens, D. Anthony, Esq., before whose indomitable will and go-aheadativeness, forrests are felled, and barren places made glad. When a place has amongst its denizens a liberal and clear-headed person, whose views are not contracted or purse either, then you can make up your mind there will grow a village. Mr. Anthony has an estate here which when he took hold, was overgrown with brambles, underwood, &c. and needed cultivation. He set to work, tore down and built up, and now he has a farm that shows that the voice of the sluggard is a stranger. Streets are being laid out, new roads are in project, and the face of the whole section begins to look as if the foundation of a town was being laid. In addition to many magnificent acts, Mr. Anthony offers to lay out 2 streets 80 feet in width over his property, fence the way, and work the road, if the other parties agree to do likewise. About 100 acres are in the market-- and about 120 lots are laid out, valued from \$100 to \$50 per lot according to size. A prominent street is Anthony, leading from the depot to Wyckoff...."

Anthony Street was what we know today as Brookside Avenue, at least that part of it from its intersection with today's Park Avenue to its intersection with today's Crescent Avenue, and probably, at least for a time, the section west of Crescent Avenue, leading toward Wyckoff. Anthony Street is shown on the 1876 Walker's Atlas Map.

Brookside Avenue

Known, circa 1870, as "Anthony Street," the section from Park Avenue to Crescent Avenue was renamed in February 1892. An article in The Hackensack Republican, February 11, 1892, reported, "The Improvement Association has recently named the streets....The new street from Park avenue to Lydecker's mill is Brook street..."

It is not known exactly when "Brook street" changed to "Brookside Avenue."

Cottage Place

In February 1892, The Allendale Improvement Association named this street: "...From Powell's to the Epiphany Chapel is Chapel Place..." obviously named from the old Episcopal Chapel that stood near the corner of Cottage Place and Franklin Turnpike until it was moved to the corner of Franklin Turnpike and East Orchard Street (today's Presbyterian Church).

Shortly after being named by the Improvement Association, and after the chapel was moved, the street became known as "Cottage Place." This name evolved because of the "cottages" O.H.P. Archer had built on the street, according to Ella Appert in an interview in July 1974. The houses were built as homes for workers employed by Archer. Two of the "cottages" still exist on the southwest corner of Cottage Place and Franklin Turnpike.

Dale Avenue

It is not known how this street was named, but it was so called by August 5, 1920, when Herbert Winter wrote in his diary: "Charles Finch started to build houses on Dale Avenue."

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ALLENDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT...RECORDS OF EARLY CALLS TO FIRES (ABSTRACTED)
(continued from the April 1983 issue)

March 13, 1925--10:45 a.m.-10:50 a.m.; W. Allendale Ave., Field, W. Mallinson, owner.

March 13, 1925--5:50 a.m.-6:30 a.m.; W. Allendale Ave., Store, groceries, T. Biggerman, owner, occupant-S. Mascari; loss on buildings-1500; value of contents 1500, loss on contents, 500.

March 19, 1925--3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.; Turnpike, brush, barn, M. E. Higgins, owner & occupant; cause--sparks from RR; loss on bldg., 100.

March 21, 1925--4:15 p.m.-5:15 p.m.; Crescent Ave., brush--chicken coop, Farley, owner & accupant; cause--rubbish fire; loss on bldg., 50.

March 21, 1925--11:30 a.m.-11:50 a.m., Kemp's, Turnpike; brush; Kemp, owner; cause--rubbish fire.

March 23, 1925--12 noon-2:30 p.m.; Brookside Avenue; House, residence: DeMauriac, owner; Johnson, occupant; cause--faulty chimney; loss on bldgs 1500; value of contents, 1000, loss on contents, 100; call for assistance by Wyckoff Chief.

March 25, 1925--4:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.; Turnpike, brush; Williams, owner: cause--burning grass.

March 25, 1925--6:30 p.m.-7:15 p.m.; Turnpike; House, residence, Rose, owner & occupant; loss on bldgs, 550., loss on contents 100; call for assistance by Waldwick.

April 27, 1925--10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.; Crescent Ave; brush; Hutches, owner of bldg.

April 29, 1925--3:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.; Myrtle Ave.; brush; Tallman, owner.

May 21, 1925--3:30 p.m.-4:15 p.m.; Turnpike; brush; Taylors, owner; cause--Trolley.

June 10, 1925--7:00 p.m.-7:45 p.m.; Waldwick Coal and Lumber Co.; bldg-storehouse; Waldwick Coal & Lumber Co., owner; cause--faulty wiring; called by Waldwick Dept.
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We welcome the following new members to the Allendale Historical Society:

Ann Christopher, Allendale, N.J.	Nadine Fugate, Phoenix, Arizona
Mr. & Mrs. W. J. Anderson, Jr. Cherry Valley, N.Y.	Mr. & Mrs. Kunic, Allendale, N.J.

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ALLENDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

We invite all members, near and far, to fill out pertinent sections of this questionnaire and return it to us: The Allendale Historical Society, P.O. Box 294, Allendale, N.J. 07401.

Information from returned questionnaires will be compiled and will appear in future Society newsletters. We'd love to hear from you!

"HISTORY OF MEMBERS" SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE

HUSBAND'S NAME _____

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME _____

PRESENT ADDRESS _____

Do you want your current full address printed in the newsletter to enable friends and former neighbors to contact you? _____

FORMER ALLENDALE ADDRESS _____

WHEN DID YOU LIVE IN ALLENDALE? _____

CHILDREN _____

GRANDCHILDREN _____

YOUR OCCUPATION _____

MEMORIES OF ALLENDALE--PLACES, EVENTS, PEOPLE, ETC. _____

Please feel free to use the reverse of this sheet, or additional sheets to give further information about yourself and/or your family, memories of Allendale, and additional remarks and comments.

