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NEXT MEETING: Monday, December 3, 1984 at 8:00 p.m. at Borough Hall, West Crescent Avenue, Allendale.

PROGRAM: Jerry Krawitz, auctioneer, will be our guest speaker. Everyone is invited to bring one article of glass, porcelain, pictures, or anything they would like appraised. Following the program we will have our annual Christmas party.

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR: Thank you all for helping to make the surprise wine and cheese celebration at the October meeting so very special for me. The surprise was wonderful, the gift (a beautiful silver leaf-shaped pin) was lovely, but the best part of all was seeing so many good friends and hearing from others too far away to attend. It was a very special night for me and one I'll always remember! Thank you all for sharing in a very happy evening! ----Pat Wardell

NEWS AND VIEWS: All those members present at the October meeting so much enjoyed looking at the wonderful collection of items that Mrs. Kim Meyer (formerly Tiny Anthony) sent to the Society! We are most grateful to receive them, and we've decided to try to print a few items in each of the next newsletters, so that our many members who live so far away and never are able to attend meetings can also enjoy the photographs, graduation programs, booklets, etc. Mrs. Meyer sent. In this newsletter, we are reprinting a rare little book published privately by Godfrey Pittis in 1907 to celebrate the 35th anniversary of the Chapel of the Epiphany. Along with it, we are printing some photographs of the church, dating from the early part of the century. We hope you enjoy them. And our grateful thanks, again, to Mrs. Meyer, for sharing them with us.

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History of the Chapel of the Epiphany, Allendale, N.J. For Thirty Five Years, 1872 to 1907.

Preface. To My Readers--In compiling this little volume to celebrate the thirty-fifth anniversary of the Mission of the Epiphany, I have endeavored to state briefly true historical facts.

As every one who treads this earthly desert leaves his footprints in the sand, I have tried to leave a dim and imperfect footprint for those who will be seeking more knowledge along this line.





Old Chapel building, c. 1904

To those whose hearts and hands have plant-  
ed us the root  
To them belongs the blossom and the fruit.  
If nappily you find some smallest portion  
sweet,  
Worthy to hold your hearts a little space,  
Then will not my task be incomplete.

Allendale, New Jersey  
January 7, 1907

GODFREY PITTIS

Time and space, a noble philosopher  
has observed, are but hallucinations.  
Certainly the thirty-five years just past  
seem to those who are older to have gone  
like a dream. And it is gratifying to  
know that some of the faithful few who  
started this Mission are now living; and  
with those who have passed into eternity,  
we can imagine that their spirits are  
hovering over us.

1872. Epiphany season, January 7th, Mrs. Stephen Cable and her daughter organized a Sunday School in their parlors; during that year the School grew to seventy individuals.

1873. During the summer of this year more suitable accommodations were required and an unoccupied barn belonging to John J. Zabriskie, opposite the residence of Mrs. Cable, was fitted up and occupied as a school room and Chapel with the name "Hope Chapel." This name was given by one of the teachers, Miss Hattie N. Southwick, and services were held by Reverend L. R. Dickinson, for the first time in Allendale, on Sunday afternoon, the 14th of September, 1873.

1874. In this year there are recorded two dates, viz: August 30th, and September 6th, in which there were two large classes baptized. The first baptism recorded is Ida May Linkroum. During this year steps were taken to build a Chapel, Mrs. Cable giving \$50 and the ground, which is located on the east side of the brook, across the road opposite the Cable residence, facing and bordering on what are now known as Franklin Turnpike and Cottage Place. A small house now stands on the spot, the willows which partially hid the little Chapel having been cut down.

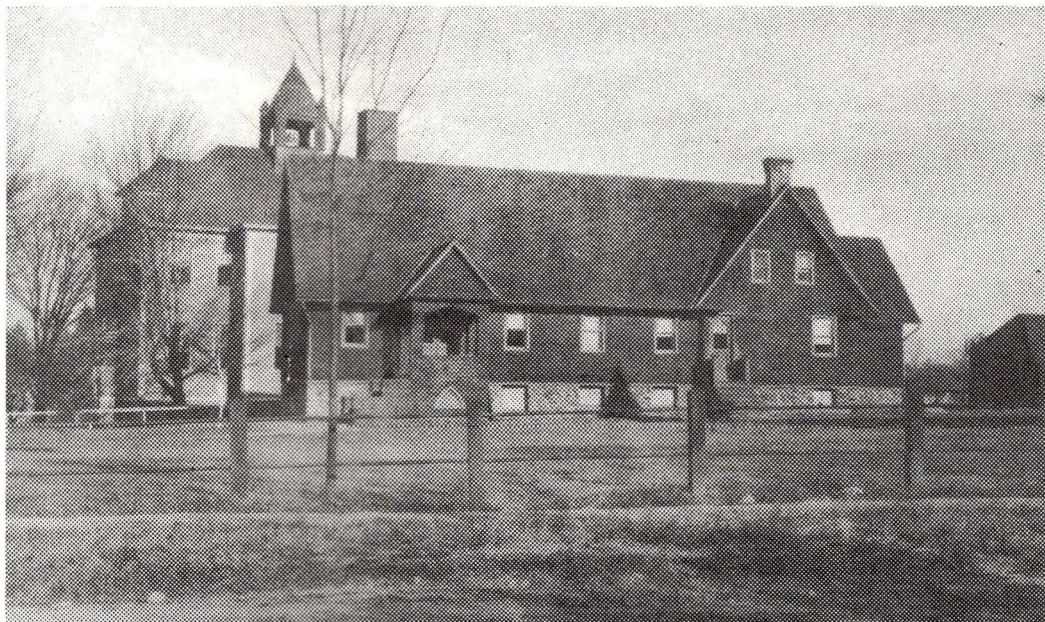
1875. The Chapel foundation walls were built in December 1875, after a subscription had been started and a sufficient amount raised to begin the work. When the Chapel was completed it faced on what was then known as Chapel Street.

1876. At the Epiphany Festival of this year, the fourth anniversary, it was agreed that the Mission should therefore be known as the Protestant Episcopal Mission of the Epiphany, Allendale, N.J. A contract was entered into with the Messrs. Halsted, builders at Ramsey, N.J., for the erection of the Chapel in accordance with plans furnished by F. C. Merry, architect of New York City. This Chapel is a building 20x30 feet, of Gothic architecture, with stained glass windows, the centre chancel window being a memorial to three children of Mrs. Reading.

The first service held in the new Chapel was on Trinity Sunday, 11th



of June, 1876, in the afternoon. On the second Sunday after Trinity, June 25th, 1876, with the Right Reverend William H. Odenheimer, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Northern New Jersey, the cornerstone was laid, making one of the most beautiful and impressive services ever known by those who worshipped in the Chapel. The Sunday School children, all in



Parish House, Church of the Epiphany, c. 1902-1904. Schoolhouse (1984's Police Headquarters) in background. Looking north from Orchard Street.

white, conducted by their teachers and officers, started from Mrs. Cable's home, where the school began, and marched from the crest of the hill down the winding driveway to the willows and the brook, singing the hymn, "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord." They met the Bishop at the Chapel, which was already completed, save for the laying of the cornerstone, and now this final ceremony took place, after which the school marched into their new Church home.

The cornerstone contained the following articles: Holy Bible, Book of Common Prayer, Church Hymnal, Church Almanac for 1876, Churchman, Church Journal, N.J. Democrat and Watchman, Bergen County Republican and Bergen county papers, various silver coins of 1876, Program and card of services and history of Mission with names of officers, teachers and children of the Sunday School.

On May 16th, Mr. D. A. Smith was licensed by Bishop Odenheimer to serve as lay reader. The first Sunday School teachers were James A. Reading, Alfred W. Harris, Miss A. L. Connor, Mrs. James A. Reading, Mrs. A. W. Harris, Miss A. Elizabeth Powell, Miss Hattie Southwick.

Shortly after the school moved to the new Chapel it was presented with a banner by Mrs. J. W. Pulis, bearing the inscription: "Sunday School of the Chapel of the Epiphany, organized January 7th, 1872. 'Suffer little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not.'" As each class was formed it was presented with a banner by George R. Rowland. There are now the following banners, beautifully inscribed: Infant class, "Buds of Promise;" "Earnest Workers;" "Christ's Jewels;" "A. W. Harris' Memorial Class;" "Little Pilgrims;" "King's Daughters;" "Golden Links."

The confirmations on that eventful June 25th, 1876, were: James Augustus Reading, Fannie N. Rowland, Nancy E. Wilson, Katy Kennedy.

1877. In this year the organ was added, being given by the Chapel people at a cost of \$80. A chalice was presented by Miss Libbie S. Hawes. The inscription on the Chalice is "Chapel of the Epiphany, Allendale, N.J. Easter, 1877. A gift of love from Libbie S. Hawes."

Also is recorded the gift of the Altar by Allen M. Thomas, father



of Bishop Elisha Smith Thomas of Kansas.

1878. A fund was begun for the purchase of a bell. In that year a silver paten was presented by the Infant class, with the following inscriptions: Offering of the Infant Class, "Buds of Promise." Mrs. A. W. Harris, Teacher. Chapel of the Epiphany, Allendale, N.J. Easter, 1878. Theodore M. Smith, Robbie B. Reading, James Wilson, George Wilson, John W. Dewar, Charlie Ackerman, Frank Linkroum, Harry O'Blinus, George Tours, Albert Tours, Willie Tours, Ethel Harris, Ida Southwick, Lizzie Ackerman, Mary Wilson, Maggie Shannon, Mary Goode, Frank Goode, Willie Goode, Willie Quackenbush, Freddie Quackenbush.

On Tuesday, Dec. 3rd, the first marriage is recorded as having taken place in the Chapel--Miss Lizzie Arabella Bedell to Franklin Pierce Miller.



Chapel of the Epiphany, Parish House on left. Looking north from Orchard Street. c. 1902-1904.

1879. During this year the Sunday School presented to the Mission the Rector's chair, which is on the right of the Altar, bearing this inscription: "Gift of the Sunday School, A.D., 1879."

The Chapel bell which has sounded the call for worship for a quarter of a century was presented by the Infant Class with the following inscription:

"Offering of the Infant Class, "Buds of Promise" Mrs. A. W. Harris, Teacher. Chapel

of the Epiphany, Allendale, N.J. The bell was rung for the first time on the morning of July 4, 1879 by George R. Rowland.

1880. On Easter a beautiful brass cross was presented, bearing the following inscription: "In loving memory of Lizzie Ennita Dewar, aged 17 years. By the Sunday School of the Chapel of the Epiphany, Easter, 1880.

1882. Bishop's chair donated by Sunday School, bearing inscription: "Gift of the Sunday School, Easter, 1882."

Memorial window to A. W. Harris was added this year, with following inscription: "Alfred W. Harris. In loving memorial by his class."

1886. During this year an elegant brass chandelier, also brass lamp brackets for the chancel were added, donated by Mrs. D. A. Smith. A memorial window to James Henry Wilson was presented as a tribute of





Remodelled and enlarged Chapel building, resituated and attached to Parish House. c. 1907-1910.

love, by his classmates, bearing inscription. The Sunday School was presented a beautiful banner by George R. Rowland, bearing the inscription: "Christ's Jewels;" on the obverse side "Easter, 1886."

1887. In 1887, on August 11, the Mission petitioned Right Reverend Thomas Alfred Starkey, D.D., Bishop of Newark, to be received as an organized Mission, under the

name of the Mission of the Epiphany, which was granted on December 2nd. On that date W. F. Calloway was appointed Warden.

On December 16, at the congregational meeting W. W. Merrill was elected secretary and A. L. Zabriskie treasurer of the Mission.

Another organ, much larger, was purchased at a cost of \$250, by Chapel people.

1888. There was presented an altar desk in brass, by E. J. Hanks, in memory of Lottie F. Leffingwell, with the following inscription: "In loving memory of Lottie F. Leffingwell, A.D. 1888."

1889. Another memorial window was added, "In loving memory of Hattie Needham-Southwick Beckley, died March 4th, 1889," the gift of George R. Rowland.

March 6th is the date on which the first funeral was held in the church--Hattie Needham Beckley.

1892. On May 24th, Rev. C.H.S. Hartman was placed in charge of the Mission by Bishop Starkey.

1894. Chapel moved from its old location opposite residence of Mrs. Stephen Cable to present location, at the north-east corner, which is now known as Franklin Turnpike and Orchard Street. In April of this year Rev. Hartman's connection with the Mission ended, and Rev. William Huckel supplied the Mission by appointment of the Bishop.

1895. On November 10, Rev. William Huckel ended his services.

1896. Rev. William Earnest Allen appointed in charge of Mission on fourteenth Sunday after Trinity, Sept. 6th.

1898. On April 11, of this year E. G. Washburne first officiated as Warden.

(To be continued next issue)



"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.*

Yeomans, Hopper

The son of William H. Yeomans and Eva Lavinia Hopper, he was born about 1860 and was for many years a butcher in Allendale. The Bergen County Democrat reported in December 1881 that "Butcher Yeomans" was building an extensive ice house, and by June of 1884, the same newspaper noted, "Hop Yeomans runs a butcher route through the "river," carrying vegetables, etc." His shop was opposite the old hotel building, and in April 1894, The Bergen County Democrat commented that "The old barn structure owned by Hopper Yeomans has been purchased by Wm. Wilson, who is tearing a portion of it down. This old building has been used for everything from a gambling house to a church."

Hopper Yeomans was appointed Overseer of the Poor and Borough Constable by the Mayor in 1895. A newspaper clipping dated Dec. 18, 1903 reported that "Hopper Yeomans, the Allendale butcher, recently sold out his business and has retired to his father's farm in Upper Saddle River, where he will teach the natives how to raise potatoes and cabbage."

Yeomans, John Isaac

The son of Isaac Lewis Yeomans and Mary Catherine McNamee (McNamee?), he was born January 25, 1871 and baptized June 23, 1871 in the Wyckoff Reformed Church. He married, on February 12, 1892 at the Wyckoff Reformed Church, Sarah Matilda Winters. They lived at 209 West Allendale Avenue.

They had children: Harry Lewis Yeomans, b. Oct. 30, 1893, m. Evelyn Marie Verholff, d. Nov. 26, 1947; Ethel May Yeomans, b. Sept. 2, 1895, m. William Adams; and John Isaac Yeomans, b. Oct. 20, 1897, m. (1) \_\_\_\_\_, m. (2) Loretta \_\_\_\_\_.

John I. Yeomans was a charter member of the Allendale Fire Association, and one of the eleven men instrumental in the formation of an Allendale fire company. He was elected Assessor at Allendale's first Borough elections, held in 1894. He served as a Borough Councilman and as Tax Collector. He was a Director of the Orvil Co-operative Building and Loan Association.

John Isaac Yeomans died December 25, 1950 in St. Petersburg, Florida. His wife, Sarah Matilda Winters Yeomans died in July 1954.

Yeomans, John Lewis

The son of Lewis Yeomans and Margaret Willis, he was born on May 9, 1833 and died February 2, 1888; he is buried at Wyckoff. He married, on May 25, 1855, Margaret Van Houten, daughter of Paul I. (or J.?) Van Houten and Rebecca Demarest. She was born August 31, 1835 and died December 27, 1916.

They had a child, Abraham Lewis Yeomans, who died young.



Zabriskie, Albert A. L.

The son of Albert J. A. Zabriskie and Martha Ackerman, he was born September 24, 1863 at Allendale and died May 4, 1949; he is buried in Valleau Cemetery.

He married (1) on October 7, 1885 at Rahway, N.J., Harriet Reed Pulling, daughter of Dr. Ezra Reed Pulling and Mary Elizabeth Creeley. She was born August 18, 1864 at Rahway, N.J. and died March 13, 1926 at Allendale; she is buried in Valleau Cemetery.

They had two children: Amy Beatrice Zabriskie, b. Aug. 31, 1887, m. (1) Edwin Wellington Hurd, and m. (2) John Robert Maltbie; and Almira (Myra) Zabriskie, b. August 16, 1888, m. Edward Watson Russell.

Albert A. L. Zabriskie married (2) Laura A. Hagadorn (widow of Thomas D. Beall), daughter of Abram Hagadorn and Anna M. Tilfort. She was born Oct. 15, 1871 at Canajoharie, N.Y. and died March 18, 1948.

Albert A. L. Zabriskie was a very civic-minded individual, serving four years as Allendale's Mayor (1921, 1922, 1923, and 1924). He was the first and only president of the original Allendale Village Improvement Association (before Allendale was incorporated as a borough). He served on the Borough Council, was President of the Allendale Board of Education, was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Allendale Library and was Vice President of the Orvil Co-Operative Building and Loan Association.

An article from The Ridgewood Herald-News of July 28, 1949, reported: "Albert Zabriskie who died May 4, 1949 in the same room in which he was born on East Allendale Avenue, September 24, 1863, took an active part in the development and growth of his home town. He was Mayor of Allendale for two terms; board of education president for several years, and was a leading factor in the Village Improvement Association before Allendale was a borough with its own government.

He was graduated from the old one-room school on Chestnut Street and Franklin Turnpike and Waters Seminary in Paterson before beginning a thirty year period of commuting to New York as an employee of Calhoun-Robbins, a wholesale dry goods firm. He later started his own business in Hawthorne, the Cylinder Manufacturing Co., retiring ten years ago.

His parents, Albert J. A. and Martha Ackerman Zabriskie tilled the 47-acre farm on which he was born. The farm had been in Zabriskie possession for seven generations, from the time of its purchase from the settler to whom it was deeded by Indians.

The main house constructed in the 1870's, and succeeding the earlier house in which he was born, was totally destroyed by fire in 1910. After the fire the family returned to the nearby old house, a kitchen and bedroom serving as the nucleus for a bungalow in which the family resides today."

Zabriskie, Albert J.A.

The son of John A.L. Zabriskie, he was born December 31, 1819 and died November 6, 1908 in Allendale. He married (1) on September 25, 1845 at Bergenfield, Rachel Voorhis, daughter of Henry H. Voorhis and Eliza Westervelt. She was born May 9, 1827 and died October 19, 1861 in Allendale. They had children: John Henry Zabriskie, b. June 5, 1847, m. Catherine Straut; Elizabeth Voorhis Zabriskie, b. January 14, 1849, d. April 18, 1869.

Albert J. Zabriskie married (2) on July 14, 1862, Martha Ackerman (widow of Henry G. Hopper), dau. of Albert A. Ackerman and



Dorcas Romeyn. She was born May 6, 1832 and died April 10, 1907 in Allendale. They had children: Albert A. L. Zabriskie, b. Sept. 24, 1863; and Phebe Bell Bradford, b. Feb. 13, 1868, d. Jan. 8, 1876 (adopted).

Zabriskie, John B.

The son of Josiah Abram Zabriskie and Mary Ellen VanGiesen, he was born September 8, 1878 in Wortendyke. In 1900, he was Principal of the Allendale School. He graduated from the N.Y. Law School in 1901, practiced law in Hackensack, served as Assistant County Prosecutor for 5 years and as Judge of Common Pleas for a 5 year term. He married Grace Quackenbush and they lived in the old Quackenbush house at 421 Franklin Ave., Wyckoff.

Zabriskie, John Jacob

The son of Andrew C. Zabriskie and Mary Ryerson, he was born May 30, 1813 and lived in Ho-Ho-Kus in the house which is now the Ho-Ho-Kus Inn (intersection East Franklin Turnpike and Sheridan Avenue.) He died August 24, 1876, drowning in his own mill pond.

He married, May 10, 1841, Maria Burhans, dau. of John Jerolman Burhans and Sally Hopper.

John Jacob Zabriskie purchased the "Wolf Swamp" land in Allendale about 1866 to establish a peat mill there. The barn that was used in 1873 as a chapel for the Epiphany Church was on this property and belonged to him. The Paterson Weekly Guardian of April 18, 1884 wrote: "the old building in the middle of the big meadows at Allendale is a relic of the days when the late John J. Zabriskie, of Hohokus, thought there were millions in peat."

Zabriskie, Simeon John

The son of John A. L. Zabriskie and Elizabeth Zabriskie, he was born February 3, 1830. He graduated from the University of the City of New York with a medical degree in 1856 and practiced in Lodi in 1856-1857. He was practicing medicine in Allendale in 1868. Later he moved to Westwood, and retired in 1904.

He married, January 1, 1857, Sarah Louisa Moore, daughter of Benjamin P. Moore and Hannah Cooper.

Simeon John Zabriskie died April 11, 1915 in Westwood and is buried at Bergenfield.

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