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**NEXT MEETING:** Monday, May 1, 1989 at 8:00 p.m. at the Allendale Municipal Building, West Crescent Avenue, Allendale (second floor).

**PROGRAM:** Gardner Watts of Suffern will speak on "History and Tales of Bear Mountain and Harriman Park." Mr. Watts is the Suffern, N.Y. Historian, has for many years been the leader of the Historic Hikers in Rockland County, and has taught history in the Suffern High School for 34 years. This program was postponed from March, when our meeting was cancelled due to a snow-storm.

As always, the meeting is free and open to the public, so please feel free to invite interested friends and neighbors to attend.

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### SOCIETY NEWS:

We have had no response to our plea in the February newsletter for volunteers for president and other offices of the society.

This leaves us in a very real dilemma, for we have no one who is willing to fill these offices in an active society. At the April board meeting it was reluctantly decided that, unless volunteers materialize between now and the May meeting, we will be forced to become an inactive society. What this means is that we will operate on a minimal basis, with no public meetings, and only one annual scheduled board meeting (with others to be called as needed). We really regret taking this step, because we feel that it is all downhill from here—very unlikely that the society will ever become active again.

Our only goal will be to continue to publish our bulletin "Allendale History and Heritage" four times a year, and to maintain our collection (now housed at the Allendale Library, but at present not cataloged and so not accessible to the public). We hope at some time in the future, with either volunteer or paid help, to catalog our col-

lection, which will never circulate, but at least could then be used at the library.

Annual dues will remain the same (\$5.00 per year), and will cover the costs of publishing and mailing our bulletin four times a year. Dues are payable May 1, 1989. Please fill in the coupon attached to this newsletter and include it with your payment.

If you've been thinking about volunteering for office, but thought you would "wait and see what happens," NOW is the time to volunteer.

If there are no volunteers either before or at our May 1 meeting, the following officers will run the society on a temporary, inactive basis:

President, Pat Wardell  
Vice President, Eva Schmitt  
Treasurer, Marge Mowerson  
Secretary, Bonnie McKenzie  
Trustees: Annette Baum, Marian Strangfeld,  
Jeanne Cotz

## ALLENDALE HOUSES BUILT BEFORE 1940

Compiled by Pat Wardell

*Compiler's Note: This "inventory" of pre-1940 Allendale houses has been compiled using information in the Society's files and in my own files. Very few of the houses have been systematically researched, so we know that for most of them, the information is incomplete. We would welcome any additions, corrections, updating, etc. from our readers, and will happily add such information to the Society's files.*

*Only houses still in existence today are included in this inventory. Houses are generally named for the earliest known owner/occupant. Names associated with a house are not necessarily always owners; some may have been tenants. Also, not all owners actually lived in houses they owned; some houses were leased for rental income. The houses are listed alphabetically by street names, then numerically by house number.*

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### 4 Crescent Place

#### Webb House

Block 403, Lot 3 (Old Block 43, Lot 34 & 35; later Lot 33, then Lot 33-2)

Built in 1922 by James E. Webb, building contractor, as a home for himself and his family. James E. Webb and Ida M. Webb, 1922-1966. Leighton Jay Annis and Dorothy Ann Brower Annis, 1966-present.



4 Crescent Place, 1940 Borough Tax Appraisal Photo

James E. Webb built all of the pre-1940 homes on the north side of Crescent Place.

In 1940 the house was described as a two story, one-family frame dwelling with a concrete block foundation, wood shingle exterior, and composition shingle roof. It had a separate garage with a shed extension. There were 6 rooms, including 3 bedrooms and one wood and plaster bath.

### 5 Crescent Place

#### DeHossen House

Block 402, Lot 3 (Old Block 42, Lot 13)

Built in 1924. Herman DeHossen, 1940. Mrs. Williams



5 Crescent Place, 1940 Borough Tax Appraisal Photo

and Mrs. Jersey, widows, tenants, early 1940s. Sally Roderman, 1944-1948. Joseph E. Walsh and Helen M. Walsh, 1948-? Bernard J. Davala and Marie J. Davala, ?-?

In 1940 the house was described as a two story frame dwelling with a poured concrete foundation, wood shingle exterior, and composition shingle roof. It had a garage, sun porch, bay and entries. There were 7 rooms, including 3 bedrooms and one wood and plaster bath.

### 7 Crescent Place

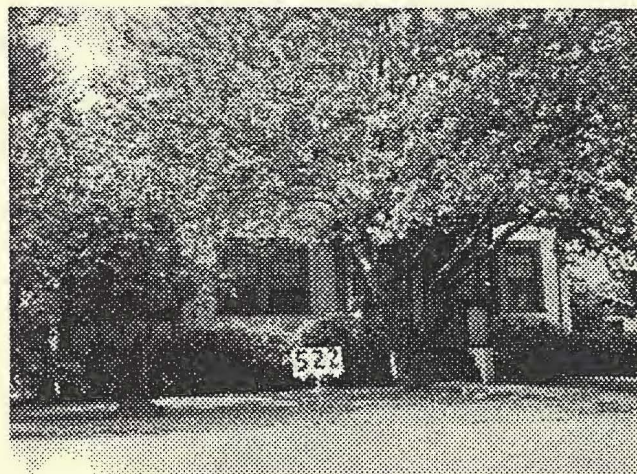
#### DeHossen House

Block 402, Lot 4 (Old Block 42, Lot 11)

Built about 1923. Herman DeHossen, 1940. Charles M. Williams and Elsie K. Williams, 1944-1951. John Morton 2nd and Elizabeth Morton, 1951-?

In 1940 this house was described as a two story, one family frame dwelling with a poured concrete foundation, stucco exterior, and a composition shingle roof. It had a garage, sun porch, bay, and two entries. There were 8 rooms, including 3 bedrooms and one wood and plaster bath.

The Mortons purchased the house in 1951 for \$11,500.



7 Crescent Place, 1940 Borough Tax Appraisal Photo



8 Crescent Place, 1940 Borough Tax Appraisal Photo

**8 Crescent Place  
Webb-Snedon House**

Block 403, Lot 5 (Old Block 43, Lot 39)

Built about 1920 by James E. Webb, building contractor, for Bertram Sneden, who moved into the house in 1921.

Bertram Sneden, c. 1920-? James E. Webb, 1940. H. C. Minners and Clara C. Minners, c. 1941-1942. John R. Mander and Marie Mander, 1942-1950. Andrew Hoffman and Barbara M. Hoffman, 1950-?

In 1940 the house was described as a one story, one family frame dwelling with a poured concrete foundation, clapboard exterior, and composition shingle roof. It had a garage, open porch, and bay. There were 5 rooms, including 2 bedrooms and one wood and plaster bath.

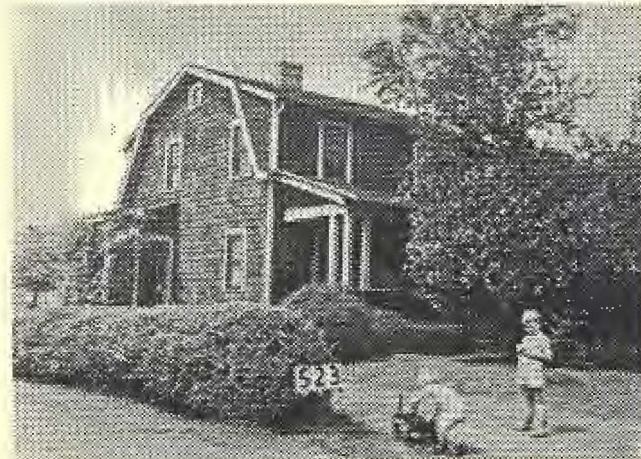
**9 Crescent Place  
DeHossen House**

Block 402, Lot 5 (Old Block 42, Lot 9)

Built about 1925.

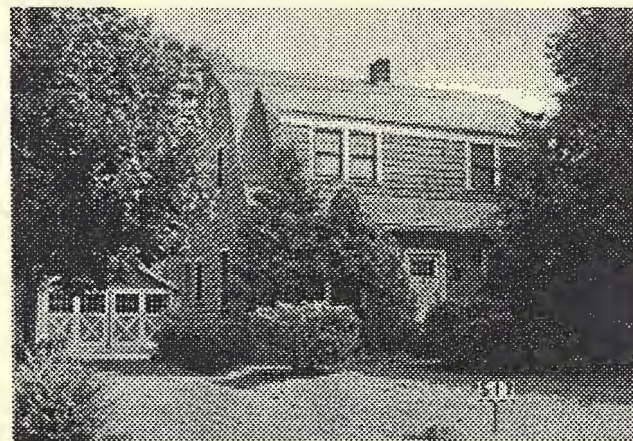
Herman A. L. DeHossen, 1940. Joseph Cushwa, c. 1941-1948. Westervelt Valentine Coombs Jr. and Norma Coombs, 1949-?

In 1940 the house was described as a two story frame dwelling with concrete block foundation, wood shingle exterior and composition shingle roof. It had a garage and an open porch. There were 6 rooms, including 3 bedrooms and one wood and plaster bath.



9 Crescent Place, 1940 Borough Tax Appraisal Photo

exterior and composition shingle roof. It had a garage, sun porch, bay, open porch and entry. There were seven rooms, including 3 bedrooms and one wood and plaster bath.



10 Crescent Place, 1940 Borough Tax Appraisal Photo

**10 Crescent Place  
Webb-Herndon House**

Block 403, Lot 6 (Old Block 43, Lot 41)

Built about 1927 by James E. Webb.

James E. Webb, 1940. H. C. Minners and Clara C. Minners, ?-? Ruth L. Herndon, 1943-?

In 1940 the house was described as a two story frame dwelling with concrete block foundation, wood shingle exterior and composition shingle roof. It had a garage and an open porch. There were 6 rooms, including 3 bedrooms and one wood and plaster bath.



11 Crescent Place, 1940 Borough Tax Appraisal Photo

**11 Crescent Place  
Wilson-Bates House**

Block 402, Lot 6 (Old Block 42, Lot 7)

Built about 1930 by George Wilson. Frank J. Bates and Grace Bates, 1940.

In 1940 the house was described as a frame dwelling with a concrete block foundation, wood shingle exterior, and composition shingle roof.

It had 5 rooms, including 2 bedrooms and one half tile bath.

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## WPA Federal Writers' Project "Allendale and its Firefighters" History of Allendale

In 1938, the booklet "Allendale and its Firefighters" was published. The booklet was sponsored by the Volunteer Fire Department of Allendale and was compiled and illustrated by the Federal Writers' Project of the Works Progress Administration of the State of New Jersey. The booklet was printed by the Ridgewood News Press.

The booklet was divided into two sections. The first was a brief "History of Allendale," and the second was a history of "The Allendale Fire Department." This booklet had limited distribution in 1938 and copies of it are now quite rare. For this reason, we have decided to reprint it in this and upcoming issues of the newsletter. The unaltered text was written in 1937-38.

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The [Allendale Fire] association still lacked adequate quarters, but on October 12, 1912, Mrs. Margaret Yeomans, a civic leader in the borough, donated a lot on Park Avenue. The Erie Railroad granted entrance to the lot, which bordered its property along the railroad tracks opposite the station, and blueprints for a building were donated by William Dewsnap.

On April 5, 1913, the cornerstone was laid amid ceremonies attended by many borough dignitaries. Mayor John W. Winter officiated, assisted by John Yeomans, Margaret Yeomans and Dr. Archer. The list of speakers included the Rev. James W. Jackson, chaplain of the association; Dr. C. S. Woodruff, of the Archer Memorial M.E. Church, and Dr. Archer. Photographs of the event, on display in the firemen's present meeting room, are greatly prized.

The following month the association met for the first time in the new building. A short time later it held a fair which provided \$1,300. of the building costs.

Meanwhile the volunteers had been called upon early in 1913 to cope with a major fire in the mansion of Assemblyman George Cook. The blaze broke out in the early morning and is believed to have been caused by defective wiring. The whole house was destroyed, but the firemen were able to save nearby dwellings. An odd feature of the catastrophe was that it ignited a cellar full of coal which smoldered for weeks. Mr. Cook announced that anyone salvaging the coal could have it; a number of men made the attempt, but without success.

There was a lighter side to the association's activities in those days, just as there is today. Dances, minstrel shows, parties and games were frequent. That the volunteers were slightly conservative in their conviviality can be gathered from a resolution, passed in June 1913, forbidding "turkey trotting" in their hall.

In December 1913 the association was presented with the customary mascot of fire departments, a black and white spotted Dalmatian dog. The borough council exempted the dog from a license and expressed the hope that "it enjoy this privilege a great many years." A short time later, however, the dog was killed by a train, and the firemen since have been without a mascot.

At a special meeting on September 23, 1914, the volunteers voted to place their organization under the control of the borough council. A month later Mayor Gustave Nadler signed an ordinance creating the Allendale Fire Department.

The department adopted a new constitution and bylaws in May of the following year. William F. Kornhoff, the

burning of whose building had led to the formation of the association, was elected president, and V. J. Braun remained chief. Monthly instead of quarterly meetings were scheduled, and a new rule required five blackballs for rejecting applicants instead of the previous two.

Since its inception the department has been noted for its excellent appearance. In 1915 the company won first prize in a parade competition and was praised for its display by the chief of the New York City Fire Department. The chief's letter to Dr. Archer was framed; it now hangs in the meeting room.

The department joined the New Jersey State Firemen's Relief Association in February 1916, and a month later formed the Allendale Relief Association. At the same time it affiliated with the New Jersey and New York Volunteer Firemen's Association.

Attempts in 1913 and 1917 to organize a Ladies' Auxiliary failed. The ladies, however, have participated in many social activities of the department.

When the United States entered the World War the department swung into wartime activities. Large blocks of Liberty Bonds were purchased, the men were drilled as special police, and several joined the service. Members who went overseas were exempt from all dues for the duration of the war and received honorable mention on the rolls.

On November 1, 1918, Marshall J. Couch, a charter member, was killed in action in France. His comrades passed a memorial resolution, and the flag on the fire-house was flown at half mast for 30 days.

At the close of the war the usual membership requirements were suspended for former soldiers, and a committee was appointed to induce them to join. The end of the war also permitted the department to concentrate on greater efficiency and better organization. A campaign was begun for a new fire truck and for a room in the fire-house to be used exclusively by members. At a meeting in December 1919 the volunteers voted in favor of the room, but it was not granted until several years later.

The efficiency of the department is attested by its record and by numerous letters of commendation. Typical of many letters is one spread on the minutes of the meeting of January 14, 1921, referring to a fire on December 18, 1920. "It seems but a moment," the note read, "from the sound of the alarm to the arrival of the men with the apparatus. Without their splendid response, there might have been a different tale to tell."

The department has been just as prompt in responding to alarms in neighboring communities. The large Ramsey fire of January 1921 was an example of this cooperation. The fine work of the Allendale men brought a letter of thanks from Mayor F.W. Storer of Ramsey, in which he wrote, "your deed is recorded in our memories." He invited the Allendale volunteers to be the guests of the Ramsey department at an evening's entertainment.

Shortly later the Allendale company was summoned to help extinguish a blaze in a lumberyard at Waldwick. When the firemen arrived with their engine, they found that they did not have enough hose. Waldwick had no fire hydrants, and it was necessary to hook up with the last one in Allendale. Several of the Allendale group immediately returned for the company's two-reel hose cart, but could find no means of transporting the reel. The men obtained a wrecker which dragged the reel to Waldwick. The department laid about one mile of hose and succeeded in saving two buildings.

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## 1900 FEDERAL CENSUS, BOROUGH OF ALLENDALE

Transcribed by Pat Wardell

The following information was taken from a microfilm produced by the National Archives.

This schedule was handwritten by the enumerator (who was, for Allendale, Francis S. Merrill) between June 1 and June 11, 1900. (Merrill also was the enumerator for the Borough of Saddle River and the Borough of Upper Saddle River.) Although his penmanship was generally neat and clear, in various places the handwriting is difficult to decipher, is blotted with ink, or is scratched through and corrected. Merrill consistently misspelled "Harriet/Harriett" (usually "Harrett"), "Mamie" ("Mammie," "Italy" ("Itily"), and "Rhode Island" ("Rhoad Island.") In addition, portions of the writing are obscured by notations and figures apparently written in later in another hand, in some cases superimposed on the pre-existing writing; this mostly occurs in the area where middle initials of names appear. There are other problems with clarity of this microfilm, but since the original census schedules were destroyed after microfilming, this is the best available copy of the information. In particular, with the Borough of Allendale section, there are portions of the schedule that appear to have been obliterated or hidden by opaque tape.

Where data is impossible to read, square brackets will indicate my own interpretation—either "[obscured]" if obliterated or hidden by tape or blotting; "[indecipherable]" if the word is visible but cannot be read, or my guess at the questionable word, which will be enclosed in square brackets with a question mark. Where the unreadable name (or partial name) is known from other sources, it will be interpolated without a question mark in square brackets. All information in square brackets is interpolated and does not appear in the original census schedules.

The 1900 Federal Census lists "each person whose place of abode on June 1, 1900 was in this family." Each person is listed here by name, place within the family unit (relationship to head of family); color or race; sex; date of birth (month & year); age at last birthday; marital status and, if married, no. of years married; for women, no. of children and no. of children now living; place of birth; place of birth of person's father; place of birth of person's mother; person's occupation. The census schedules also give information on each person's education (whether he can read, write, and speak English) and his ownership of the dwelling (rented, owned, farm or house) but these items have been omitted in the following listing because of space limitations. A long dash (—) has been used in both the handwritten schedules and in this listing to indicate the same surname as the previously entered person. Spellings are given exactly as written in Census schedule; where known spelling is very different, it is interpolated in square brackets.

According to this census, in 1900 there were 145 dwelling houses in Allendale, housing 153 families.

### Dwelling House # 1; Family # 1

- MERRILL, Charles R.; Head; W; M; b. Sept. 1838; age 61; married 36 yrs.; b. New York; his father b. Connecticut; his mother b. New York; Book (agent).

- —, Elizabeth [M.?]; Wife; W; F; b. Sept. 1838; age 61; Married 36 yrs.; mother of 2 children; 2 children now living; b. New York; her father b. New York; her mother b. Pennsylvania.

- —, William W.; Son; W; M; Aug. 1867; age 32; Single; b. New Jersey; his father b. New York; his mother b. New York; Clerk.

### Dwelling House #2; Family #2

- MERRILL, Francis S.; Head; W; M; b. Aug. 1864; age 35; married 6 yrs.; b. New York; his father b. New York; his mother b. New York; Ice dealer.

- —, Cecilia L.; Wife; W; F; b. Jan. 1869; age 31; married 6 yrs.; mother of 0 children; b. New Jersey; her father b. Pennsylvania; her mother b. Ireland.

### Dwelling House #3; Family #3

- LETTS, Richard R.; Head; W; M; b. Feb. 1859; age 41; married 15 yrs.; b. New Jersey; his father b. New Jersey; his mother b. New Jersey; U.S. inspector of cattle.

- —, Sophia A.; Wife; W; F; b. Nov. 1864; age 35; married 15 yrs.; mother of 0 children; b. New Jersey; her father b. France; her mother b. New York.

- ANTHONY, Walter D.; B-in-Law; W; M; b. June 1868; age 31; married 3 yrs.; b. New Jersey; his father b. New York; his mother b. New York; Salesman.

- —, Laura J.; S-in-law; W; F; b. Nov. 1868; age 31; married 3 yrs.; mother of 2 children, 1 now living; b. New Jersey; her father b. France; her mother b. New York.

- —, Marie B. B.; Niece; W; F; b. Sept. 1899; age 8/12; Single; b. New Jersey; her father b. New Jersey; her mother b. New Jersey.

- BEAL, Michael; Servant; W; M; b. May 1855; age 45; Single; b. Austria; his father b. Austria; his mother b. Austria; immigrated to U.S. 1886; Farm laborer.

### Dwelling House #4; Family #4

- BURRIS, Edward E.; Head; W; M; b. Sept. 1860; age 39; married 12 yrs.; b. New York; his father b. New York; his mother b. New York; Agent (real estate).

- —, Ida; Wife; W; F; b. April 1862; age 38; married 12 yrs.; mother of 4 children, 4 now living; b. New York; he father b. Ireland; her mother b. New York.

- —, Hazel M.; Daughter; W; F; b. Dec. 1889; age 10, Single; b. New Jersey; her father b. New York; her mother b. New York.

- —, Everett B.; Son; W; M; b. Aug. 1892; age 7; Single; b. New Jersey; his father b. New York; his mother b. New York.

- —, Alan M.; Son; W; M; b. Feb. 1896; age 4; Single; b. New Jersey; his father b. New York; his mother b. New York.

- —, Ethel; Daughter; W; F; b. Sept. 1898; age 1; Single; b. New Jersey; her father b. New York; her mother b. New York.

## Dwelling House #5; Family #5

- BURTIS, Daniel B.; Head; W; M; b. Sept. 1832; age 67; married 42 yrs.; b. New York; his father b. New York; his mother b. New York; Gardener.
- —, Sarah M.; Wife; W; F; b. Mar. 1832; age 68; married 42 yrs.; mother of 4 children, 3 now living; b. New York; her father b. New York; her mother b. New York.
- —, Lewis R.; Son; W; M; b. Dec. 1862; age 37; Single; b. New York; his father b. New York; his mother b. New York; Agent (real estate).
- HIGBIE, Abraham W.; Boarder; W; M; b. Dec. 1834; age 65; Single; b. New York; his father b. New York; his mother b. New York; U.S. govt. pensioner.

## Dwelling House #6; Family #6

- JOHNSON, Gustave; Head; W; M; b. July 1863; age 36; married 12 yrs.; b. Sweden; his father b. Sweden; his mother b. Sweden; immigrated to U.S. 1882; Carpenter.
- —, Mary M.; Wife; W; F; b. Jan. 1866; age 34; married 12 yrs; mother of 2 children, 2 now living; b. Germany; her father b. Germany; her mother b. Germany; immigrated to U.S. 1885.
- —, Charles G.; Son; W; M; b. Jan. 1889; age 11; Single; b. New Jersey; his father b. Sweden; his mother b. Germany; At school.
- —, William; Son; W; M; b. May 1890; age 10; Single; b. New Jersey; his father b. Sweden; his mother b. Germany; At school.

## Dwelling House #7; Family #7

- SMITH, Mary; Head; W; F; b. April 1866; age 34; Single; b. New Jersey; her father b. New Jersey; her mother b. New Jersey; Farmer.
- SNYDER, [Mina? Mira?]; Niece; W; F; b. July 1891; age 8; Single; b. New Jersey; her father b. New Jersey; her father b. New Jersey.
- BUCHANAN, Alfred [W.?]; Boarder; W; M; b. Aug. 1858; age 41; Single; b. New York; his father b. Scotland; his mother b. New York; Housepainter.
- SNYDER, Jacob; Servant; W; M; b. May 1875; age 25; Single; b. New York; his father b. New York; his mother b. New York; Farm laborer.

## Dwelling House #8; Family #8

- STETSON, William; Head; W; M; b. April 1875; age 25; married 1 yr.; b. New York; his father b. Sandwich Islands; his mother b. New Jersey; Broker (real estate).
- —, Harriet E.; Wife; W; F; b. Dec. 1877; age 22; married 1 yr.; mother of 0 children; b. New York; her father b. New York; her mother b. New York.

## Dwelling House #9; Family #9

- [HOLSTETLER?], [given name obscured]; Head; W; M; b. Dec. 1830; age 69; married 23 yrs.; b. Denmark; his father b. Denmark; his mother b. Denmark; immigrated to U.S. 1851; Clerk.
- —, [given name obscured]; Wife; W; F; b. Aug. 1850; age 49; married 23 yrs.; mother of 0 children; b. New York; her father b. Scotland; her mother b. Germany.
- OTTEN, [given name obscured] H.; Servant; W;

M; b. Mar. 1874; age 25; Single; b. Germany; his father b. Germany; his mother b. Germany; immigrated 1889; Farm laborer.

## Dwelling House #10; Family #10

- BUNN [this may be complete surname or part of surname], [given name obscured], [W.?]; Head; W; M; b. Aug. 1872; age 27; married 3 yrs.; b. New York; his father b. New York; his mother b. New York; Govt. clerk.
- —, [given name obscured]; Wife; W; F; b. Mar. 1876; age 24; married 3 yrs.; mother of 2 children, 2 now living; b. New York; her father b. Scotland; her mother b. Scotland.
- —, [given name obscured], L.; Daughter; W; F; b. May 1898; age 2; Single; b. New York; her father b. New York; her mother b. New York.
- —, [given name obscured] E.; Son; W; M; b. Dec. 1899; age 5/12; Single; b. New Jersey; his father b. New York; his mother b. New York.
- CRIF[remainder of surname obscured], [given name obscured]; Servant; W; F; b. May 1883; age 17; Single; b. Hungary; her father b. Hungary; her mother born Hungary; immigrated to U.S. 1889; Servant.

## Dwelling House #11; Family #11

- ROSS[ER], Louis; Head; W; M; b. May 1851; age 49; married 22 yrs.; b. New York; his father b. Germany; his mother b. Germany; Carpenter.
- —, Sarah V.; Wife; W; F; b. Aug. 1861; age 38; married 22 yrs.; mother of 6 children, 4 now living; b. Georgia; her father b. New Jersey; her mother b. New York.
- —, [given name obscured, but is known to be Elbert] H.; Son; W; M; b. May 1880; age 20, Single; b. New York; his father b. New York; his mother b. Georgia; Machinist.
- —, [given name obscured, but is known to be Louis] E.; Son; W; M; b. April 1885; age 15; Single; b. New Jersey; his father b. New York; his mother b. Georgia; At school.
- —, [given name obscured, but is known to be Viola]; Daughter; W; F; b. Jan. 1890; age 10; Single; b. New Jersey; her father b. New York; her mother b. Georgia; At school.
- —, [given name obscured, but is known to be Clinton] B.; Son; W; M; b. Mar. 1892; age 8; Single; b. New Jersey; his father b. New York; his mother b. Georgia; At school.
- M[u---remainder of surname obscured], [first part of given name obscured]--abeth; Servant; W; F; b. April 1871; age 29; married 6 yrs.; mother of 3 children, 2 now living; b. Canada (Eng.); her father b. Canada (Eng.); her mother b. Canada (Eng.); immigrated to U.S. 1896; Servant.
- —, [given name obscured] F.; Boarder; W; M; b. Nov. 1894; age 5; Single; b. Canada (Eng.); his father b. England; his mother b. Canada (Eng.); immigrated to U.S. 1896; At school.
- —, [first part of given name obscured]--ld E.; Boarder; W; M; b. Mar. 1898; age 2; Single; b. New York; his father b. England; his mother b. Canada (Eng.).

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## BUSINESSES IN ALLENDALE

Compiled by Pat Wardell

(Continued from the February 1989 issue)

*Some bits and pieces about some of Allendale's businesses—past and present. We know that this list is incomplete and hope that some of our readers can add information.*

### Old Homestead Baked Products

This business, at 79 West Allendale Avenue, advertised the following specials in the *Ramsey Journal* in November 1938: Monday, homemade soft rolls, pan rolls, Parker House, Clover Leaf, 18¢ Doz.; Tuesday, assorted cupcakes, 35¢ Doz.; Wednesday, homemade apple pie, 27¢ each.

### Ostertag Hardware Store

The Ostertag Hardware Store opened on June 29, 1929 near the Allendale Tailor Shop, according to Herbert Winter's Diary.

### Parry's Confectionery

This business advertised in the August 1906 *Allendale Methodist Herald*: E. W. PARRY, Confectionery and Ice Cream.

### The Party Makers

Mary Kleban and Thelma Cavallero ran this business at 116 West Allendale Avenue circa 1962-1963. They specialized in creating and giving childrens' parties, and supplied the decor, prizes, refreshments, games, etc.

### Pfister Aluminum Corporation

In 1962-1963, this business, headed by Fred W. Pfister, had its offices at 54 West Allendale Avenue. Pfister had left Reynolds Metals Company, after 19 years with them, to establish his own businesses, Pfister Aluminum Corporation and Western Home Products, Inc. In 1955 the two companies employed about 90 people.

### Harry J. Pinckney, Contractor

Harry J. Pinckney, of Crescent Avenue, was a general contractor. He advertised in January 1951 in the booklet, "Guardians of your Property and Welfare: Allendale Police."

### Pine Tree Dairy

F. Graafsma was the proprietor of this dairy company in 1929.

### Plaza Colony Shop

This shop, at 323 Franklin Turnpike in 1962, specialized in Colonial lamps and shades, and offered lamp repairs and replacement parts.

### Post's Tavern and Store

This shop was in operation in Allendale before December 1859, when an item in *The Paterson Daily Guardian* reported that "Mr. Post, who has lately kept a shop here [Allendale] for the sale of refreshments, has lately moved to Paterson, where he is engaged in similar business."

### Potter's Real Estate & Insurance

Allendale resident Marston Potter, in 1929 was running a real estate and insurance business in Plaza Square. He advertised in the souvenir booklet for "Officer 666" in 1929.

### Theodore Price, Butcher

Theodore Price ran a traveling meat market about 1908. Entries in his ledger (c. 1911) show that he supplied meat to many Allendale families, including those of John Ackerman, Mill Ackerson, Roll [Roland] Ackerson, Val J. Braun, Dewitt Bates, A. C. Barrett, J. M. Christopher, Wallie Gasparini, W. H. Mallinson, Dr. Rodman, S. J. VanBlarcom, J. W. Winter, A. LeBarron, J. Hunt, Dr. Parkhurst, William Dewsnap, I. Fox, C. Roswell, F. Rogers, Walter Steele, John Yeomans, A. Storms and many others. Some of the items he sold included pot roast (3-3/4 lbs., 75¢), leg of lamb (8 lbs., \$1.60), bacon (1/2 lb., 12¢), hamburger (1 lb., 20¢), veal roast (4-1/2 lbs., 95¢), sliced ham (1 lb., 28¢) and a beef kidney (15¢).

### George Prince, Tree Service

George W. Prince, Certified Tree Expert, of 43 Midwood Avenue, advertised in the 1963-1964 *Here's Allendale*.

### Fred Rogers' Woodland Dairy

Fred Rogers ran his Woodlawn Dairy for 35 years, supplying milk to Allendale residents. A native of England, he was born February 18, 1870, came to the United States about 1889 and died in Allendale in January 1951. He started this business in Allendale before 1916, when in March, *The Ramsey Journal* reported that "the horse of milkman Rogers ran away Monday morning on East Allendale Avenue. Mr. Rogers was badly bruised by being pulled over the dashboard when the tracer broke and the horse plunged at a gallop up Saddle River Road."

### Rohsler Nursery

This nursery, run by Herman and Marion Rohsler at 100 Franklin Turnpike in Allendale, advertised in the 1963-1964 *Here's Allendale*, "Landscape, design, planting, fertilizers, peat moss, seed, lime, insecticides, plants grown on premises."

### Roses's Beauty Salon

This business, at 80 West Allendale Avenue, was in operation by 1962.

### Rossner's Plumbing

L.E. Rossner advertised his plumbing business in the 1920 Labor Day program: "Sanitary Plumbing and Heating. Tinning and Sheet Iron work." Later, his son Robert, joined him in the business, which became L. E. Rossner and Son, 61 Myrtle Avenue.

### Smith Roswell's Store

Smith Roswell, an early Erie station agent at Allendale, opened what may have been Allendale's first store, just opposite the depot soon after 1848. He is said to have run this store for about 8 years or more. His house (and possibly his store) are shown on the 1861 Hopkins-Corey Map, very near the railroad station.

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## Allendale Fire Department... Records of Early Calls to Fires (Abstracted)

(continued from the February 1989 issue)

November 21, 1936--12:15 p.m.-12:30 p.m.; Crescent Ave.; Brush; Good, owner; cause--rubbish heap; no loss.

December 10, 1936--11:30 a.m.-12 noon; E. Allendale Ave.; Chimney; Richardson, owner; cause--dirty chimney; no loss.

December 24, 1936--Funeral services, Myrtle Avenue, for A. Mowerson.

January 5, 1937--12:05 a.m.-12:30 a.m. midnight; Allen Street; Chimney; residence; R.J. Christopher, owner; J. Smith, occupant; cause--dirty chimney; no loss.

February 3, 1937--2:15 p.m.-2:30 p.m.; Hillside Ave.; Auto; M. Cianno, Paterson, N.J., owner; cause--backfire; slight damage.

February 26, 1937--10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m.; E. Crescent Ave.; residence; Bldg. & Loan, owner; E. Marks, occupant; cause--spontaneous combustion of rubbish in cellar; slight loss.

February 28, 1937--4:20 p.m.-5:30 p.m.; Brookside Avenue; residence; Wm. Lutz, owner & occupant; cause--smoking in chair in living room; loss from smoke & rug.

March 2, 1937--3:30 p.m.-3:50 p.m.; Heights Road; Brush; Tienken, owner; cause--incinerator; no damage.

March 15, 1937--4:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.; Saddle River; residence; J. C. Ware, owner; Request for assistance by S. River.

March 20, 1937--10 a.m.-10:30 a.m.; Dale Avenue; Brush; Flandreau, owner; no damage.

March 13, 1937--11:30 a.m.-12 noon; Turnpike; brush; Higgins; no damage.

March 14, 1937--10:30 a.m.-11 a.m.; Crescent Avenue; residence; R. J. Christopher, owner; L. Conklin, occupant; cause--sparks from mill; no damage.

March 25, 1937--4:30 p.m.-5:15 p.m.; Powell Rd.; Woods and brush; W. Tallman-Thomas, owners; cause--unknown; no loss.

March 26, 1937--3 p.m.-3:30 p.m.; Myrtle Ave.; Brush; cause--R.R.; no loss.

April 26, 1937--5:45 p.m.-6:10 p.m.; E. Crescent Ave.; Field; Arlt, owner; cause--unknown; no loss.

April 30, 1937--2 p.m.-2:30 p.m.; Turnpike; field; Van Houten, owner; cause--rubbish fire; no loss.

May 2, 1937--6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.; Turnpike; field; Doehling; cause--rubbish fire; no loss.

May 1, 1937--7 p.m.-7:30 p.m.; Crescent Ave.; field; Lutz, owner; cause--R.R.; no loss.

July 7, 1937--1:20 p.m.-2:30 p.m.; Brookside Avenue; Garage; Cole, owner; cause--rubbish, spontaneous combustion; value of bldgs. 250.; loss on bldgs. 250.

September 4, 1937--2 p.m.-3 p.m.; E. Crescent Ave.; residence; unoccupied; M.P. Arlt, owner; cause--lightning; slight damage; J. Alsdorf injured by falling brick.

October [?], 1937--7:20 p.m.-7:50 p.m.; Hillside Ave.; Car; B. Bower, owner; cause--short circuit; 25. damage; Delayed, alarm through phone co.

October 31, 1937--1:30 a.m.-1:45 a.m.; False alarm; Halloween prank.

November 6, 1937--2:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.; Turnpike; woods & field; Alling, owner; cause--unknown; no loss.

November 10, 1937--6:45 p.m.-7:20 p.m.; Allendale Ave.; Brush; J. Yeomans; cause--R.R.; no loss.

November 10, 1937--9:30 a.m.-10 a.m.; Chestnut Street; Woods; cause--burning Waldwick dump; no loss.

December 15, 1937--7:50 p.m.-8:10 p.m.; Homewood Ave.; Brush; no loss.

January 18, 1938--10:45 a.m.-11:05 a.m.; Hillside Ave.; Oil Burner; Bldg. & Loan, owner; D. Hartnett, occupant; cause--dirty burner; no damage.

February 1, 1938--7 p.m.-8 p.m.; Allendale Ave.; Scafuro, occupant; call for use of inhalator--heart attack.

January 2, 1938--1 p.m.-2 p.m.; Waldwick F.D.; Call for use of inhalator--drowning case.

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