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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Our Society is currently operating in an inactive capacity because we have no volunteers willing to serve as officers and chairpeople. The current officers (all of whom have served for a number of years) have accepted their positions on an inactive basis only, meaning that our only goals will be to continue to collect and store material pertinent to Allendale's history and heritage, and to publish this newsletter four times a year.

If volunteers come forth to serve in various capacities (especially president), our society would be able to run again on an active basis, which would mean, at the very least, holding quarterly meetings with programs, open to members and the general public. Other activities could be initiated depending on the interests of volunteer members.

Anyone interested in volunteering for any position (president especially needed) should call Pat Wardell at 201-327-0605 for further information.

If you are at all interested, please consider offering your time and efforts.

PASTIMES OF LONG AGO IN ALLENDALE Old Newspaper Notices

"The Cricket B.B.C. [Baseball Club], a new organization, composed of the young gentlemen about the town, will play their first game tomorrow at 5 o'clock, on the grounds near the depot, with the Thistles of Ridgewood."

—*Bergen County Democrat*, July 30, 1880

"The Dudes of Sufferns were victorious in their match with the Crickets last Saturday. The victory of the Dudes was largely due to the unfair decisions of the umpire. After the game was over the Crickets treated their visitors to a sumptuous repast in the hotel building."

—*Hackensack Republican*, Sept. 25, 1884

"The pleasures of skating are now being enjoyed on Smith's Pond and the Recreation Park. Ice is reported to be 4 inches thick."

—*The Ramsey Journal*, Dec. 9, 1915

"It is just seven years ago since some people from New York gave a concert in the Hall for the benefit of the church. Some of these people moved in New York's best social and artistic circles and when the performance was over a dance was gotten up. It was the first of the kind in Allendale and some of our leading citizens rushed to the owner of the hall, dragged him out of bed and had him put out the lights upon the dancers, declaring that the devil had been let loose in the town. These same citizens have since broadened mentally, for within the past two years we have seen them tripping the 'light fantastic' in spite of the devil and his allurements."

—*The Ramsey Journal*, Sept. 22, 1892

"If one wants to get an idea how popular our Lyceums are, especially during this hot weather, just take a stroll into Archer Hall some evening; the room is nearly always crowded. Last Lyceum night 231 plates of ice cream were served in the lower portion of the hall."

—*Hackensack Republican*, July 28, 1887

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.

(continued from the April 1989 issue)

12 Crescent Place

Webb House

Block 403, Lot 7 (Old Block 43, Lot 43)

Built in 1931 by James E. Webb, building contractor, who owned it as a rental property until 1943. Harold Dwyer and Ruth Sneden Dwyer, ?-? Al Grosmann and Marian Grosmann (tenants), ?-? Howard E. Webb (son of James E. Webb) and Edith A. Webb, 1943-present.



12 Crescent Place, 1940 Borough Tax Appraisal Photo

The house was converted to a two-family home for a time, but is now a one-family dwelling. 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, an entry, and 2 open porches. There were 6 rooms, including 3 bedrooms and one half tile bath.

15 Crescent Place

Peters House

Block 402, Lot 7 (Old Block 42, Lot 4)

Built in 1935. Carol E. Peters and Elsie V. Peters, 1940. Donald E. Whitehead and Grace A. Whitehead, 1945-?



15 Crescent Place, 1940 Borough Tax Appraisal Photo

Durant W. Pask and Johanna W. Pask, ?-?

In 1940 the house was described as a two story frame dwelling with a poured concrete foundation, wood shingle and brick exterior, and slate roof. There were 6 rooms, including 3 bedrooms and two half tile baths. The house was sold in 1945 for \$13,000.

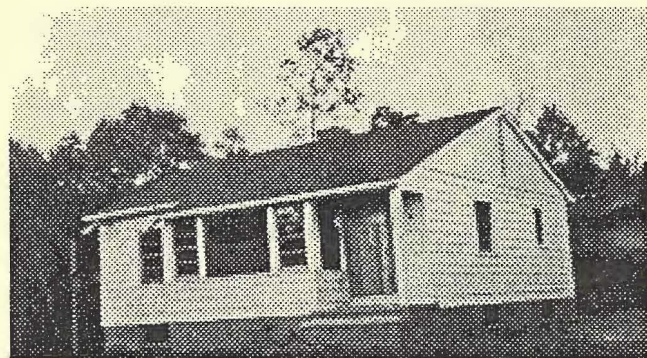
16 Crescent Place

Webb House

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

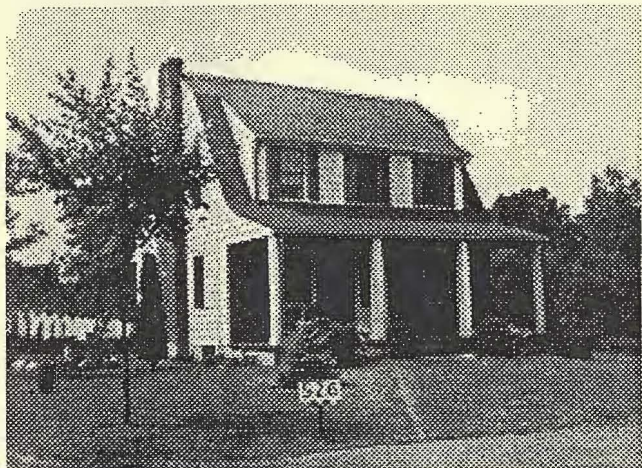
Built 1940 by James E. Webb, building contractor, for his son and daughter-in-law, John Durie Webb and Anne Cullen Webb, who owned it until 1978. Walter M. Wardell, Jr. and Patricia A. (Webb) Wardell, 1978-1984. Thomas Miskowski and Denise Miskowski, 1984-present.

The house was just nearing completion in the summer of 1940 when the borough tax appraisal photo below was taken. In 1940 this house was described as a one family bungalow of frame construction with a concrete and cin-



16 Crescent Place, 1940 Borough Tax Appraisal Photo

der block foundation, clapboard exterior, and a composition shingle roof. There were 5 rooms, including 2 bedrooms and one Linowall bath. Later, a separate garage was built. Additions in the 1950s included a third bedroom and an enclosed porch in the rear.



17 Crescent Place, 1940 Borough Tax Appraisal Photo

**17 Crescent Place
Webb House**

Block 402, Lot 8 (Old Block 42, Lot 2)

Built 1934. James W. Webb and Florence Morris Webb, ?-? (James W. Webb in 1940.) Albert Gerken and Augusta E. (Webb) Gerken, 1945-1950. Robert E. Rich, 1950-present.

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

The house was sold in 1945 for \$8,000. and sold again in October 1951 for \$14,500.

**17 Dale Avenue
Brower House**

Block 1701, Lot 26 (Old Block 7, Lot 43)

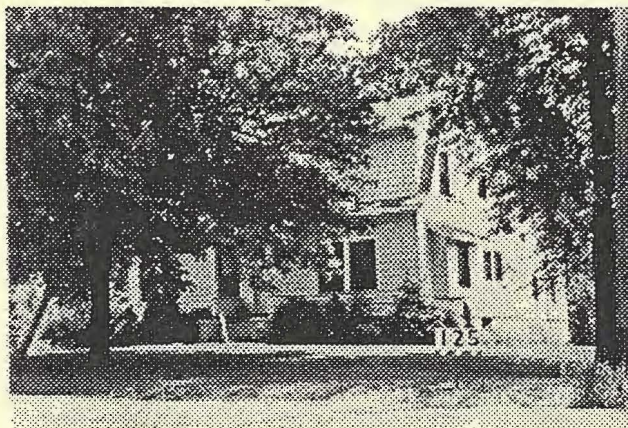
Built about 1926. Henrietta V. Brower, 1940. Robert T. Landgraf, 1948-1953. Theodore J. Landgraf and Elsie Landgraf, 1953-?

In 1940 the house was described as a two story frame dwelling with poured concrete foundation, clapboard exterior and composition shingle roof. It had a one-car garage, sun porch, and an open porch. There were 6 rooms,



17 Dale Avenue, 1940 Borough Tax Appraisal Photo

including 3 bedrooms and one half tile bath.
It was rented in 1947 by Mr. Landgraf.



29 Dale Avenue, 1940 Borough Tax Appraisal Photo

**29 Dale Avenue
Smith-Flandreau House**

Block 1701, Lot 25 (Old Block 7, Lots 41 & 42)

Built about 1920-1926.

Edna A. Smith, 1929. Herbert W. Flandreau and Clara G. Flandreau, 1929-1962. Walter B. Tucker, Jr. and Margaret G. Tucker, 1962-?

In 1940 the house was described as a two story frame dwelling with poured concrete foundation, clapboard exterior and composition shingle roof. It had an attached garage, an open porch, bay and extension, and a sun porch. There were 7 rooms, including 4 bedrooms and one wood and plaster bath.



49 Dale Avenue, 1940 Borough Tax Appraisal Photo

**49 Dale Avenue
Winter House**

Block 1701, Lot 23 (Old Block 7, Lot 39)

Built about 1920-1926. W. L. Winter, 1940. At unknown dates the house was rented by R.J. Born and Mr. Colburn (\$50 per month rental).

In 1940 the house was described as a two story frame dwelling with a stone foundation, wood shingle exterior, and composition shingle roof. It had 6 rooms, including 3 bedrooms and one wood and plaster 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; the footnotes have been added in 1989 by Pat Wardell.

(continued from the April 1989 issue)

Probably the largest and most stubborn local fire in recent years was the one at the Allendale Manor, a road-house, in 1926. It started early in the morning and had gained considerable headway before an alarm was sounded. The volunteers prevented the fire from spreading to adjoining property.

In the same year the department was called to two other big fires. Early in March a blaze in the Kornhoff buildings, which for a time threatened to assume large proportions, was checked with little damage. The Allendale Argus of March 11 was generous in its praise, declaring that "due to the quick response and heroic efforts of the department, what promised to be a very serious conflagration was fortunately averted."

The other fire, in the Ackerson house on Crescent Avenue, was successfully fought, but only after the outmoded apparatus of the company had almost failed to operate.

The Argus of October 8 reported: "The boys managed to get the old boat out of the house only with a great deal of effort, and after wheeling along for about 100 feet, all hands had to get off the truck and push, in order to put some pep into this magnificent specimen of fire protection."

Realizing the need for more modern equipment, the department in October 1927 urged the mayor to buy "a new high grade apparatus with pumper." A year later the borough bought an American La France engine.

At present the department has three pieces of apparatus: the new 750-gallon pumper, the original hook and ladder truck attached to a Ford chassis, and a hose truck with chemical tanks. The first two are in the firehouse. The latter is kept in a barn behind the Allendale Hotel on the opposite side of the railroad tracks as a precaution should a train ever block the main equipment from reaching a fire. Complete auxiliary paraphernalia, including hose, gas masks, smoke masks and flashlights, was purchased in 1936.

Fire headquarters, a two-story stucco building, stands on Station Plaza. In addition to the engines, the ground floor also houses a pool table, shuffleboard and a small kitchen. The basement contains a boxball set, a game similar to bowling and extremely popular with the members, who have organized six teams. A large, attractive hall used frequently by civic organizations for social affairs comprises the second floor.

When the fire siren on the roof was installed in 1920, the borough was divided into five zones, placing fire

fighting and prevention on a more systematic basis. The volunteers pride themselves on the fact that only a few minutes after an alarm sounds the big truck responds, manned by an efficient crew and driven by Chief George Megnin.

In the rear of the ground floor is the meeting room. Numerous photographs showing the development of the department decorate the walls. Here, too, is the large John Monroe Memorial Cabinet containing prize cups and trophies. The memorial was built with funds willed to the department by Mr. Monroe in 1917.

The oldest trophy was won in 1914 in a parade competition of the New Jersey and New York Volunteer Firemen's Association at Spring Valley. The department received trophies on similar occasions in 1915, 1916 and 1917. The latest is dated 1937 and was won at the 24th annual convention of the New Jersey and New York volunteer firemen's organization at Montvale, Park Ridge and Pearl River. A large silver loving cup represents first prize in a bowling competition during the season 1931-32. The department has also had success in various athletic contests and in 1937 finished second in the Rockland and Bergen Firemen's Softball League.

From its beginning the department has been a center for social activities in the borough. In addition to the anniversary dinner in January and a card party in October it conducts other social affairs, while nearly all festive borough events take place at fire headquarters. Weekly movie shows were once provided by the department, but they have been discontinued. These were sponsored by the Allendale Firemen's Entertainment Association, a corporation formed in 1914. The association disbanded in 1929, disposed of its assets and donated all of its properties to the fire department.

The department's First Aid Squad has rendered valuable service. When the Borough Ambulance Corps was organized in August 1937 it was composed mainly of members of the First Aid Squad. Shortly after the organization of the Ambulance Corps, the mayor and council, at the request of the firemen, appointed as surgeon to the department Dr. F. R. Kanning, who had obtained the ambulance from Hackensack Hospital.¹

An incident will illustrate the cooperative spirit of the department, Fireman Kaplan's son fell ill in 1931 and was in desperate need of a blood transfusion. Fireman Gasparini immediately volunteered his blood and saved the boy's life.

Beneficiaries of the volunteers' work almost invariably send a letter of thanks to the department, together with some token of appreciation. Refreshments and cigars are the usual reward.

In September 1921 the department got in touch with officials of the State Exempt Firemen's Association. On November 18 of that year the Allendale Exempt Firemen's Association was formed, affiliated with the State group. William Dewsnap has served as president continuously.

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¹Dr. Frederick R. Kanning died in Allendale May 31, 1989, at the age of 86. He was a 1930 graduate of the University of Minnesota, from which he received his M.D. in 1931. He interned at Hackensack Hospital and was on the staff at Valley Hospital, Ridgewood. He had a private practice in Allendale (from which he retired in 1982) and was Allendale school physician for fifty years, until 1986. He married Esther Mitchell (who died in 1987) and they had three sons, Fritz, Diedrich, and Robert. Dr. Kanning is remembered warmly by many Allendale residents, as one of those "old time" general practitioners who invested time, compassion and interest in their patients.

1900 FEDERAL CENSUS, BOROUGH OF ALLENDALE

Transcribed by Pat Wardell

The following information was taken from a microfilm produced by the National Archives. For additional information on this census in general, refer to the introduction in the issue of April 1989, p. 5.

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Dwelling House # 12; Family #12

- **ANT[HONY, Hen]ry C.**; Head; W; M; b. May 1861; age 39; married 5 yrs.; b. New York; his father b. New York; his mother b. New York; Clerk.
- —, [Elizabe]th S.; Wife; W; F; b. Aug. 1869; age 30; married 5 yrs.; mother of 1 child, 1 now living; b. New Jersey; her father b. New York; her mother b. New York.
- **ANTHONY, Henry W.**; Son; W; M; b. June 1896; age 3; Single; b. New York; his father b. New York; his mother b. New York.

Dwelling House #13; Family #13

- **WINTERS, Garret H.**; Head; W; M; b. Oct. 1867; age 32; married 12 yrs.; b. New Jersey; his father b. New Jersey; his mother b. New Jersey; Carpenter.
- —, Mary E.; Wife; W; F; b. May 1862; age 38; married 12 yrs.; mother of 1 child, 1 now living; b. New Jersey; her father b. New Jersey; her mother b. New Jersey.
- —, Charles D.; Son; W; M; b. Sept. 1889; age 10; b. New Jersey; his father b. New Jersey; his mother b. New Jersey; At school.

Dwelling House #14; Family #14

- **CHRISTOPHER, John**; Head; W; M; b. Jan. 1855; age 45; married 10 yrs.; b. New Jersey; his father b. New Jersey; his mother b. New Jersey; Carpenter.
- —, Eliza L.; Wife; W; F; b. Mar. 1859; age 41; married 10 yrs.; mother of 0 children; b. New Jersey; her father b. New Jersey; her mother b. New Jersey.

Dwelling House #15; Family #15

- **VAN HORN, Charles**; Head; W; M; b. Sept. 1875; age 24; married 3 yrs.; b. New Jersey; his father b. New Jersey; his mother b. New Jersey; Machinist.
- —, Edna; Wife; W; F; b. May 1876; age 24; married 3 yrs; mother of 1 child, 1 now living; b. New Jersey; her father b. New Jersey; her mother b. New Jersey.
- —, Grace; Daughter; W; F; b. Feb. 1899; age 1, Single; b. New Jersey; her father b. New Jersey; her mother b. New Jersey.

Dwelling House #16; Family #16

- **VAN BLARCOM, Daniel**; Head; W; M; b. Sept. 1857; age 42; married 19 yrs.; b. New Jersey; his father b. New Jersey; his mother b. New Jersey; Farmer.
- —, Maria J.; Wife; W; F; b. Oct. 1862; age 37; married 19 yrs.; mother of 0 children; b. New Jersey; her father b. New Jersey; her mother b. New Jersey.
- **BAMFORD, Emanuel**; Servant; W; M; b. May 1855;

age 45; Single; b. New Jersey; his father b. New Jersey; his mother b. New Jersey; Farm laborer.

Dwelling House #17; Family #17

- **THOMAS, George [P.]**; Head; W; M; b. Aug. 1870; age 29; married 9 yrs.; b. New Jersey; his father b. New Jersey; his mother b. New Jersey; Housepainter.
- —, Alice V.; Wife; W; F; b. Dec. 1867; age 32; married 9 yrs.; mother of 0 children; b. England; her father b. England; her mother b. England; immigrated to U.S. 1868.
- [**STOMER?**], Margaret; Mother; W; F; b. Dec. 1841; age 52; Widow; mother of 1 child, 1 now living; b. New Jersey; her father b. New Jersey; her mother b. New Jersey.

Dwelling House #18; Family #18

- **SMITH, Garret A.**; Head; W; M; b. June 1820; age 79; married 59 yrs.; b. New Jersey; his father b. New Jersey; his mother b. New Jersey; Farmer.
- —, Eliza J.; Wife; W; F; b. Sept. 1826; age 73; married 59 yrs.; mother of 11 children, 8 now living; b. New Jersey; her father b. New York; her mother b. New Jersey.
- —, Rosa M.; Daughter; W; F; b. May 1869; age 31; Single; b. New Jersey; her father b. New Jersey; her mother b. New Jersey.
- **SIGLER, Margaret**; Daughter; W; F; b. July 1850; age 49; married 16 yrs.; mother of 4 children, 4 now living; b. New Jersey; her father b. New Jersey; her mother b. New Jersey; Housekeeper.
- —, Mabel; G-daughter; W; F; b. Oct. 1887; age 12; Single; b. New York; her father b. New Jersey; her mother b. New Jersey; At school.

Dwelling House #19; Family #19

- **HENION, Stephen [J.]**; Head; W; M; b. Dec. 1842; age 57; married 30 yrs.; b. New Jersey; his father b. New York; his mother b. New Jersey; Carpenter.
- —, Anna E.; Wife; W; F; b. Aug. 1859; age 47; married 30 yrs.; mother of 2 children, 2 now living; b. New Jersey; her father b. New Jersey; her mother b. New Jersey.
- —, Martin L.; Son; W; M; b. April 1872; age 28; Single; b. New Jersey; his father b. New Jersey; his mother b. New Jersey; Foreman (furniture Mfg.).
- **VAN DIEN, Charles B.**; S-in-law; W; M; b. Dec. 1868; age 31; married 11 yrs.; b. New Jersey; his father b. New York; his mother b. New York; Druggist.
- —, Evangeline; Daughter; W; F; b. Jan. 1871; age 29; married 11 yrs.; mother of 2 children, 2 now living; b. New Jersey; her father b. New Jersey; her mother b. New Jersey.
- —, Anna; G-daughter; W; F; b. May 1890; age 10; Single; b. New Jersey; her father b. New Jersey; her mother b. New Jersey; At school.
- —, Leo; G-son; W; M; b. Mar. 1893; age 7; Single; b. New Jersey; his father b. New Jersey; his mother b. New Jersey; At school.

Dwelling House #20; Family #20

- **OXLEY, Clarence**; Head; W; M; b. May 1869; age 31; married 8 yrs.; b. New York; his father b. England; his

mother b. Germany; Shipping clerk.

- —, Katharine; Wife; W; F; b. Jan. 1876; age 24; married 8 yrs.; mother of 6 children, 3 now living; b. New York; her father b. Germany; her mother b. Germany.

- —, Clarence; Son; W; M; b. April 1893; age 7, Single; b. New York; his father b. New York; his mother b. New York; At school.

- —, Margaerite; Daughter; W; F; b. Mar. 1898; age 2; Single; b. New York; her father b. New York; her mother b. New York.

- —, Alice K.; Daughter; W; F; b. Oct. 1899; age 7/12; Single; b. New Jersey; her father b. New York; her mother b. New York.

- **FRANCK, Robert**; Cousin; W; M; b. July 1876; age 23; Marries 1 yr.; b. Texas; his father b. Germany; his mother b. Germany; Butcher.

Dwelling House #21; Family #21

- **ATKINSON, Paul R.**; Head; W; M; b. Dec. 1870; age 29; married 8 yrs.; b. New Jersey; his father b. Massachusetts; his mother b. Massachusetts; Clerk.

- —, Ida C.; Wife; W; F; b. Mar. 1866; age 33; married 8 yrs.; mother of 2 children, 2 now living; b. New York; her father b. New York; her mother b. New York.

- —, Camilla E.; Daughter; W; F; b. Dec. 1892; age 7; Single; b. New Jersey; her father b. New Jersey; her mother b. New York; At school.

- —, Edith S.; Daughter; W; F; b. Aug. 1894; age 5; Single; b. New Jersey; her father b. New Jersey; her mother b. New York; At school.

Dwelling House #22; Family #22

- **JAEGER, Walter**; Head; W; M; b. Nov. 1862; age 37; married 3 yrs; b. Germany; his father b. Germany; his mother b. Pennsylvania; immigrated to U.S. 1884; Journalist.

- —, Christine H.; Wife; W; F; b. April 1872; age 28; married 3 yrs; mother of 1 child, 1 child now living; b. Germany; her father b. Germany; her mother b. Germany; immigrated to U.S. 1894.

- —, Ruth M.; Daughter; W; F; b. Nov. 1897; age 2; Single; b. New Jersey; her father b. Germany; her mother b. Germany.

- **HAUSMANN, Julius**; Boarder; W; M; b. Sept. 1870; age 29; Single; b. Germany; his father b. Germany; his mother b. Germany; immigrated to U.S. 1888; Journalist.

- [**RAPOLI?**], Marie; Servant; W; F; b. Jan. 1881; age 19; Single; b. Hungary; her father b. Hungary; her mother b. Hungary; immigrated to U.S. 1899; Servant.

Dwelling House #23; Family #23

- **SMITH, Garret G.**; Head; W; M; b. Jan. 1860; age 40; married 17 yrs.; b. New Jersey; his father b. New Jersey; his mother b. New Jersey; Farmer.

- —, Matilda; Wife; W; F; b. June 1861; age 38; married 17 yrs.; mother of 6 children, 6 now living; b. New York; her father b. New York; her mother b. New York.

- —, Gilbert G.; Son; W; M; b. Mar. 1884; age 16; Single; b. New Jersey; his father b. New Jersey; his mother b. New York; At school.

- —, Cora M.; Daughter; W; F; b. Aug. 1885; age 14; Single; b. New Jersey; her father b. New Jersey; her

mother b. New York; At school.

- —, Marie [Maria?] J.; Daughter; W; F; b. July 1888; age 11; Single; b. New Jersey; her father b. New Jersey; her mother b. New York; At school.

- —, [Anne?] H.; Daughter; W; F; b. April 1893; age 7; Single; b. New Jersey; her father b. New Jersey; her mother b. New York; At school.

- —, [given name obscured]; Son; W; M; b. May 1896; age 4; Single; b. New Jersey; his father b. New Jersey; his mother b. New York.

- —, [given name obscured]; Daughter; W; F; b. July 1899; age [10/12? 11/12?]; Single; b. New Jersey; her father b. New Jersey; her mother b. New York.

Dwelling House #24; Family #24

- **REISLER, Evan [T.? F.]**; Head; W; M; b. Mar. 1864; age 36; married 10 yrs.; b. Maryland; his father b. Maryland; his mother b. Maryland; Civil Engineer.

- —, Anna L.; Wife; W; F; b. Jan. 1867; age 33; married 10 yrs; mother of 4 children, 4 now living; b. Maryland; her father b. Pennsylvania; her mother b. Pennsylvania.

- —, Evan H.; Son; W; M; b. Sept. 1891; age 8; Single; b. New York; his father b. Maryland; his mother b. Maryland; At school.

- —, Paul R.; Son; W; M; b. Oct. 1893; age 6; single; b. New York; his father b. Maryland; his mother b. Maryland; At school.

- —, Elizabeth; Daughter; W; F; b. Oct. 1895; age 4; Single; b. New York; her father b. Maryland; her mother b. Maryland.

- —, Mary; Daughter; W; F; b. Aug. 1897; age 2; Single; b. New York; her father b. Maryland; her mother b. Maryland.

- **PAUL, Stephen B.**; F-in-law; W; M; b. June 1834; age 65; Widower; b. Pennsylvania; his father b. Pennsylvania; his mother b. Pennsylvania; occupation-None.

- —, Elizabeth S.; S-in-law; W; F; b. Aug. 1869; age 30; Single; b. Maryland; her father b. Pennsylvania; her mother b. Pennsylvania; School teacher.

Dwelling House #25; Family #25

- **QUACKENBUSH, Charles A.**; Head; W; M; b. Jan. 1866; age 32; married 12 yrs.; b. New Jersey; his father b. New Jersey; his mother b. New Jersey; House painter.

- —, Annie W.; Wife; W; F; b. Sept. 1867; age 32; married 12 yrs.; mother of 2 children, 2 now living; b. New Jersey; her father b. New Jersey; her mother b. New Jersey.

- —, [My]rtle A.; Daughter; W; F; b. Dec. 1888; age 11; Single; b. New Jersey; her father b. New Jersey; her mother b. New Jersey; At school.

- —, Roy; Son; W; M; b. Aug. 1890; age 9; Single; b. New Jersey; his father b. New Jersey; his mother b. New Jersey; At school.

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Allendale news from *The Bergen County Democrat*, April 6, 1883: Ackerman Geroe, of Toledo, Ohio, has been visiting his relatives at this place. Mr. Geroe went West thirty years ago, where he established a business in connection with his son in foreign and domestic fruits.

BUSINESSES IN ALLENDALE

Compiled by Pat Wardell

(Continued from the April 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.

Rowland's Store

Abraham Rowland was running his grocery store by 1880 in a building on West Crescent Avenue, between the old Ackerson and Ackerman houses (on the west side of West Crescent Avenue, between today's RR underpass and the intersection of Myrtle Avenue), which he rented from Henry Mallinson. Later, probably about 1884, he built a new store on what became Cottage Place (today's #13/15 Cottage Place, now a two-family dwelling), where he advertised in the July 31, 1884 issue of the *Hackensack Republican*: "New stores; New Goods; Full line of groceries. Full line of Dry goods & fancy goods, confectionery, paints, oils, putty, lead. Tobacco, Segars, etc. Wooden and Willow Ware, Hardware, Lamp goods of all kinds. Come compare my prices with city prices and you will find it to your advantage."

Russell's Store

Mrs. C. W. Russell was running a store in Allendale in November 1924, when an item in *The Ramsey Journal* advertised a performance of a comedy, "A Pair of Sixes" to be given by the Allendale Players. Tickets, said the item, were on sale at Mrs. C. W. Russell's store in Allendale.

Ryerson's Barber Shop

H. Ryerson, formerly manager of the A. C. Mott barber shop in Paterson, opened his barber shop in Allendale in the spring of 1917. *The Ramsey Journal* reported in April that he had purchased the barber shop in the Gasparini building, but in May the same newspaper reported that Ryerson had "moved his barber shop to the Pittis block."

Scott Lawn Maintenance

Charles W. Scott of 703 Franklin Turnpike was running a lawn maintenance business circa 1950-51. He advertised lawn maintenance, mowing, rolling, and power equipment.

Mae Selfridge's Beauty Shop

This beauty shop was opened November 4, 1926 in the Ackerman building in Allendale. It was advertised in the October 21, 1926 *Ramsey Journal*: "A Marinello Beauty Shoppe, under the care of M. H. Selfridge." The shop offered "modern, sanitary equipment in an artistic atmosphere."

In August 1930, Miss Selfridge moved the shop, now called the "Mae Beauty Shop," to new quarters over Temperlyn's Drug Store. The entrance was from Myrtle Avenue, and it was promised that "customers will find the boudoir scheme very restful and pleasing."

Max Scholz's Barber Shop

Max Scholz moved in 1895 from New York City to Allendale, where he opened a barber shop, apparently on the south side of Myrtle Avenue. In 1901, the Allendale borough council granted him permission to move his shop

across the road. He advertised his shop in *The Allendale Methodist Herald* in August 1906: Max Scholz, Shaving and Hair Dressing Parlor, Allendale, N.J.

On Christmas morning 1909, his building on Myrtle Avenue, with that of William J. Kornhoff, was destroyed by fire. This disaster spurred the townspeople to action, and at a meeting at Archer Hall on New Year's Eve 1909, the Allendale Fire Department was created. Scholz later rebuilt on the same site, and the new house still stands today.

Sherwood's Butcher Shop

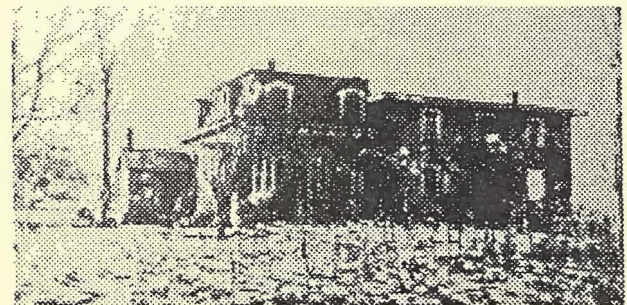
This business was operating in Allendale c. 1873. In November of that year, *The Bergen County Democrat* reported that "Butcher Sherwood, at this place [Allendale], has gone up. Sherwood, it is said, bought beef of many of the farmers, and has forgotten to settle up."

Sherwood & Tallman's Hotel

This hotel was built in 1870, perhaps on the west side of the tracks on approximately the site of today's train station. *The Bergen County Democrat* of January 21, 1870 reported: "Mr. H. Tallman is about erecting a hotel at Allendale. The foundation is laid and the building is soon to be put through. The hotel will front on the main road, cutting off the view [of] the station from Mr. Ackerman's store. A number of lots have been disposed of in this neighborhood, and it is supposed that building will be lively hereabout in Spring."

At this time, the railroad station was located on the east side of the railroad tracks and Ackerman's store was located in a building (which was later rebuilt on the same site after a fire) standing on the south side of station plaza at the foot of Park Avenue (now housing a dance studio).

This hotel business seems to have been short-lived, and the building may have later (mid 1870s) been the home of the Doolittle family. The building was probably razed in the early 1900s, when the station was moved to its present location on the west side of the tracks. The building to be lively in the spring, as mentioned in the above newspaper item, certainly was: it was about this time that Harvey Sherwood and Herman Tallman bought property in the Park Avenue-Mallinson St. vicinity from the Garrison family, subdivided it, created the park that became Allendale's Memorial Park, and established Allendale's first building "development." This initiated the era of the suburban railroad commuter.



The above photograph of the Doolittle House (thought to have once been the Sherwood & Tallman Hotel) was taken about 1890 and was identified by Russell Mallinson, whose mother was the former Mae Doolittle. The house stood on the approximate site of today's railroad station.

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

(continued from the April 1989 issue)

February 10, 1938--11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.; Homewood Ave.; F & St. Residence, L. Rm.; Muller, owner & occupant; cause--boy & matches; \$25.00 loss on bldg.

March 2, 1938--4:05 p.m.-4:30 p.m.; Orchard Street; Bruch; R.J. Christopher, owner; cause--RR; no loss.

March 4, 1938--10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m.; High Street; Brush; W. Winters, owner; cause--unknown; no loss; against barns.

March 21, 1938--5:45 p.m.-7 p.m.; Woods in back, Homewood Ave.; cause--unknown; no loss; covered into Waldwick & Saddle River.

March 22, 1938--11 a.m.-11:10 a.m.; Myrtle Avenue; brush & rubbish back of barn; Conlin, owner; cause--burning grass; no loss.

March 22, 1938--11:10 a.m.-11:30 a.m.; Chestnut Street; Out house & fields; Heady, owner; cause--Waldwick dumps; \$2.00 loss; reported to police.

March 22, 1938--11 a.m.-11:10 a.m.; W. Maple Street; Brush; American Legion, owner; cause--unknown; no damage.

March 22, 1938--11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.; Turnpike; house; Mrs. Van Houten, owner & occupant; cause--painters torch; slight damage; partitions and between floors.

[Editor's note: if the dates and times for the preceding four entries and the next four entries are correct, the fire department must have been pretty busy, and in some cases (because of overlapping times) must have been sending men to two or three different locations at once!]

March 25, 1938--1:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m.; Brookside Ave.; woods; cause--unknown; no loss; probably W.P.A. workers.

March 25, 1938--2 p.m.-2:30 p.m.; Heights Rd.; woods; Sweets, owner; cause--unknown; no loss.

March 25, 1938--2:30 p.m.-2:45 p.m.; Brookside Ave.; Grass; Memorial Park; cause--boys; no loss; reported boys to police for rep.

March 25, 1938--5:10 p.m.-5:45 p.m.; Brookside Ave.; woods; cause--W.P.A. men; no loss.

March 27, 1938--12:15 p.m.-1:45 p.m.; Crestwood Lake; Brush; Van Houten, occupant; cause--unknown; no loss.

March 28, 1938--4:30 p.m.-5 p.m.; Crescent Ave.; Brush; A. A. Lawrence; occupant; cause--unknown; no loss.

April 15, 1938--6:10 p.m.-7:30 p.m.; Myrtle Ave.; Brush; H. Yeomans, etc., occupants; cause--RR; no loss.

April 21, 1938--3:45 p.m.-4:10 p.m.; Brookside Ave.; Brush; Kerwick, occupant; cause--unknown; no loss.

April 24, 1938--12:45 a.m.-1:20 a.m.; Dale Ave.; Residence; L Rm.; Walsh, occupant; cause--cigarette; slight damage; mostly furniture.

May 5, 1938--5:30 p.m.-7 p.m.; Lake San Jacinto; Lumber pile & Brush; Lake resort; Newman, occupant; cause--incinerator; no loss; pumped from pond.

May 7, 1938--7 p.m.-8 p.m.; E. All. Ave.; Brush; G. Storey, occupant; cause--unknown; no loss.

May 7, 1938--5:15 p.m.-7 p.m.; Brookside Ave.; woods; W. Savoye; cause--unknown; no loss.

May 13, 1938--11:50 a.m.-12:15 a.m.; E. Allendale Ave.; Brush; Keen, occupant; cause--unknown; no loss.

May 13, 1938--2:45 p.m.-3:45 p.m.; Myrtle Ave.; Brush; Lutz, occupant; cause--RR; no loss.

June 12, 1938--5 a.m.-6:30 a.m.; Route 2; Truck; cause--backfire; Saddle River Fire.

August 28, 1938--8 p.m.-8:10 p.m.; Crestwood; Motorcycle; cause--backfire.

September 21, 1938--6 p.m.-6:10 p.m.; Turnpike; Residence; H.N. Thurston, occupant; Chimney, cause; no loss.

September 21, 1938--7 p.m.-11 p.m.; Town; Clear roads; Hurricane; remove trees, wires, etc.; Call by Mayor and Chief of Police.

October 16, 1938--2:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m.; Turnpike; Roof, residence; Mrs. Nimmo, occupant; cause--burning leaves; slight loss.

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