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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Our Society is continuing to operate 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.

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 February 1990 issue)

112 Dale Avenue

Hill House

Block 1702, Lot 34 (Old Block 8, Lot 37, later lots 36 & 37)

Tibby Critchley Watson was kind enough to contribute the following additional information on the "Hill" house,

which with this new data, should probably be called the White house, after its first known owner. (See February 1990 issue for original item on this house.)

The following were owners: Ray S. White and Evelyn M. White, ?-1937. Al and Mary Hill, 1937-? Donald and Mildred Anderson, 1848-1967. Tom Watson and Eleanor (Tibby) Critchley Watson, May 1967-May 1981. Robert and Patricia Mollica, May 1981-present.

37 East Allendale Avenue
Methodist Church Parsonage
Block 1805, Lot 1

Built about 1889-1893. According to church records, this house was built for O.H.P. Archer in 1893 as a parsonage for the Archer Memorial Church.

Contemporary newspaper reports, however, set the date of construction as 1889. *The Bergen County Democrat* in February 1889 stated: "Mr. Archer will erect his new house between the church and Squire Sterling's mansion. Mr. Archer and Mr. Isaac Halsted were in town during the week drawing the necessary plans." In June the same newspaper reported: "Mr. O.H. P. Archer is looking after the work connected with the new parsonage. The building, which is to cost nearly \$5,000, will be in keeping with the M.E. Church erected by Mr. A. some years ago.

In 1901, Mrs. Archer donated the house to the Archer Memorial Church. (Photo next page)

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37 East Allendale Avenue, Photo taken March 1987

53 East Allendale Avenue

Sterling House

Block 1805, Lot 11 (Old Block 30, Lot 2D)

Built about 1887 for George C. Sterling. The house is shown, unlabeled, on the 1887 Driving Chart; shown, unlabeled, on the 1913 Bromley Atlas of Bergen County.

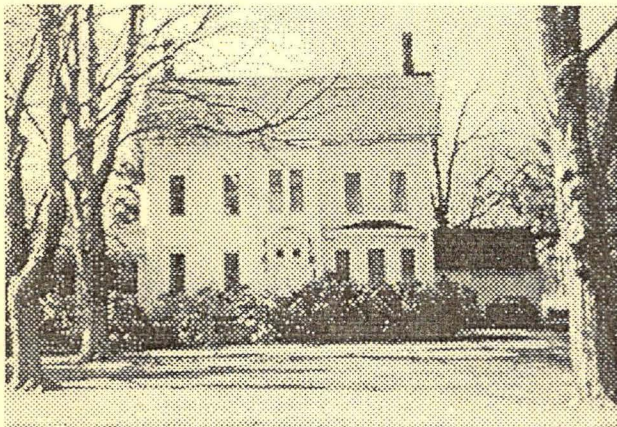
Parsell, 1940. Lais (tenants) ?-abt. 1945. Fred L. Wehran and Margaret E. Wehran, ?-1946. George A. Dean, Jr. and Margaret S. Dean, 1946-1960. Albert O. Scafuro and Adele E. Scafuro, 1960-(present?).

This is probably the house mentioned in *The Hackensack Republican*, March 17, 1887: "The new house which will soon be occupied by George C. Sterling is about completed. It is handsomely finished and is a model of neatness and convenience. Van Blarcom Brothers are the builders."

By June 1887 Sterling was living in his new house at "No. 10 Lenox Avenue" (as Allendale Avenue was then called).

Two Allendale Mayors subsequently lived in this house.

George Curtis Sterling was married to the niece of Mr.



53 East Allendale Avenue, photo taken March 1987

and Mrs. O.H.P. Archer; the Sterlings may have acquired the land on which to build from the Archers. The Sterling family ("of New York City") came to Allendale in the fall of 1883, first living in the Joseph Mallinson house on West Allendale Avenue (probably the house later known

as the Cook house, which burned in the early 1900's, and on the site of which the Telephone building—later the Pfister Building— was built).

George A. Dean, born in Anaconda, Montana, was an aeronautical engineer and president of Dean and Benson Research, Inc. of Clifton, N.J., engaged in experimental work on missiles and rockets. He was first a Borough Councilman, and then Mayor of Allendale in 1959.

Albert O. Scafuro, who bought the house in 1960, was also a Mayor of Allendale (in 1957 and 1958).

54 East Allendale Avenue

Morrison House

Block 1803, Lot 3 (Old Block 28?, Lot 45)

The Morrisons were probably the original owners of this house, which was most likely built between 1920 and 1930. It is known that Mr. and Mrs. Augustus F. Morrison and their son and daughter were living here by 1931.

The Bergen County Historical Sites Survey of 1983 describes the house as residential, early 20th century Colonial Revival-Dutch Colonial-Arts and Crafts style, one with two in roof. The first story has 3 bays with multi-paned one-on-one windows and a gambrel roof. The north facade has a 3 bay porch with cobblestone piers and rail, pair of wood Tuscan columns, wood rail and frieze under hipped north end of porch. Glazed doors lead to main entrance. The roof has a large gable dormer and smaller shed dormers.



54 East Allendale Avenue, Photo taken March 1987

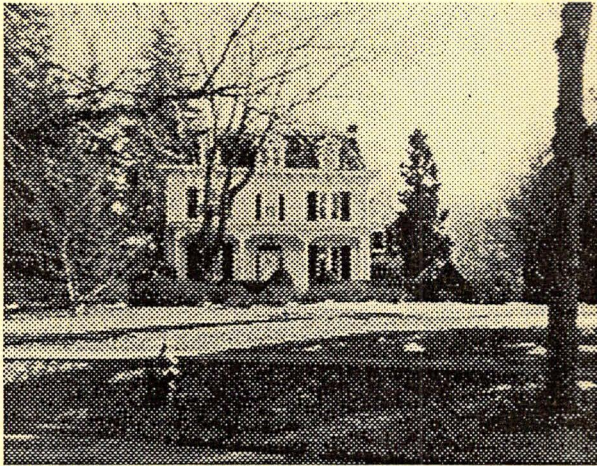
The design of the house at 54 East Allendale Avenue is a handsome blend of popular early 20th century architectural styles, and is one of the large residences built along East Allendale Avenue at that time. Combinations of features from the Colonial Revival, Dutch Colonial, and Arts and Crafts styles made typically spacious and interesting designs. Other similar Allendale designs which draw elements from these styles are the buildings at 200 East Allendale Avenue (Asten-Lindner-Keidel House), 200 Hillside Avenue (Darrow House), and 256 Franklin Turnpike (Dewsnap House).

The cobblestone well with pyramidal roof northeast of the house is a picturesque early 20th century feature extant on numerous older Allendale properties.

The county survey suggested that the house appeared to be one of the D. Powell estate buildings shown in Bromley's 1913 Atlas, but this is not likely because the house appears to have been built after 1913. The Powell

homestead stood on the eastern corner of Powell Road and East Allendale Avenue, just east of this house at 54 East Allendale Avenue. The Powell homestead was razed in the mid-1930's.

Augustus F. Morrison died in 1967; his wife, Ruth A. Morrison died in January 1977 and was survived by her son, J. Gibson Morrison of Saddle River, and a daughter, Ruth A. Morrison, who lived with her.



100 East Allendale Avenue, photo taken March 1970

100 East Allendale Avenue
Switzer House

Block 1804, Lot 5 (Old Bock 28, Lot 8)

Built about 1867-1876.

John E. Switzer, and later his daughter, Carrie Switzer, abt. 1870-? Lintott, 1940. J. A. Burton, about 1947. Joseph E. Pfaff, 1957?-? John G. Soper & Valerie J. Soper, 1969-? Hanson? Robal & Holly Johnson, abt. 1985-?

According to The History of Allendale this house was built by Rev. John E. Switzer about 1840. This seems to be an error. The house does not appear on the 1861 Hopkins-Corey map, but it was indicated on the 1876 Walker's Atlas, marked "Rev. J. E. Switzer." It also appears on the 1887 Drving Chart, marked "Rev. J. Switzer." The house is not shown on a survey made by Isaac Wortendyke in Dec 1867 of the Peat Operation (on what later became the Appert "Celery Farm"), but the house and the name "Sweetzer" has been penciled-in on the survey at a later date. This would indicate that the house was built after 1867 and before 1876.

From 1865-67 Rev. Switzer was pastor of the New Prospect M.E. Church (Waldwick). He is listed in the 1876 Walker's Atlas Business Index as a resident of Allendale, with 7 acres. *The Bergen County Democrat* reported in February of 1889 that Miss F. DeZ. Patton had leased the Switzer mansion and intended to open a seminary for young ladies. Miss Patton's private school was known as "The Lenox Seminary," probably taking its name from Lenox Avenue, which is what East Allendale Avenue was called at that time. Possibly the naming was reversed, with Lenox Avenue taking its name from the Lenox Seminary. A variant spelling was Lennox. During the summer months, when school was not in session, the house was a boarding house for summer visitors who

came to vacation in "The Newport of Bergen County," as Allendale was known in the last part of the 19th century.

In 1915, Rev. Switzer's daughter, Miss Carrie Switzer, was running the "Allendale School of Music" in the "Switzer Manor." She advertised in *The Ramsey Journal*: "Pupils received for instruction of all branches of music and kindred arts. Scholarship certificates awarded all students finishing a certain amount of work in one or more branches, and professional work secured for graduates of any one of the artists courses. Highest class instruction under competent teachers, at moderate rates. Teaching capacity 200 day pupils. Accommodations for a limited number of resident pupils." Carrie Switzer still lived here in 1930, when George W. Parigot committed suicide by gunshot wound in his rented apartment in her house.

The house was advertised for sale for \$148,000 in May 1975, at which time it was described as a "majestic home with nearly two acres of beautiful grounds including towering pines as well as a red barn garage, affording...country living at its finest. Twin fireplaces, high ceilings, tall windows enhance the thirty-six foot living room, another fireplace, original floorboards, exquisite detailing are in the dining room. The spacious kitchen has new equipment with a multi-window eating area...Family room, laundry and lavatory complete the first floor. Five bedrooms, two baths on the 2nd, more bedrooms and bath on the 3rd.

The 1983 Bergen County Historical Sites Survey described the house as a Second Empire style residence. The survey calls the house significant in Allendale's architectural and residential history in the third quarter of the 19th century. It is the Borough's most handsome and least-altered imposing Second Empire style residence. The north-east wing, in a more Italianate style, may have been added about 1876, nearly ten years after the main house was built.

John E. Switzer was born about 1832 in Pennsylvania. He and his wife, Louisa L., had two children: Walter Switzer, b. about 1858 (m. Anna Augusta Pell); and Carrie Switzer, b. about 1864. He and his family lived in the house at 100 East Allendale Avenue. About 1856 he entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He served as pastor of the New Prospect (Waldwick) Methodist Church from 1865 until 1867. He later served as pastor of the Saddle River Lutheran Church.

Around 1885 Switzer moved his family to Baltimore, when he took a position with the *Lutheran Observer*, and leased the house to Florence deZouch Patton. The Switzer family returned to Allendale about 1893.

Louisa L. Switzer died about 1917 and John E. Switzer died in September 1921.

Walter Switzer became a real estate agent in his early twenties. He was elected a Trustee of the Orvil Co-operative Building and Loan Association on April 13, 1889. He married Anna Augusta Pell, daughter of David Ackerman Pell and Catherine Ann Ackerman, of Saddle River. Walter Switzer died in March 1916 at his residence in Ridgewood.

Carrie Switzer in 1896 became the organist for the Archer Memorial Church, and continued as organist until 1912. In 1915 she ran the Allendale School of Music in the Switzer Manor. She died at Saylorsburg, Pennsylvania in June 1947 and was buried at the Lutheran Cemetery in Saddle River. Her only survivor was a nephew, David A. Pell of Saddle River.

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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. 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 #64; Family # 69

- **FULLERTON, Alfred R.**; Head; W; M; b. Mar. 1866; age 34; married 12 yrs.; b. New Jersey; his father b. New York; his mother b. New York; Insurance.
- —, **Amanda [L.]**; Wife; W; F; b. Dec. 1865; age 34; married 12 yrs.; mother of 4 children, 4 now living; b. Pennsylvania; her father b. Cuba; her mother b. Pennsylvania.
- —, **Lillie A.**; Daughter; W; F; b. April 1889; age 11; Single; b. New York; her father b. New Jersey; her mother b. Pennsylvania; At school.
- —, **Alfred R.**; Son; W; M; b. April 1893; age 7; Single; b. New York; his father b. New Jersey; his mother b. Pennsylvania; At school.
- —, **Helen M.**; Daughter; W; F; b. May 1895; age 5; Single; b. New York; her father b. New Jersey; her mother b. Pennsylvania; At school.
- —, **Marjorie S.**; Daughter; W; F; b. Dec. 1897; age 2; Single; b. New York; her father b. New Jersey; her mother b. Pennsylvania.
- **REED, [Georgie?] B.**; Servant; B; F; b. Oct. 1884; age 15; Single; b. Virginia; her father b. Virginia; her mother b. Virginia; Servant.
- —, **Anthony**; Servant; B; M; b. July 1876; age 23; Single; b. Virginia; his father b. Virginia; his mother b. Virginia; Servant.

Dwelling House #65; Family #70

- **BEEBE, Ira L.**; Head; W; M; b. Feb. 1841; age 59; married 38 yrs.; b. New York; his father b. New York; his mother b. New York; Dealer in paper.
- —, **Zilpha L.**; Wife; W; F; b. Mar. 1842; age 57; married 38 yrs.; mother of 3 children, 3 now living; b. New York; her father b. New York; her mother b. New York.
- —, **Jane E.**; Mother; W; F; b. Feb. 1817; age 82; Widow; mother of 7 children, 5 now living; b. New York; her father b. New York; her mother b. New York.
- **BROOKS, Mattie**; Servant; B; F; b. April 1880; married 2 yrs.; mother of 2 children, 2 now living; b. Virginia; her father b. Virginia; her mother b. Virginia; Servant.
- —, **Napoleon**; Boarder; B; M; b. Mar. 1900; age 2/12; Single; b. New Jersey; his father b. Virginia; his mother b. Virginia.

[Dwelling House #65]; Family #71

- **SPRING, Edward W.**; Head; W; M; b. Oct. 1862; age 37; married 14 yrs.; b. New York; his father b. New York;

his mother b. New York; Accountant.

- —, **Zilpha B.**; Wife; W; F; b. Nov. 1866; age 33; married 14 yrs.; mother of 4 children, 3 now living; b. New York; her father b. New York; her mother b. New York.
- —, **Elliot B.**; Son; W; M; b. Aug. 1881 [1891]; age 8; Single; b. New Jersey; his father b. New York; his mother b. New York; At school.
- —, **Zilpha**; Daughter; W; F; b. July 1884 [1894]; age 5; Single; b. Connecticut; her father b. New York; her mother b. New York.
- —, **Ira L.**; Son; W; M; b. Oct. 1897; age 2; Single; b. New York; his father b. New York; his mother b. New York.

Dwelling House #66; Family #72

- **CABLE, Emma**; Head; W; F; b. Feb. 1814; age 86; Widow; mother of 2 children, 2 now living; b. New York; her father b. New York; her mother b. New York; Farmer.
- **READING, Mary E.**; Daughter; W; F; b. Dec. 1844; age 55; Widow; mother of 4 children, 1 now living; b. New York; her father b. New York; her mother b. New York; Music Teacher.
- —, **Robert B.**; G-son; W; M; b. July 1869; age 30; Single; b. New Jersey; his father b. New York; his mother b. New York; Mechanical Engineer.

Dwelling House #67; Family #73

- **FAGAN, James J.**; Head; W; M; b. May 1870; age 30; married 4 yrs.; b. Ireland; his father b. Ireland; his mother b. Ireland; immigrated to U.S. 1889; Stableman.
- —, **Annie T.**; Wife; W; F; b. Aug. 1871; age 29; married 4 yrs.; mother of 2 children, 2 now living; b. Ireland; her father b. Ireland; her mother b. Ireland; immigrated to U.S. 1890.
- —, **Thomas S.**; Son; W; M; b. June 1899; age 11/12; Single; b. New Jersey; his father b. Ireland; his mother b. Ireland.
- —, **Mammie [Mamie?] T.**; Daughter; W; F; b. Mar. 1900; age 3/12; Single; b. New York; her father b. Ireland; her mother b. Ireland.

Dwelling House #68; Family #74

- **O'BRIEN, Dennis**; Head; W; M; b. June 1859; age 40; married 15 yrs.; b. Ireland; his father b. Ireland; his mother b. Ireland; immigrated to U.S. 1874; Coachman.
- —, **Kate A.**; Wife; W; F; b. Feb. 1860; age 40; married 15 yrs.; mother of 5 children, 3 now living; b. New York; her father b. Ireland; her mother b. Ireland.
- —, **Mary**; Daughter; W; F; b. July 1890; age 9; Single; b. New Jersey; her father b. Ireland; her mother b. New York; At school.
- —, **Margaret**; Daughter; W; F; b. April 1892; age 8; Single; b. New York; her father b. Ireland; her mother b. New York; At school.
- —, **Kate**; Daughter; W; F; b. Mar. 1897; age 3;

Single; b. New York; her father b. Ireland; her mother b. New York.

Dwelling House #69; Family #75

- **APPERT, Henry J.**; Head; W; M; b. Jan. 1860; age 40; married 19 yrs.; b. Switzerland; his father b. Switzerland; his mother b. Switzerland; immigrated to U.S. 1878; Farmer.
- —, Ella B.; Wife; W; F; b. July 1861; age 39; married 19 years; mother of 5 children, 5 now living; b. Wales; her father b. Ireland; her mother b. Wales; immigrated 1869.
- —, Edward [P.?]; Son; W; M; b. Mar. 1882; age 18; Single; b. New York; his father b. Switzerland; his mother b. Wales; Farmer, laborer.
- —, Augustine; Son; W; M; b. May 1883; age 17; Single; b. New York; his father b. Switzerland; his mother b. Wales; Clerk (dry goods).
- —, Arthur; Son; W; M; b. Sept. 1886; age 13; Single; b. New York; his father b. Switzerland; his mother b. Wales; At school.
- —, Ella B.; Daughter; W; F; b. June 1888; age 11; Single; b. New York; her father b. Switzerland; her mother b. Wales; At school.
- —, Henry J., Jr.; Son; W; M; b. Feb. 1892; age 8; Single; b. New Jersey; his father b. Switzerland; his mother b. Wales; At school.
- **FINN, Ellen**; M-in-law; W; F; b. July 1820; age 80; Widow; mother of 6 children, 3 now living; b. Wales; her father b. Wales; her mother b. Wales; immigrated to U.S. 1869.
- **ROKOUSK, Joseph**; Servant; W; M; Un. [Unknown?] 1871; age 19 [29?]; Single; b. Russia; his father b. Unknown; his mother b. unknown; immigrated to U.S. 1900; Farm laborer.
- **KAG, Galinus**; Servant; W; M; b. Un. [Unknown?] 1870; age 20 [30?]; Single; b. Russia; his father b. Unknown; his mother b. Unknown; immigrated to U.S. 1900; Farm laborer.

Dwelling House #70; Family #76

- **VAN BLARCOM, Louis E.**; Head; W; M; b. May 1873; age 27; married 3 yrs.; b. New Jersey; his father b. New Jersey; his mother b. New Jersey; Carpenter.
- —, Katie; Wife; W; F; b. Dec. 1875; age 24; married 3 yrs.; mother of 0 children; b. New Jersey; her father b. New Jersey; her mother b. New Jersey.

Dwelling House #71; Family #77

- **FINN, William**; Head; W; M; b. April 1870; age 30; married 2 yrs.; b. New York; his father b. Ireland; his mother b. England; Steam fitter.
- —, Elizabeth; Wife; W; F; b. Sept. 1869; age 30; married 2 yrs; mother of 0 children; b. Connecticut; her father b. Scotland; her mother b. Ireland.

Dwelling House #72; Family #78

- **SWITZER, John E.**; Head; W; M; b. Jan. 1832; age 68; married 43 yrs.; b. Pennsylvania; his father b. Pennsylvania; his mother b. Pennsylvania; Clergyman (retired).
- —, Louisa [C.? E.?]; Wife; W; F; b. Mar. 1837; age 63; married 43 yrs; mother of 2 children, 2 now living; b. Pennsylvania; her father b. Pennsylvania; her mother b. Pennsylvania.
- —, Carrie; Daughter; W; F; b. Jan. 1864; age 36; Single; b. New Jersey; her father b. Pennsylvania; her mother b. Pennsylvania.
- **THOMPSON, Ida**; Servant; B; F; b. May 1870; age 30; Single; b. Virginia; her father b. Virginia; her mother b. Virginia; Servant.
- **BROWN, David E.**; Boarder; W; M; b. May 1866; age 34; married 8 yrs.; b. New York; his father b. Scotland; her mother b. Ireland; Clerk.
- —, Mary J.; Boarder; W; F; b. Oct. 1869; age 31; married 8 yrs.; mother of 0 children; b. New York; her father b. Rhode Island; her mother b. New York.

Dwelling House #73; Family #79

- **CLEMENTS, Florence [A.? M.?]**; Head; W; F; b. Sept. 1878; age 21; Single; b. Barbadoes, W.I.; her father b. England; her mother b. England; immigrated to U.S. 1899; Chambermaid.
- —, Alma B.; Sister; W; F; b. Sept. 1882; age 17; Single; b. Barbadoes, W. I.; her father b. England; her mother b. England; immigrated to U.S. 1899; Chambermaid.

Dwelling House #74; Family #80

- **MACKAIN, Frank J.**; Head; W; M; b. Nov. 1864; age 35; married 10 yrs.; b. New Jersey; his father b. New Jersey; his mother b. New Jersey; Accountant.
- —, Jennie B.; Wife; W; F; b. Dec. 1868; age 31; married 10 yrs.; mother of 2 children, 2 now living; b. New Jersey; her father b. New Jersey; her mother b. New Jersey.
- —, Louisiana M.; Daughter; W; F; b. Jan. 1892; age 8; Single; b. Louisiana; her father b. New Jersey; her mother b. New Jersey; At school.
- —, Warren H.; Son; W; M; b. July 1897; age 2; Single; b. New Jersey; his father b. New Jersey; his mother b. New Jersey.

Dwelling House #75; Family #81

- **KEELER, Samuel T.**; Head; W; M; b. Dec. 1829; age 70; married 19 yrs.; b. New York; his father b. New York; his mother b. New York; Farm laborer.
- —, Annie; Wife; W; F; b. June 1849; age 50; married 19 yrs.; mother of 10 children, 6 now living; b. New Jersey; her father b. New Jersey; her mother b. New

Jersey.

- —, Everett H.; Son; W; M; b. Jan. 1882; age 19; Single; b. New Jersey; his father b. New York; his mother b. New Jersey; Day laborer.
- —, Arvilla; Daughter; W; F; b. Feb. 1884; age 16; Single; b. New Jersey; her father b. New York; her mother b. New Jersey.
- —, Viola; Daughter; W; F; b. Feb. 1886; age 14; Single; b. New Jersey; her father b. New York; her mother b. New Jersey; Servant.
- —, Walter; Son; W; M; b. Mar. 1893; age 7; Single; b. New Jersey; his father b. New York; his mother b. New Jersey; At school.
- **CLEARWATER, Harry**; G-son; W; M; b. April 1890; age 10; Single; b. New York; his father b. New York; his mother b. New York; At school.

Dwelling House #76; Family #82

- **ASTEN, William[B.?.]**; Head; W; M; b. Aug. 1823; age 76; married 24 yrs.; b. New York; his father b. New York; his mother b. New York; Bookkeeper.
- —, Frances A.; Wife; W; F; b. Sept. 1850; age 49; married 24 yrs.; mother of 1 child, 1 now living; b. Maryland; her father b. Virginia; her mother b. Virginia.
- —, William P.; Son; W; M; b. Mar. 1849; age 51; married 23 yrs.; b. New York; his father b. New York; his mother b. New York; Fire insurance inspector.
- —, Josephine R.; D-in-law; W; F; b. Nov. 1852; age 47; married 23 yrs.; mother of 5 children, 2 now living; b. Massachusetts; her father b. New York; her mother b. Massachusetts.
- —, Archer H.; Son; W; M; b. May 1885; age 15; Single; b. New Jersey; his father b. New York; his mother b. Maryland; At school.
- —, William P., Jr.; G-son; W; M; b. Oct. 1879; age 20; Single; b. New York; his father b. New York; his mother b. Massachusetts; Clerk R.R.
- —, Oliver B.; G-son; W; M; b. Sept. 1895; age 4; Single; b. New Jersey; his father b. New York; his mother b. Massachusetts.
- **ROSE, Charles F.**; Boarder; W; M; b. Nov. 1881; age 18; Single; b. New Jersey; his father b. Massachusetts; his mother b. New York; Day laborer.
- **LINTHECUM, Catharine A.**; Niece; W; F; b. Mar. 1880; age 20; Single; b. Maryland; her father b. Virginia; her mother b. Maryland.
- **HENDERSON, Russell H.**; Boarder; W; M; b. Sept. 1853; age 46; married 20 yrs.; b. Scotland; his father b. Scotland; his mother b. Scotland; immigrated to U.S. 1880; Ship owner.
- —, Juliette C.; Boarder; W; F; b. Sept. 1853; age 46; married 20 yrs.; mother of 0 children; b. Pennsylvania; her father b. Pennsylvania; her mother b. Pennsylvania.
- **SSHELLEY [sic.; Shelley?], Mary L.**; Boarder; W; F; b. Sept. 1870; age 29; Single; b. England; her father b. England; her mother b. England; immigrated to U.S. 1888; Trained Nurse.
- **MARTIN, Elize [sic.] C.**; Boarder; W; F; b. Mar. 1849; age 51; Single; b. Germany; her father b. Denmark; her mother b. Germany; immigrated to U.S. 1885; Ladies

maid.

- **ROLLISON, Lucy**; Boarder; W; F; b. Feb. 1844; age 56; Widow; mother of 1 child, 1 now living; b. Ireland; her father b. Ireland; her mother b. Ireland; immigrated to U.S. 1850.
- **[WAETERLING? WALTERLING?], August C.**; Boarder; W; M; b. July 1863; age 37; married 11 yrs.; b. New York; his father b. Germany; his mother b. Germany; Law reporter.
- —, Margaret R.; Boarder; W; F; b. May 1867; age 33; married 11 yrs.; mother of 1 child, 1 now living; b. New York; her father b. Scotland; her mother b. Ireland.
- —, Douglas R.; Boarder; W; M; b. April 1894; age 6; Single; b. New York; his father b. New York; his mother b. New York; At school.
- **WILLIAMS, Percillia B.**; Boarder; W; F; b. Aug. 1826; age 83; Widow; mother of 1 child, 0 now living; b. New York; her father b. New York; her mother b. New York.
- **JONES, Lucy**; Servant; B; F; b. May 1882; age 18; Single; b. Virginia; her father b. Virginia; her mother b. Virginia; Servant.
- **EDWARDS, Annie**; Servant; B; F; b. April 1870; age 30; Single; b. Virginia; her father b. Virginia; her mother b. Virginia; Servant.
- **COLLINGS, Patrick**; Servant; W; M; b. Mar. 1872; age 28; Single; b. Ireland; his father b. Ireland; his mother b. Ireland; immigrated to U.S. 1892; Coachman.

Dwelling House #77; Family #83

- **ZABRISKIE, Albert J. A.**; Head; W; M; b. Dec. 1819; age 80; married 37 yrs.; b. New Jersey; his father b. New Jersey; his mother b. New Jersey; Farmer.
- —, Martha; Wife; W; F; b. May 1832; age 68; married 37 yrs.; mother of 1 child, 1 now living; b. New Jersey; her father b. New York; her mother b. New Jersey.
- —, Albert L.; Son; W; M; b. Sept. 1863; age 36; married 14 yrs.; b. New Jersey; his father b. New Jersey; his mother b. New Jersey; Salesman (Notion house).
- —, Harrit [sic.; Harriet] R.; D-in-law; W; F; b. Aug. 1864; age 35; married 14 yrs.; mother of 2 children, 2 now living; b. New Jersey; her father b. New York; her mother b. Pennsylvania.
- —, Amy B.; G-daughter; W; F; b. Aug. 1888; age 11; Single; b. New Jersey; her father b. New Jersey; her mother b. New Jersey; At school.
- —, Almira; G-daughter; W; F; b. Aug. 1889; age 10; Single; b. New Jersey; her father b. New Jersey; her mother b. New Jersey; At school.
- **ACKERMAN, David H.**; B-in-law; W; M; b. July 1841; age 59; Single; b. New Jersey; his father b. New York; his mother b. New Jersey; Farmer.
- **KNOPH, Walter S.**; Servant; W; M; b. Mar. 1876; age 24; Single; b. New York; his father b. Norway; his mother b. Scotland; Farm laborer.
- **DE VOE, Jacob N.**; Boarder; W; M; b. Jan. 1844; age 56; Single; b. New York; his father b. New York; his mother b. New York; Salesman (fancy goods).

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BUSINESSES IN ALLENDALE

Compiled by Pat Wardell

(Continued from the February 1990 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.



The United Cigar Store (right), 101 West Allendale Avenue, from a post card circa 1930.

United Cigar Store

Eugene Melchionna's confectionery store was called the United Cigar Store as early as 1918, when an item in *The Ramsey Journal* reported that Otto Vanderbeck had taken a position as a bookkeeper for the store. Melchionna took over the business in December 1915.

Earlier a confectionery store in Allendale (probably near or on the site of today's Cheese 'n Things) was run in succession by James Linkroum (1895), James E. Webb (1904), Wally Gasparini, George Mensching (abt. 1910), Bert Linkroum, Frank Austin, and Eugene Melchionna. Melchionna had the present building constructed in the fall of 1921. *The Ramsey Journal* of Sept. 15, 1921 reported: "The store of Eugene Melchionna has been moved back by the trolley station to make way for excavating and building of his new store. He is carrying on the business at his present location." Melchionna installed an automatic player piano in his store in July 1923. For a nickel a selection, reported *The Ramsey Journal*, customers could hear the piano perform "continuously popular airs."

About 1931 the confectionery business of Eugene Melchionna was sold to Samuel Dolsky. In June 1932 Dolsky sold the business to Mr. and Mrs. Israel Yachnin, of Little Ferry. By 1955 the business was being run by Mr. and Mrs. Ely Leff.

Vanderbeck Fencing

Howard E. Vanderbeck, son of Edward S. Vanderbeck, owned and ran this business, H. E. Vanderbeck Co., Inc., at 2 East Crescent Avenue. He advertised in January 1951,

promising "Fencing that improves your property."

Howard Vanderbeck died in 1977. The business moved, sometime around 1986 to its present location on Franklin Turnpike in Waldwick.

Van Horn's Blacksmith Shop

John "Griddlegreaser" Van Horn ran a blacksmith shop and cider mill near his home on Franklin Turnpike in Allendale from at least 1874 and probably earlier. His occupation, given in Federal Census records, was listed as laborer (1860); carpenter (1870); and machinist (1880). "Griddlegreaser" got his nickname from his appearance (a "reverse" nickname): he was more than six feet tall and exceedingly thin. He was also a lay preacher and a lecturer. Allendale residents knew him for his inventive genius in devising mechanical gadgets.

In *Allendale and its Firefighters*, written about 1938, it was reported that "One old resident has a shotgun made by 'Griddlegreaser' which he says is better than any ever turned out by an arms factory."

Van Horn died in February 1888.

Van Houten Real Estate and Insurance

In September 1926 Christopher J. Smith and S. T. Van Houten, Jr. opened their real estate office in the new Melchionna building on West Allendale Avenue. Smith and Van Houten developed the old Mallinson's pond site into Crestwood Lake.

After World War II, Steven T. Van Houten established a new realty business with his sons, S. T. Van Houten II ("Bud") and Richard Van Houten ("Dick"). For a time, in the late 1940's, S. T. Van Houten & Sons had their office in a building on the Crestwood Lake property. In 1951 the firm joined the Ridgewood-Northwest Bergen Board of Realtors.

By 1951 the Van Houtens had purchased the old Joseph Henry Mallinson homestead on the northwest corner of Franklin Turnpike and West Allendale Avenue, and the business was relocated to this site.

In 1979 the name of the business was changed to the shorter Van Houten Realty and joined the Network of Homes. Sometime in the 1980s the Van Houtens sold the business to the Richard Schlott company.

Walton Real Estate & Insurance

Arthur H. Walton was running this business in Allendale and Ramsey by 1908, when he advertised in *The Parish Messenger* of the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany. He was an agent for the Home Insurance Company of New York and a Commissioner of Deeds. His New York office was at 56-58 Pine Street, New York City. Walton was also at one time president of the Lenox Fire Insurance Co.

Walton and his first wife, the former Catherine A. Rowlandson were both natives of Brooklyn. They lived at Ridgewood (by 1875), and Allendale (by 1908). Arthur H. Walton died at 76 years of age in May 1920.

His son, A. Hobart Walton was Mayor of Oakland (five terms or more) before 1925.

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

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Nov. 16, 1939—4 p.m.-4:45 p.m.; Hillside & Forest Road; woods; cause--hunters.

Nov. 16, 1939—2:45 p.m.-3:30 p.m.; Brookside Ave.; woods; Cole, owner; cause--hunters.

Nov. 16, 1939—2:15 p.m.-2:45 p.m.; Crescent Ave.; garage; W. Spiegelburger, owner and occupant; cause--spark from coop fire; slight loss.

Nov. 16, 1939—12:30 a.m.-1:45 p.m.; Heights Road; Chicken coop; McArdell, owner; extended to adjoining bldg; cause--oil stove; total loss; fire apparently unob-

served until too late altho surrounded by close neighbors.

Nov. 17, 1939—5:25 p.m.-6 p.m.; Brush; Hillside Avenue; cause--hunters.

Nov. 17, 1939--2:50 p.m.-3:40 p.m.; Hillside Ave.; woods; cause--hunters.

Nov. 17, 1939—(no time given); Turnpike; Phair's woods; Phair, owner; cause--hunters; no loss.

Nov. 17, 1939—10 a.m.-11:15 a.m.; Arlton Avenue; Arlt's fields; Arlt, owner; cause--hunters; no loss.

Nov. 18, 1939—1:30 p.m.-2:40 p.m.; Chestnut St.; woods; cause--Waldwick Dumps; no loss.

Nov. 18, 1939—3:15 p.m.-3:35 p.m.; Arlton Avenue; woods; Arlt, owner; cause--hunters; no loss.

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