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SOCIETY NEWS

Some "transplanted" former Allendale residents gathered on Friday, February 15th at the Englewood, Florida home of Anne and John Webb for an enjoyable afternoon of recollections. The group included Marian and Alwyn Grossman and Helyn ("Tiny") Anthony, of Longboat Key, FL; Helen and Bill Hanson and Anne O'Connor of Sarasota, FL; Hazel and Fred Gordon of Seminole, FL; Natalie and Dick Holeman of Stone Harbor, NJ; and Anne and John Webb of Englewood, FL.

We know from many letters and comments that our readers love to read letters and articles other members have sent us. We encourage anyone with memories of Allendale to jot down a few lines for us—what events, people, places do you remember? What was different about Allendale and the way people lived years ago from the way things are today? We love to hear from you.

Special thanks to those members who sent donations along with their dues this past year; this will help us to maintain low membership dues despite rising printing and postage costs. Thanks, too, to Marie Kraft for rescuing and donating two old metal printing plates of Allendale's schools circa 1929: Allendale's third public school (today's police station) and the brand new Brookside School.

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.

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.

Memories of Allendale

by Henry Clay Anthony, 1938

This collection of memories of Allendale was written in 1938 by Henry Clay Anthony, first child of Daniel and Susan (Steele) Anthony. He was born at 59 Magin Street in New York City and came to Allendale in 1869 as a child with his parents.

Interpolations in brackets are those of the editor.
(continued from the September 1990 issue)

Churches in 1869

There was one very small building located at what is now called Waldwick on the Turnpike about where the old trolley used to run. The room in the building contained a small pulpit and pine benches for the people to sit on. The Methodists held their services there—it was called the New Prospect Church. They continued to hold services there until the present church was built. [What is now the Waldwick United Methodist Church was previously called the Paramus Methodist Episcopal Church, the Franklin M.E. Church, and the New Prospect M.E. Church. Methodist itinerant preachers visited New Prospect (now Waldwick) as early as 1791 and what was then called the Paramus Methodist Episcopal Church was the first

Methodist church in Bergen county, organizing on March 1, 1797. The present building was erected in 1866 and replaced two earlier buildings.]

Farming

Allendale at this time was given over entirely to farming and fruit growing. The crops were corn, rye, oats, buckwheat and hay.

The principal cash crop was strawberries—every farmer had from one to five acres in this crop. The season began about June 1st until July 1st. The principal markets were New York City and Paterson. The berries were picked in half pint woven wood baskets with handles. An expert picker could pick 300 in a day. The berries had to be hulled and it was back-breaking work—as the writer can vouch for as the first money I ever earned was by that method. The picker was paid one cent per basket. I have seen at the railroad switch as many as five car-load box cars leave for New York. A commission [agent] handled the product in New York. This was the first money that the farmers received in the spring and that meant a general pay day to all of their creditors. The payment of all indebtedness was based on strawberry money. That was then the custom. Paterson was the local market for all other products.

Seasons and Climate

Winters generally began about November 15th with cold and snow. Thanksgiving we either had ice skating or sleighing and the snow and ice stayed on the ground until March 1st. By March 15th snow, ice, and frost was gone and the farmers started their spring plowing. I have a diary of my father's showing that he planted peas and potatoes March 17th. At times during the winter the snow would be from two to three feet deep on the level, and at times would drift so badly that the citizens would have what was called breaking in the roads—that is, shoveling the drifts so that the roads would be open to the public.

Heating and Lighting

Heating was done principally by wood—only a few homes possessed coal stoves. Lighting was entirely by oil and candles.

Railroad and Station

The first Erie R.R. Station was a small building where the waiting room now stands. The railroad then was what was called a broad gauge

line extending from Jersey City to Buffalo, N.Y. The engines were burning wood as a fuel. The cars were much smaller and the trains much shorter. Cars were lighted with oil and heated by two stoves, one in each end of the car. When you were riding in these cars, if you were not near the stove you became very cold. The brakemen had to use the hand brake when stopping the train. The run to Jersey City took about one hour. Trains that stopped at Allendale were two in the morning, one at noon, and two at night. The first station agent was Smith Roswell; he was agent for a number of years.

Hunting and Fishing

This vicinity was then a hunter's paradise. The only game law was the hunting season, which began November 1st until January 1st. There were no other restrictions. Fishing any time during the year and the streams were filled with all kinds of fish. The uplands and the fields were overrun with rabbits, quail, partridge, woodcock and gray squirrels.

Living

There were no heated houses, excepting stoves and fireplaces. No baths or toilets. If you wished to take a bath in winter it was in the washtub in the kitchen. When the water in the streams and ponds became warm enough, the whole family went to their favorite bathing place and did their spring washing.

Their foods were simple and not many—they raised their own rye and corn, which they had ground into flour and meal. No wheat flour. No fresh meat other than their own chicken and pork. They raised sufficient hogs to furnish them with fresh meat and salted and smoked pork. So you can see that their menu was limited, but they were healthy and long-lived. With the passing of the older people the younger generation gradually gave up farming and took up other pursuits and those beautiful fields were given over to brush and woods.

Voting and Polling Places

At this time [1869] Allendale had no polling district. [People who lived here] voted in various places—Ramsey, Hohokus, Wyckoff and Saddle River.

Post Office Facilities

There was no regular post office in Allendale. The mail was given to the railroad station agent and you called for it. A few years later the

government appointed the railroad agent Smith Roswell as Postmaster and he served in that capacity for over 20 years.

The Anthony Family in Allendale

In the early spring of 1867 my father bought a farm on Crescent Avenue from John A. Storms. It consisted of 26 acres and a one and a half story house. It contained on the first floor, one large room with a bedroom connecting (the large room had a fireplace), a wide hall and stairs leading to the second floor, a dining room with bedroom connecting, a large kitchen and bedroom, an outside kitchen with open fireplace and a larger Dutch oven, a fine well and a lattice well house. There was a good cellar under the main house, a large barn and other buildings. Some years later my father bought seven acres of woodland on the south end of the farm from John A. Garrison and three acres from Jos. A. Mallinson on the north end (which is now a part of Recreation Park).

My father was a ship builder in New York, located in Mangin Street, comprised of a brown stone three story and basement house, and a large plot of ground containing his shop, office, and engine to furnish power.

We all arrived in Allendale June 15th 1867, about 11 a.m. Mr. C. R. Merrill met us at the station and we proceeded to his house. There were my father, Daniel Anthony, my mother, aunt and half-sister, my sister, and myself. As our furniture had arrived, we at once began to get our things arranged. I have lived in Allendale since that time with the exception of two years in New York when I was first married.

My father started in to be a farmer. He hired men to clear the fields of stone and brush and build fences. He planted a large number of all kinds of fruit trees, berries, and all kinds of vegetables. At one time we grew sweet potatoes, tobacco and peanuts.

He wanted me to become a farmer and started at once in a small way. After a few years my father gave up farming and went back to business. At times he would be away on business from one month to three before coming home—that then made me manager of all the farm work.

I continued with this until I was 18 years. I had then had all of the farming I wanted, for the markets got very bad and you could not make your living on the farm. So I went to New York and secured a position with a firm in Liberty Street as office boy. This getting up at 2 or 3

a.m. to go to Paterson market settled me for a farmer.

As there was no other way to get to the store or station but the roads Crescent Avenue and West Allendale Avenue, my father made a path through our property to the Sherwood and Talman tract, and built a bridge over the brook. This path came out where the house now stands at the corner of Brookside Avenue and Mallinson Street and from there to the corner of Park Avenue and First Street. This path was in existence and used by everyone living west of our place for nearly twenty years. If continued it would have become a public highway.

My father then decided to open the road, then called Anthony Street, now part of Brookside Ave. The other road that was planned to cross his property was one that from Hillside Avenue would continue on through to First Street. These streets were laid out on the plans of the Sherwood and Talman map now on file in Hackensack.

The First Store

The first store in what is now called Allendale was located on the southeast corner of Franklin Turnpike and Cottage Place. The building was of brick and stone, two stories and attic. The records indicate the house was erected in the latter part of the [1700s]. As late as 1900 a part of this building was standing but had not been inhabited in years and is now gone entirely. The property opposite now owned by Jos. B. Taylor was owned by an old Frenchman at that time, but the original house where he lived, on the site of the present one, was gone many years ago. This property was acquired by Stephen Cable in 1860, and the owner then was a family by the name of Ackerman.

Mr. Cable's hired man, digging a ditch south of the present house, discovered a box containing a number of French and English coins. An old rumor told that there was a treasure buried on the place, apparently buried to escape the attention of English soldiers. Nothing since has been brought to light.

[The stone house Mr. Anthony mentioned is thought to have stood about where Cottage place meets Franklin Turnpike. The earliest occupant of whom we have knowledge is Dr. Dubois Hasbrouck, who was apparently living in it at the time of an 1853 Bergen County Road Return. It was torn down circa 1894-1900 by then owner O.H.P. Archer.]

—Henry C. Anthony, March 12th, 1938

**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 #108; Family #115

- YEOMANS, Ira H.; Head; W; M; b. Sept. 1860; age 39; married 20 yrs.; b. New York; his father b. New Jersey; his mother b. New Jersey; Provision dealer.
- —, Sophia A.; Wife; W; F; b. Mar 1864; age 36; married 20 yrs.; mother of 3 children, 3 now living; b. New Jersey; her father b. New Jersey; her mother b. New York.
- —, John L.; Son; W; M; b. Sept. 1881; age 19; Single; b. New Jersey; his father b. New York; his mother b. New Jersey; Clerk (in butcher shop).
- —, William H.; Son; W; M; b. April 1884; age 16; Single; b. New Jersey; his father b. New York; his mother b. New Jersey; At school.
- —, Mabel A.; Daughter; W; F; b. Sept. 1886; age 13; Single; b. New Jersey; her father b. New York; her mother b. New Jersey; At school.

Dwelling House #109; Family #116

- LINKROOM, James A.; Head; W; M; b. Oct. 1855; age 44; married 20 yrs.; b. New Jersey; his father b. New York; his mother b. New Jersey; Day laborer.
- —, Mary E.; Wife; W; F; b. Nov. 1861; age 38; married 20 yrs.; mother of 1 child, 1 now living; b. New Jersey; her father b. New Jersey; her mother b. New Jersey.
- —, Bertie E.; Son; W; M; b. May 1881; age 19; Single; b. New Jersey; his father b. New Jersey; his mother b. New Jersey; Clerk.

Dwelling House #110; Family #117

- BORGER, Henry C.; Head; W; M; b. June 1862; age 37; married 13 yrs.; b. New York; his father b. Germany; his mother b. Germany; Manufacturer (Ammonia).
- —, Eliza M.; Wife; W; F; b. June 1864; age 35; married 13 yrs.; mother of 3 children, 3 now living; b. New York; her father b. New York; her mother b. New York.
- —, Lillian G.; Daughter; W; F; b. May 1889; age 11; Single; b. New York; her father b. New York; her mother b. New York; At school.
- —, Ethel V.; Daughter; W; F; b. Oct. 1892; age 7; Single; b. New York; her father b. New York; her mother b. New York; At school.
- —, John J.; Son; W; M; b. Nov. 1895; age 4; Single; b. New York; his father b. New York; his mother b. New York.
- WEBB, Annie; Servant; W; F; b. June 1850; age 49; Single; b. Scotland; her father b. England; her

mother b. Scotland; immigrated to U.S. 1869; Housekeeper.

Dwelling House #111; Family #118

- STOCKER, Charles W.; Head; W; M; b. Feb. 1860; age 40; married 14 yrs.; b. New York; his father b. New York; his mother b. New York; Lawyer.
- —, Josephine W.; Wife; W; F; b. Jan. 1867; age 33; married 14 yrs.; mother of 3 children, 3 now living.
- —, May A.; Daughter; W; F; b. Oct. 1886; age 13; Single; b. New York; her father b. New York; her mother b. New York; At school.
- —, Morgan R.; Son; W; M; b. Mar. 1890; age 10; Single; b. New York; his father b. New York; his mother b. New York.
- —, Rite [Rita]; Daughter; W; F; b. April 1895; age 5; Single; b. New Jersey; her father b. New York; her mother b. New York; At school.
- PITTI, Godfrey; Boarder; W; M; b. July 1874; age 25; Single; b. New Jersey; his father b. New York; his mother b. New York; Physician.
- EDWARDS, Annie; Servant; B; F; b. Nov. 1873; age 26; Single; b. North Carolina; her father b. North Carolina; her mother b. North Carolina; Cook.

Dwelling House #112; Family #119

- HAND, Harry I.; Head; W; M; b. July 1867; age 32; married 9 yrs.; b. New Jersey; his father b. New York; his mother b. New York; Clerk.
- —, Jennie; Wife; W; F; b. Nov. 1867; age 32; married 9 yrs.; mother of 0 children; b. New York; her father b. New Jersey; her mother b. England.
- —, Anna M.; Mother; W; F; b. Mar. 1827; age 72; Widow; mother of 4 children, 1 now living; b. New York; her father b. New York; her mother b. New York.

Dwelling House #113; Family #120

- VAN BLARCOM, Stephen J.; Head; W; M; b. Sept. 1846; age 53; married 31 yrs.; b. New Jersey; his father b. New Jersey; his mother b. New Jersey; Carpenter.
- —, Eliza J.; Wife; W; F; b. Sept. 1846; age 53; married 31 yrs.; mother of 2 children, 2 now living; b. New Jersey; her father b. New Jersey; her mother b. New Jersey.
- —, Annie C.; Daughter; W; F; b. July 1873; age 26; Single; b. New Jersey; her father b. New Jersey; her mother b. New Jersey; Stenographer.
- —, Jennie; Daughter; W; F; b. Feb. 1876; age 24; Single; b. New Jersey; her father b. New Jersey; her mother b. New Jersey.

Dwelling House #114; Family #121

- WEEKS, Charles H.; Head; W; M; b. Dec. 1859; age 40; married 16 yrs.; b. New Jersey; his father b. New York; his mother b. New Jersey; House painter.
- —, Eliza A.; Wife; W; F; b. Sept. 1858; age 41; married 16 yrs.; mother of 0 children; b. New Jersey; her father b. New York; her mother b. New Jersey.

Dwelling House #115; Family # 122

- MOWERSON, James P.; Head; W; M; b. Dec. 1845; age 54; married 35 yrs.; b. New Jersey; his father b. New Jersey; his mother b. New Jersey; Cabinet maker.

- —, Catherine [P.?]; Wife; W; F; b. Feb. 1847; age 53; married 35 yrs.; mother of 4 children, 3 now living; b. New Jersey; her father b. New Jersey; her mother b. New Jersey.

- HILBERT, Ella E.; Daughter; W; F; b. May 1869; age 31; married 13 yrs.; mother of 1 child, 1 now living; b. New Jersey; her father b. New Jersey; her mother b. New Jersey; Dressmaker.

- —, Edward J.; G son; W; M; b. July 1889; age 11; Single; b. New York; his father b. New York; his mother b. New Jersey; At school.

Dwelling House #116; Family #123

- CHRISTOPHER, Richard; Head; W; M; b. Aug. 1853; age 46; married 21 yrs.; b. New Jersey; his father b. New Jersey; his mother b. New York; Dealer in lumber.

- —, Annie G.; Wife; W; F; b. Feb. 1863; age 37; married 21 yrs.; mother of 3 children, 3 now living; b. New Jersey; her father b. New Jersey; her mother b. New Jersey.

- —, Murhead [Muried; Jacob Muried]; Son; W; M; b. Feb. 1869 [1879?]; age 21; Single; b. New Jersey; his father b. New Jersey; his mother b. New Jersey; Grocer.

- —, George J.; Son; W; M; b. Dec. 1881; age 18; Single; b. New Jersey; his father b. New Jersey; his mother b. New Jersey; Machinist.

- —, Richard J.; Son; W; M; b. Nov. 1883; age 16; Single; b. New Jersey; his father b. New Jersey; his mother b. New Jersey; Blacksmith (carriage).

Dwelling House #117; Family 124

- STORMES [STORMS], Andrew J.; Head; W; M; b. Mar. 1860; age 40; married 17 yrs.; b. New Jersey; his father b. New Jersey; his mother b. New Jersey; Salesman (clothing).

- —, Florence L.; Wife; W; F; b. Sept. 1865; age 34; married 17 yrs.; mother of 1 child, 1 now living; b. New York; her father b. New York; her mother b. New York.

- —, Florence E.; Daughter; W; F; b. Oct. 1886; age 13; Single; b. New York; her father b. New Jersey; her mother b. New York; At school.

Dwelling House #118; Family #125

- WURZBACH, Alberta H.; Head; W; F; b. May 1861; age 39; Single; b. New York; her father b. New York; her mother b. Belgium; Teacher (public school).

- —, George F.; Brother; W; M; b. Aug. 1870; age 29; Single; b. New York; his father b. New York; his mother b. Belgium; Reporter (newspaper).

Dwelling House #119; Family 126

- [BRUIN?], William D.; Head; W; M; B. April 1857; age 43; married 7 yrs.; b. Belgium; his father b.

Belgium; his mother b. Belgium; immigrated to U.S. 1893; Day laborer.

- —, Bertha D.; Wife; W; F; b. July 1873; age 26; married 7 yrs.; mother of 4 children, 3 now living; b. Belgium; her father b. Belgium; her mother b. Belgium; immigrated to U.S. 1892.

- —, [Barney? Barrey?] D.; Son; W; M; b. Dec. 1893; age 6; Single; b. New Jersey; his father b. Belgium; his mother b. Belgium.

- —, Jennie D.; Daughter; W; F; b. July 1899; age 10/12; Single; b. New Jersey; her father b. Belgium; her mother b. Belgium.

- —, Carrie D.; Daughter; W; F; b. May 1900; age 1/12; Single; b. New Jersey; her father b. Belgium; her mother b. Belgium.

Dwelling House #120; Family # 127

- PULLIS, John J.; Head; W; M; b. July 1846; age 53; married 28 yrs.; b. New Jersey; his father b. New Jersey; his mother b. New Jersey; Blacksmith.

- —, Ella G.; Wife; W; F; b. Dec. 1850; age 49; married 28 yrs.; mother of 2 children, 1 now living; b. New Jersey; her father b. New Jersey; her mother b. New Jersey.

- —, Albert Z.; Son; W; M; b. Oct. 1872; age 27; married 4 yrs.; b. New Jersey; his father b. New Jersey; his mother b. New Jersey; Clerk.

- —, Jane A.; D-in-law; W; F; b. Sept. 1874; age 25; married 4 yrs.; mother of 0 children; b. New Jersey; her father b. New York; her mother b. New York.

Dwelling House #121; Family #128

- ACKERSON, Charles R.; Head; W; M; b. Feb. 1866; age 34; married 13 yrs.; b. New Jersey; his father b. New Jersey; his mother b. New Jersey; Carpenter.

- —, Hattie; Wife; W; F; b. Feb. [1867?]; age 33; married 13 yrs.; mother of 3 children, 3 now living; b. New York; her father b. New York; her mother b. New Jersey.

- —, Harold C.; Son; W; M; b. July [1888?]; age 11; Single; b. New York; his father b. New Jersey; his mother b. New York; At school.

- —, Willie G.; Son; W; M; b. Sept. 1890; age 9; Single; b. New Jersey; his father b. New Jersey; his mother b. New York; At school.

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

Dwelling House #122; Family #129

- ACKERSON, Jacob; Head; W; M; b. Oct. 1869; age 31; married 5 yrs.; b. New Jersey; his father b. New Jersey; his mother b. New Jersey; Carpenter.

- —, Della; Wife; W; F; b. May 1870; age 30; married 5 yrs.; mother of 1 child, 0 now living; b. New York; her father b. New York; her mother b. New Jersey.

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ALLENDALE HOUSES BUILT BEFORE 1940

Compiled by Pat Wardell

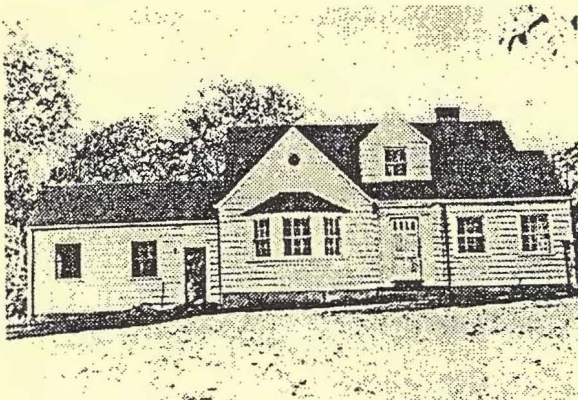
Compiler's Note: This "inventory" of pre-1940 Allendale houses has been compiled using information in the Society's files and in my own files. Very few of the houses have been systematically researched, so we know that for most of them, the information is incomplete. We would welcome any additions, corrections, 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 November 1990 issue)



This house, now gone, was built about 1894 on East Allendale Avenue for Joseph Ware and his wife Tena Margery Ware. The houses standing today at 280, 296 and 300 East Allendale Avenue were built in 1940 on the site of this house, which had been torn down.



300 East Allendale Avenue, 1940 Tax Appraisal Photo

300 East Allendale Avenue
Harrow House

Block 701, Lot 12 (Old Block 28, Lot 2B)

Built 1940. Edw. J. Harrow and Mae M. Harrow, 1940-1942. Robert J. McLoughlin and Grace F. McLoughlin, 1942-?

This lot and lots at 280 and 296 E. Allendale Avenue were subdivided about 1940 from a parcel of land that once belonged to Joseph Ware and/or Tena Margery Ware. The original house on this property was built for them in 1894 and torn down probably in the 1930s.

In 1940 this house was described as a one story frame bungalow including garage, open porch and 3 bays. It had clapboard siding, a composition shingle roof, and a concrete block foundation. There were five rooms and one half-tile bath. In 1943 there was a "kennel improvement."



View along East Allendale Avenue, from a circa 1915 postcard. The house at 303 East Allendale Avenue is at the far left.

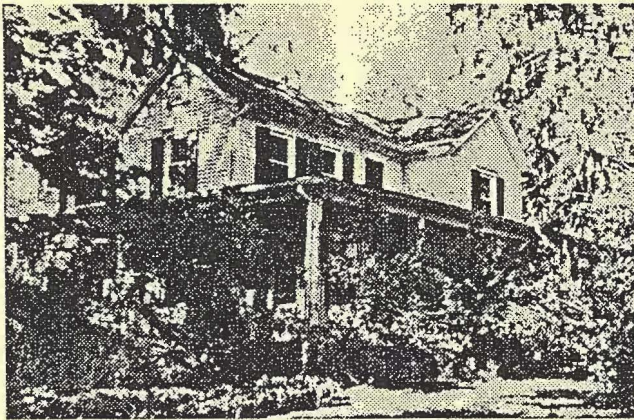
303 East Allendale Avenue
Fisher House

Block 702, Lot 7 (Old Block 53, Lot 199)

Built about 1910. John Robert Fisher and Elizabeth J. Fisher, abt. 1910-1943. J. Rhoads Foster and Catherine P. Foster, 1943-1957. Elias Schoen and Jean K. Schoen, 1957-?. Gary L. and Meg Smeal, ?-present.

John Robert Fisher, the son of John and Harriett A. Fisher, was born in Brooklyn on March 12, 1859. He and his wife had children: John William Fisher, Clifford Harold Fisher, Stanley Perkins Fisher (married Anita Van Houten), Percy Coupland Fisher, Robert Winfield Fisher, and Kenneth Victor Fisher (Mayor of Allendale from 1935-1938).

They were living in this house by June of 1910, when son Percy C. Fisher graduated from the Allendale grammar school.



316 East Allendale Avenue, photo about 1988.

316 East Allendale Avenue
Nightengale (?) - Osborn (?) House
 Block 701, Lot 15 (Old Block 28, Lot 3C)

Built about 1888. "J. Osborn" in about this location on 1902 Robinson's Map and on 1913 Bromley's Atlas of Bergen County. Kean, 1940. Everett E. Anderson, abt. 1947-48. William P. Comstock and Carolyn S. Comstock, 1948-1957. Leonard V. Van Arsdale, 1957-present.

The Bergen County Historic Sites Survey for Allendale (1983) says the J. Osborn house is significant in Allendale's architectural history as a modest but nicely detailed late 19th century farmhouse. The survey describes this house as a residential home with Queen Anne elements, clapboard siding on a fieldstone foundation (visible at west side), probably built between 1880-1890. On the north facade there is a 4 bay wraparound veranda with turned posts. The entrance has sidelights and a transom. A late 19th century barn exists at the southwest rear of the house.

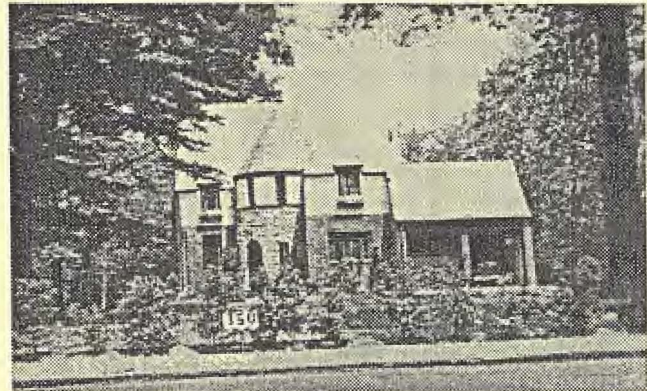
A house marked "P. Nightengale" at about this location is shown on an 1887 driving chart (but not on the 1876 Walker's Atlas). The family of Powlis Nightengale was enumerated in the 1880 Federal Census, living in about this location. An item possibly referring to this house in *The Landscape* in July 1888 reported that Nightengale had begun "building a new residence to take the place of the cosey log-cabin in the woods, which has long been an object of interest on the road between Allendale and Saddle River." Powlis Nightengale died about June 1891. Mrs. Nightengale moved to Minnesota about October 1900 and died there soon after her arrival.

This house, barn, and its 3.23-acre lot were offered for sale about 1988 for \$649,900. The house at that time had on its first floor a living room, dining room, kitchen, sitting room, bath, laundry and patio; on the second floor were four bedrooms and a bath. The converted barn included a summer room, large open studio with kitchen area, sitting area, bath with sauna and shower, and office; on the second floor was a sleeping area.

333 East Allendale Avenue
McPeek House
 Block 702, Lot 9 (Old Block 53, Lot 207)

Built in 1937. Leslie R. McPeek and Geneva M. McPeek, 1937-?. Anthony R. Nappi, abt. 1965. Louis V. Nappi and Rose Nappi, ?-1968. Walter E. Trum III and Marie Trum, 1968-?.

In 1940 the house was described as a 2-1/2 story, one family frame with a brick and stucco veneer,



333 East Allendale Avenue, 1940 Tax Appraisal Photo

slate roof, and a poured concrete foundation. The house had 8 rooms, including 5 bedrooms. There were 2 baths and 2 lavatories, and a finished basement with a recreation room and laundry. In 1953 171.82 feet of frontage was added to the lot.



363 East Allendale Avenue, 1940 Tax Appraisal Photo

363 East Allendale Avenue
Magro House
 Block 702, Lot 11 (Old Block 53, Lot 215)

Built about 1922. Fred Magro, 1921-?. Basil F. Magro, abt. 1985.

Fred Magro of Saddle River purchased this land from Albert L. Zabriskie and Harriett R. Zabriskie on October 20, 1921. The house was built about 1921-1922.

In 1940 this house was described as a 2 story one family frame house with a stucco and wood shingle exterior. It had a composition shingle roof and a poured concrete foundation. There was a 12' x 20' garage. The house had 6 rooms, including 3 bedrooms and one wood and plaster bath.

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

(continued from the November 1990 issue)

- Nov. 30, 1940—6:30 a.m.-6:45 a.m.; Allen Street; Chimney; Residence; Finch, owner; H. Strunk, occupant; cause—wood fire, dirty chimney; no loss.
- Dec. 7, 1940—12:30 p.m.-1:20 p.m.; Park Avenue; Chimney; Residence; R. J. Christopher, owner; cause—wood fire, dirty chimney; no loss.
- Dec. 25, 1940—12:25 p.m.-1 p.m.; Crescent Avenue; Brush; Residence; H. J. Knack, owner & occupant; cause—burning leaves; no loss.
- Dec. 23, 1940—3:30 p.m.-4 p.m.; Turnpike; Brush; American Legion, occupant; cause—burning leaves; no loss.
- Dec. 24, 1940—8:20 p.m.-9 p.m.; Crescent & Maple; Residential chimney; S. Van Houten, owner & occupant; cause—dirty chimney; no loss.
- Jan. 14, 1941—1 p.m.-12:15 p.m. [sic]; Hillside Avenue; Chicken Coop; Dexter, owner; cause—overheated brooder; no loss.
- Jan. 19, 1941—9:35 p.m.-8:15 p.m. [sic]; Franklin Turnpike; Chimney; Residence; Pritchett, owner & occupant; cause—dirty chimney; no loss.
- Feb. 26, 1941—8:35 p.m.-9 p.m.; Crescent Avenue; Brush fire; Kornhoff, owner; cause—unknown; no loss.
- March 5, 1941—8:50 p.m.-9:30 p.m.; Boarderline Road [sic]; House; F. Rogers, owner & occupant; cause—short circuit; loss—1 chair.
- March 11, 1941—9:45 a.m.-10:10 a.m.; W. Maple Street; House; J. J. Storms, owner; B. Brown, occupant; cause—oil burner; no loss.
- March 26, 1941—9:05 p.m.-9:15 p.m.; 160 Orchard Street; chimney; residence; J. M. Christopher, owner; Mr. Porter, occupant; Extinguished upon arrival; cause—dirty chimney; no loss.

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