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### SOCIETY NEWS

Thanks to the efforts and interest of Gretchen Uhlick of the World Savings Association on DeMercurio Drive in Allendale, several early record books of the Orvil Co-operative Building & Loan Association have been donated to the Society by World Savings. The items include the earliest cash book (beginning 1889), ten books of minutes from the early years of the organization, printed annual reports for the early years, and some early stock certificates of the Association. We have used these records and others to present the article on the Orvil Cooperative Building & Loan Association that appears in this issue of *Allendale History & Heritage*.

Also, many thanks to Mildred (Atkinson) Keet, who provided some corrections and additions to the identifications of the members of the Thimble Club shown in the photos printed on page 7 of the February issue of the newsletter. In the top photo, rear row, instead of Anna Brandt, read Florence (Gamble) Roberts (later Garrabrant); in the seated, center row, instead of Gert Dexter, read Gertrude Atkinson; the second seated person is Kitty Brower, and the third is Ruth Rossner.

In the center photo, correct identifications are, l. to r., Sadie Mallinson (or possibly Myra Mallinson), Florence (Gamble) Roberts, Hazel Nichols, Ida Webb, Ada Christopher, Gertrude Atkinson, Edna Winters, and Carrie Storms. The photo may have been taken at the home of Carrie Storms.

Our Society continues to operate in an inactive capacity (because volunteers to serve as officers are needed). Anyone interested in volunteering for any position (president especially needed) should call Pat Wardell at 201-327-0605. for further information.

### Orvil Township and the Founding of The Orvil Co-operative Building and Loan Association

by Pat Wardell

Orvil Township, a Bergen County, N.J. township was incorporated January 1, 1886 from area taken from Hohokus Township and Washington Township. Several names were proposed for the new township, among them Acklin, Paramus, Valleau and Oritany, but finally the township was named for a respected resident, Orville J. Victor. Victor was a well-known historian, author and publisher who lived in the historic Ackerman-Terhune homestead on West Saddle River Road, and later on Franklin Turnpike. The bill authorizing the Township's incorporation passed the State Senate and the name was given as the Township of Orville, which was soon shortened to Orvil. Included in its area were the neighborhoods of Saddle River and Chestnut Ridge, along with the villages of Hohokus and Allendale.

On August 31, 1894 parts of Orvil Township's area were transferred to Monvale and Woodcliff Boroughs. On November 10, 1894, part of its area was among the parcels of land set off to form Allendale Borough (along with parts of Franklin Township and Hohokus Township). On November 22, 1894, parts were transferred to Saddle River and Upper Saddle River Boroughs.

During 1895 and 1896 parts of Orvil Township were transferred to the following boroughs: Saddle River Borough (March 1, 1895, May 1, 1895 and another unknown date); Upper Saddle River Borough (May 18 and 20, 1895); Woodcliff Borough (September 10, 1895); Montvale Borough (February 15, 1896). In 1902, part went to Ridgewood Township and Village; in 1903 part to Saddle River Borough;

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in 1905 part to Orvil Borough (Orvil Borough in 1908 became Ho-Ho-Kus Borough); in 1906 part to Montvale Borough; and in 1910 part to Saddle River Borough. In 1915 Orvil Township acquired area from Franklin Township and Ridgewood Township and Village.

On April 7, 1919 the remaining area of Orvil Township became Waldwick Borough.

The savings institution today bearing the name World Savings Association, located on DeMercurio Drive in Allendale, has gone through several name changes in its 103-year history.

It began with a meeting held on March 14, 1889 at which it was decided to form an association to be known as the Orvil Co-operative Building and Loan Association. By 1891 the hyphen was dropped and the organization was called the Orvil Cooperative Building and Loan Association, and was generally known as the Orvil Building & Loan Association.

The name of the organization was changed on November 1, 1926 to The Allendale Building and Loan Association, and still later the name changed to the Allendale Savings and Loan Association. On January 1, 1959 the Allendale Savings and Loan Association merged with the Waldwick Savings and Loan Association and the name became the Allendale-Waldwick Savings and Loan Association.

At dates unknown at this writing, it became The Community Federal Savings Association, and finally, the World Savings Association.

As an inducement to prospective home owners in the area, a group of citizens held a formation meeting on March 14, 1889. The minutes of the first meeting read as follows:

A meeting was held at the Home Amusement Club House, Saddle River on Thursday March 14/89 for the purpose of discussing the propriety of a Building and Loan Association for Orvil Township. Mr. John G. Esler was called to the chair and Mr. [David] Pickens was chosen acting Secretary. It was moved and carried that an organization be formed provided subscriptions could be obtained for 250 shares, and that the association be known as the Orvil Co-operative Building & Loan Association. The Chairman appointed the following gentlemen to act as a committee to solicit subscriptions for shares, W. E. Switzer, A.L. Zabriskie, Andrew Esler, Stephen J. Van Blarcom, W. W. Packer and C. L. Parigot. The following gentlemen were also appointed as a committee to draw up a constitution and by-laws: John G. Esler, David Pickens and A. L. Zabriskie; both committees to report at a meeting to be held in the basement of Archer Hall, Allendale on Saturday March 23/89 at 8 o'clock P.M. Motion to adjourn was regularly made and carried.

At the following meeting, on March 23 at Archer Hall, both committees reported and the records show a membership of 58 with a total subscription of 294 shares.

On March 28, 1889, at a meeting held in the Home Amusement Club house, the following were elected officers for one year, dating from a time to be afterwards arranged: President, John G. Esler; Vice-President, Albert L. Zabriskie; Secretary, David Pickens and Treasurer, Edward E. Powell.

At a meeting in Archer Hall on April 13, 1889, the Constitution and By-Laws were adopted and the Secretary was instructed to apply to the County Clerk for a Charter of Incorporation. The following Trustees were elected at this meeting: David P. Davis, A. E. Ivers, Frank L. Van Tassell, Horace O. Doty, Charles L. Parigot, S. J. Van Blarcom, Wm. H. Mallinson, Dr. Charles Badeau, Walter E. Switzer, all of Allendale; Stephen Hopper of Hohokus; and Andrew Esler and Wm. W. Packer, of Saddle River.

At a meeting held in Yeoman's Hall, Allendale, on April 19, 1889, Frank J. Kimball was appointed Attorney for the Association. The first meeting for payment of dues was held Mar 13, 1889, and on June 10 the first loan was made to Elbert V. D. Rousseau of Ramsey, at a premium of 2% (the second loan, made in October 1889 was to Mrs. Martha Edwards of Ridgewood at a premium of 8-1/2%).

The first few meetings of the Association alternated between the Home Amusement Clubhouse in Saddle River and Archer Hall in Allendale. Starting April 29, 1889, some meetings were held in Mr. Yeoman's Hall, Allendale, but most subsequent meetings for the next several years were at Archer Hall. Beginning July 1913 meetings were held at the Allendale Fire House. Starting January 1926 meetings were held at the First National Bank building in Allendale.

On May 5, 1890 auditors William J. Thurston and William H. Packer were elected; incumbent officers were reelected; and a Board of Management, elected as follows: David P. Davis, William W. Packer, H. O. Doty, A. E. Ivers, George W. Hatch and Stephen Hopper.

Sources for this article, in addition to the books of the Orvil Co-operative Building and Loan Association, include:

- Allendale & Its Fire Fighters*
- Berdan, Frank, [history of Allendale] printed in the souvenir booklet published by the Allendale Players in 1929, celebrating the first anniversary of the Allendale Poliuce Department.
- The Bergen County Democrat*, various issues.
- The Hackensack Republican*, various issues.
- Hudson, Sue, Background of Ho-Ho-Kus History.
- The Paterson Evening News*, April 8, 1959.
- The Ramsey Journal*, various issues.
- Snyder, John P., The Story of New Jersey's Civil Boundaries, 1606-1968, Trenton, NJ: Bureau of Geology & Topography (Bulletin 67), 1969.

## Listing of Names in first Cash Book of the Orvil Cooperative Building & Loan Association, 1889 through 1920.

Most names are found in the cash book over and over, representing numerous transactions. Regardless of how often it appears in the cash book, each name is on this list only once (barring inadvertent repeats), with the date the name is first listed noted in parentheses. This list includes dues paying members, loan recipients making payments, shareholders, depositors, etc. Because we do not have names of initial shareholders, this list represents the date of the first transaction/entry, some relating to obviously pre-existing accounts.

Another column in the cash book, not included in this listing, contains names of persons, businesses, etc. to whom money was paid out for various purposes, including rent, printing, salaries, appraisers' fees, searches, etc.

The first few pages of receipts represent dues and initiation fees paid and are given mostly in lump sums, not itemized. Unfortunately, we do not have a list of charter shareholders.

Another book, alphabetically arranged and cross referenced to—apparently—account numbers or stock certificate numbers, seems to date from a later period (perhaps 1930s and 1940s). It includes addresses, which we have added, where found, to listed names below in brackets. In a few instances, no address is listed. In some cases, where there is a variation in the name, both variations are given.

- Elbert V. D. Rousseau (Aug. 12, 1889) [Ramsey]  
 Wm. H. Bogert (Oct. 14, 1889) [Allendale]  
 Joseph P. Walker (Oct. 14, 1889) [New York City]  
 Martha Edwards (Nov. 11, 1889) [Ridgewood]  
 Henry Kaufman (Feb. 10, 1890) [New York City]  
 David A. Pickens (Mar. 10, 1890) [Allendale]  
 A. E. Ivers (Mar. 10, 1890) [Allendale]  
 Frank H. Storms (Apr. 14, 1890) [Saddle River]  
 Henry G. Taylor (Apr. 14, 1890) [Allendale]  
 David P. Davis (Apr. 14, 1890) [Ridgewood]  
 Mrs. M. E. Pulling (May 15, 1890) [Allendale]  
 Mrs. Harriet R. Zabriskie (May 15, 1890) [Allendale]  
 William C. Talman (July 14, 1890) [Allendale]  
 Barney Outsley (Aug. 11, 1890) [Allendale]  
 Hopper Yeomans (Aug. 11, 1890) [Allendale; Saddle River]  
 Joseph W. Edwards (Aug. 26, 1890) [Ridgewood; later as Trustee for Mrs. Martha Edwards]  
 Adaline G. Ivers (Aug. 26, 1890) [Allendale]  
 Edward Bruen (Aug. 26, 1890) [Saddle River]  
 William J. Thurston (Sep. 8, 1890) [Ramsey]  
 Harry A. Van Tassell (Oct. 13, 1890) [New York City]  
 Edward E. Powell (Mar. 9, 1891) [Allendale]  
 Harry C. Anthony (Apr. 13, 1891) [Allendale]  
 William H. Mallinson (Apr. 13, 1891) [Allendale]  
 M. E. Sterling (May 11, 1891) [Mrs. M. P. Sterling, Allendale]  
 Charles A. Sterling (May 11, 1891) [Allendale]  
 Emma C. Garwood (May 11, 1891) [Allendale]  
 Albert L. Zabriskie (May 11, 1891) [Allendale]  
 George W. Parigot (May 11, 1891) [Allendale]  
 Sarah M. Midgely (June 8, 1891) [Brooklyn, NY]  
 John D. Berdan (Aug. 10, 1891) [Saddle River]  
 Abram Terhune (Aug. 24, 1891) [Greenwood Lake]  
 William H. Ackerman (Sep 14, 1891) [Allendale]  
 Retta Westervelt (Sep. 14, 1891) [Allendale]  
 Waldwick Coal & Lumber Co. (Oct. 7, 1891) [Waldwick]  
 Frank A. Midgely (Oct. 12, 1891) [Frank B. Midgely, New York City]  
 Lewis W. Morgan (Oct. 12, 1891) [Lewis M. Morgan]  
 Walter E. Switzer (Nov. 9, 1891) [Ramsey; later Allendale]  
 Le Van Molineux (Nov. 9, 1891) [Allendale]  
 Frank L. Van Tassell (Nov. 9, 1891) [Allendale; later 146 High St., Passaic]  
 Mrs. A. Emilia A. Phillipi (Dec. 14, 1891) [Allendale]  
 Mrs. Emma E. Sufferns (Dec. 14, 1891) [Emma C. Suffern]  
 Samuel Taylor (Jan. 11, 1892)  
 James H. Stout (Feb. 8, 1892) [Ho-Ho-Kus]  
 Clarence E. C. Chapman (Apr. 11, 1892) [Ridgewood]  
 Walter D. Anthony (May 9, 1892) [Allendale]  
 Horace O. Doty (May 9, 1892) [Allendale]  
 Daniel Anthony Jr. (June 13, 1892) [Allendale]  
 Peter Perry (June 13, 1892) [Saddle River]  
 James A. Van Blarcom (July 11, 1892) [Wyckoff]  
 C. A. Hopper (July 11, 1892) [Allendale]  
 John W. Van Benschoten Jr. (Aug. 8, 1892) [Chestnut Ridge]  
 Gustave Johnson (Aug. 8, 1892) [Allendale]  
 A. Ackerman (Oct. 10, 1892) [Abraham Ackerman, Allendale; Arthur Ackerman, Saddle River, later Wyckoff]  
 John G. Esler (Feb. 13, 1893) [Saddle River]  
 Arthur D. Z. Patton (Mar. 13, 1893) [Allendale]  
 James Gordon (May 8, 1893) [Allendale]  
 Carl Free (May 8, 1893) [Ho-Ho-Kus]  
 William Hopper (May 8, 1893) [Ho-Ho-Kus]  
 Miss C. Estelle Roy (May 8, 1893) [Saddle River]  
 Mrs. Sophia C. Parigot (June 12, 1893) [Allendale]  
 Stephen Hopper (June 12, 1893) [Ho-Ho-Kus]  
 A. Ward Brigham (July 10, 1893) [184 Front St., NYC]  
 W. J. Whittaker (Aug. 14, 1893) [Whittaker, 181 Front St., NYC]  
 Willie Egan (Aug. 14, 1893) [Allendale]  
 David A. Pell (Aug. 14, 1893) [Saddle River]  
 Mary J. Brown (Sep 11, 1893) [Mrs. Mary J. Brown, Allendale]  
 Amelia Wanamaker (Sep. 11, 1893) [Wanamaker]  
 Thomas P. Reilly (Sep. 11, 1893) [Riley, 181 Front St., NYC]  
 L. J. Beckley (Oct. 9, 1893) [J. L. Beckley, Allendale]  
 William Pearston (Nov. 14, 1893) [Allendale]  
 William W. Merrill (Dec. 11, 1893) [1625 Frick Bldg., Pittsburgh, PA]  
 William J. McAuliff (Jan. 8, 1894)

- Benjamin Blackledge (Apr. 9, 1894) [Saddle River]  
 Theodore M. Smith (May 14, 1894) [Allendale]  
 Robert L. Nimmo (May 14, 1894) [Allendale]  
 John H. Ackerman (May 14, 1894) [Allendale]  
 Anna E. Powell (May 14, 1894) [Miss Anna E. Powell, Allendale]  
 Saddle River Hall Assn. (May 17, 1894) [Saddle River]  
 Mrs. Ella Pullis (May 17, 1894) [Allendale]  
 John Monroe (June 11, 1894) [Saddle River]  
 Joseph Halk (June 11, 1894) [Consolidated Stock Exchange, NYC]  
 George R. Thomas (July 9, 1894) [Allendale]  
 John B. Willard (Aug 13, 1894) [Allendale]  
 William Yeomans (Aug. 17, 1894)  
 Charles H. Weeks (Sep. 10, 1894) [Allendale]  
 Dr. Charles W. Badeau (Oct. 8, 1894) [Allendale]  
 Mrs. Frances E. Asten (Oct. 8, 1894) [Allendale]  
 Mrs. Tema M. Ware (Oct. 8, 1894) [Allendale; later 507 A St., Washington, DC]  
 Mrs. Alice P. Van Buskirk (Nov. 12, 1894) [Waldwick; later 426 Graham Ave., Paterson, NJ]  
 George E. Halstead (Nov. 12, 1894) [Waldwick]  
 Halstead Bros. (Nov. 12, 1894) [Waldwick]  
 Walter Dewsnap (Dec. 10, 1894) [Saddle River]  
 Mrs. S. Beckley (Dec. 10, 1894) [Allendale]  
 Walter Hopper (Jan. 4, 1895) [Ho-Ho-Kus]  
 Miss Ida Naugle (Feb. 25, 1895) [Allendale]  
 James E. Naugle (Feb. 25, 1895)  
 Hohokus Lodge (Apr. 8, 1895) [Hohokus Lodge No. 178, I.O.O.F., Ramsey]  
 Mrs. H. Irene Hatch (May 13, 1895) [Allendale]  
 John A. Mallinson (May 13, 1895) [Allendale]  
 Mrs. Anna L. Hopper (June 10, 1895) [77 Arch St., Paterson]  
 John P. Dewsnap (July 8, 1895) [Saddle River]  
 Mrs. Eliza F. Willard (July 8, 1895) [Allendale]  
 William S. Roswell (July 8, 1895) [Allendale]  
 A. A. Vanderbeek (Aug. 12, 1895) [Allendale]  
 Henry Straut (Aug. 12, 1895) [Allendale]  
 Rhodner D. Voorhis (Aug. 12, 1895) [Crystal Lake; later Wyckoff]  
 Mrs. M. Schubert (Aug. 12, 1895) [Eva Schubert, Allendale]  
 Arthur Carlock (Sep. 9, 1895) [Saddle River]  
 Mrs. Mary E. Schilling (Nov. 19, 1895) [675 Monroe St., Brooklyn, NY]  
 Charles H. Ward (Dec. 9, 1895) [Allendale]  
 William H. Voorhis (Dec. 9, 1895) [Wyckoff]  
 George W. Woodruff (Jan. 13, 1896) [Saddle River?]  
 Albert Z. Pullis (Apr. 13, 1896) [36 Irvin C Place, Passaic, NJ]  
 William W. Packer (Apr. 13, 1896) [Saddle River]  
 William H. Packer (Apr. 13, 1896) [Saddle River]  
 J. Morton Southwick (Apr 13, 1896) [Allendale]  
 Andrew Esler (Apr. 13, 1896) [Saddle River]  
 C. T. White (June 8, 1896) [181 Front St., NYC]  
 John A. Blackledge (July 13, 1896) [Saddle River]  
 Franklin L. Blackledge (July 13, 1896) [Saddle River]  
 Mrs. Maria Powell (July 13, 1896) [Allendale]  
 J. Hosey Osborn (July 13, 1896) [Saddle River]  
 Mrs. Ella L. Sammis (July 13, 1896) [John D. Sammis, NYC]  
 Ethel P. Harris (July 13, 1896) [Allendale]  
 Joseph H. Mallinson (Aug. 10, 1896) [Allendale]  
 Albert J. Smith (Aug. 10, 1896) [Allendale]  
 John J. Hopper (Sep. 14, 1896) [Waldwick]  
 M. D. White (Sep. 14, 1896) [Waldwick]  
 Edward Debaun (Jan. 11, 1897) [Saddle River]  
 Mrs. Elizabeth Terhune (Jan. 11, 1897)  
 John W. Quackenbush (Mar. 8, 1897) [Allendale; later Waldwick]  
 August Schroeder (May 10, 1897) [Ramsey]  
 J. Muried Christopher (May 10, 1897) [J. Muired Christopher, Allendale]  
 E. Lind (June 14, 1897) [Mrs. E. Lind, NYC]  
 Lena Moore (June 14, 1897) [Miss Lena Moore, Saddle River]  
 Mrs. Harriet E. Pennal (July 12, 1897) [Ramsey; later Allendale]  
 Miss Emma Beckley (Sep. 13, 1897) [Allendale]  
 Mrs. Georgiana Van Houten (Oct. 4, 1897) [Georgianna, Allendale]  
 Charles R. White (Nov. 8, 1897) [Waldwick]  
 J. W. DeYoe (Dec. 13, 1897) [Ramsey; later 689 Broadway, Paterson, NJ]  
 Milton W. Packer ((Mar. 14, 1898) [Saddle River]  
 Charles L. Parigot (May 9, 1898) [Allendale]  
 Ernest A. Wilmot (June 13, 1898) [Bound Brook, NJ]  
 Mrs. Mary E. Olmstead (June 13, 1898) [Allendale]  
 Willet P. Van Blarcom (Aug. 8, 1898) [Wyckoff]  
 Mrs. I. G. Coe (Aug. 8, 1898) [Allendale]  
 Edward G. Washburne (Oct. 10, 1898) [Ramsey; later Allendale]  
 Mrs. Emma Ensor ((Dec. 12, 1898)  
 Mrs. E. O. Beckley (May 8, 1899)  
 Richard V. Ackerman (Aug. 14, 1899) [Allendale]  
 William F. Barkham (Aug. 14, 1899) [Saddle River]  
 Archer H. Asten (Aug. 14, 1899) [Allendale]  
 Garret H. Winter (Aug. 14, 1899) [Campgaw]  
 Frederick Graff (Oct. 9, 1899) [Upper Montvale]  
 Mrs. Catherine A. Pell (Oct. 9, 1899) [Saddle River]  
 Miss Ida Zehnder (Oct. 9, 1899) [Box 33, Allendale]  
 Robert Dickson (Oct. 9, 1899) [Montvale]  
 Lowell Irving Brigham (Oct. 9, 1899) [43 Prospect St., East Orange, NJ]  
 Mrs. Margaret Ann Van Blarcom (Oct. 9, 1899) [Wyckoff]  
 George B. Van Houten (Apr. 9, 1900) [Allendale; later Campgaw]  
 Mrs. Minnie A. Foeller (Apr. 9, 1900) [and Harry W., 313 W. 127th St., NYC]  
 Joseph Halk (June 11, 1900) [Consolidated Stock Exchange, NYC]  
 George W. Hatch (July 9, 1900) [Allendale]  
 Roland Ackerson (Oct. 8, 1900) [Allendale]  
 Mrs. Mary E. Carshaw (Nov. 12, 1900) [Ridgewood; later Allendale]  
 Frank L. Drummond (May 13, 1901) [Allendale]  
 Henry J. Appert (May 13, 1901) [Allendale]

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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 February 1992 issue)

90 East Orchard Street

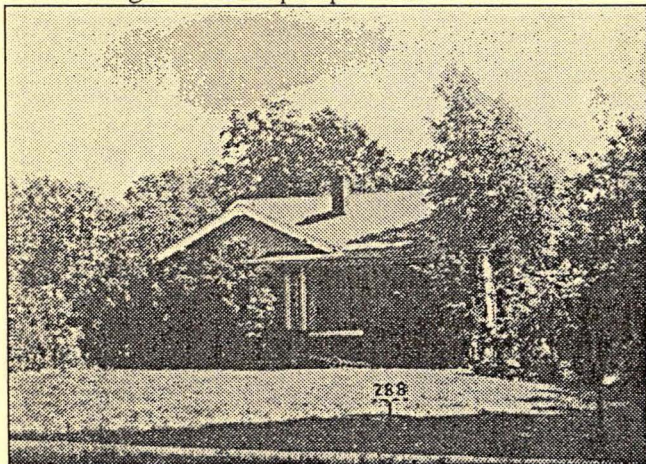
### ?-Rodermond House

Block 1901, Lot 3.1 (later plus Lot 3) (Old Block 27, Lot 5; later + Lot 4B)

Built about 1930.

State Bank of Honeoye Falls, 1940; A. Ferguson, Federal Housing Administration, 1941; Jay Rodermond and Ethel Rodermond, 1941-1945; William E. Thompson and Elsie A. Thompson, 1945-1945; Leslie R. Johnson and Mary E. Johnson, 1945-1956; Harry L. Fertig, 1956-?; Bayard Webster, ?-present.

In 1940 this house was described as a 1-1/2 story frame bungalow with open porch on a 79.19 x 192



90 East Orchard Street, 1940 Tax Appraisal Photo

plot. It had a wood shingle exterior, composition shingle roof, and a concrete block foundation. There were 6 rooms, including 3 bedrooms, plus one wood &

plaster bath. There was a finished basement with a one car garage.

The house was sold twice in 1945, first for \$9,000 and second, for \$9,500. The roof was raised and the house improved in 1942. The Johnsons acquired the additional tract of land January 17, 1948 from Daphne S. Kelly.

125 East Orchard Street

### Merrill House

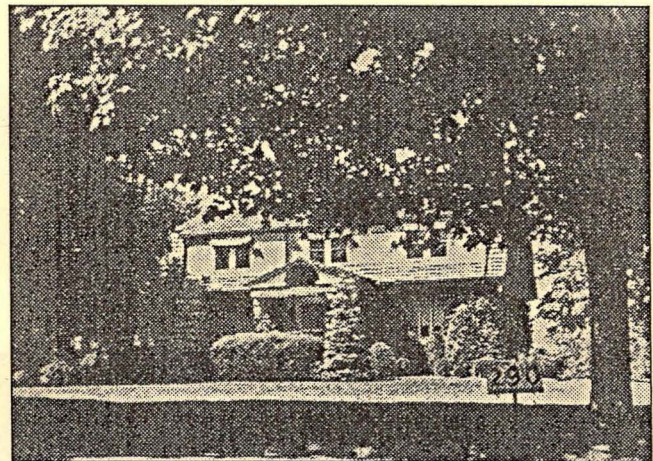
Block 1901, Lot 8 (Old Block 28, Lot 64; later 64A)

Built in 1908.

Ambrose Kingsland Merrill, 1908-1948; Frank P. McCord and Alice W. McCord, 1948-?; Solan Chao by 1971.

*The Parish Messenger* of the Church of the Epiphany, in its July & Aug. 1908 issue reported: "Mr. A. K. Merrill's house in Walton Park is rapidly approaching completion and must be seen to be appreciated."

*The Ramsey Journal* of June 16, 1927 reported: "The A. K. Merrill home, on Orchard Street, is being completely remodeled and presents the promise of a very distinctive appearance when finished."



125 East Orchard Street, 1940 Tax Appraisal Photo

In 1940 this house was described as a 2 story frame dwelling with an entry, open deck porch, and extensions, with a garage, on a 2-acre, 396 foot front plot. It had a stone and shingle exterior, a tile roof, and a stone foundation. There were nine rooms, including five bedrooms, and two half tile baths and a shower.

In 1945 one acre of the property was sold.

Within the past few years, the motion picture, "Presumed Innocent" starring Harrison Ford and Bonnie Bedelia, was partially filmed at this house (and at Brookside School).

Ambrose K. Merrill, the son of Ambrose K. and Caroline Merrill, was born 14 April 1879 in New York City and died May 1954 at his summer home in

Weekspaug, Rhode Island, where they had summered since 1921.

He was employed by the United States Steel Company. He was a hobby boater, and was said to be an expert navigator. He was a member of the North River Power Squadron and a member of the Masonic Lodge of Ramsey. He served on the Allendale Board of Health, and as Treasurer of the Allendale Christmas Tree Association.

He and his wife Lois N. were charter members of the Borough Dramatic Club (later the Allendale Players). He was a member of the Allendale zoning board, and a director of the Allendale Savings and Loan Association.

After he retired, the Merrills sold their Allendale home and built a winter home at Boca Raton, Florida. Ambrose Kingsland Merrill and his wife, Lois N., had two children: Lois Virginia Merrill (who married, in 1932, Henry Hofmann and in 1954 was living in Fort Pierce, FL), and Ambrose Kingsland Merrill (who in 1954 was living in Westwood, NJ).

126 East Orchard Street

#### Smith House

Block 1901, Lot 6 (and/or 6.1?) (Old Block 27, Lot 9)

Built 1908.

Charles F. Smith, 1908-?; Mrs. Charles F. Smith until at least 1965.

*The Parish Messenger* of the Church of the Epiphany in its July & Aug. 1908 issue reported: "Mr. Smith's house in Walton Park is gradually approaching completion and will be a very handsome one when finished."



126 East Orchard Street, Photo taken June 1987

Charles F. Smith, son of W. G. Smith, was born in Union City (at that time West Hoboken) about 1880 and died at his home in Allendale January 1961. His father, W. G. Smith, was one of the first mayors of West Hoboken.

Charles F. Smith married (1) Elizabeth (Bessie) Allen, who died in October 1938. He married (2) in March 1943, Frances Heath. He and his first wife had children: Allen E. Smith, and Elizabeth Smith (who m. Charles S. Mullenbach).

Charles F. Smith moved to Allendale about 1905-1907 and was active in civic affairs, serving as borough councilman, borough clerk, tax assessor, and tax collector. He was a member of the Board of Education and the Board of Health, and was a Trustee of the Allendale Building and Loan Association.

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"Transplanted" former Allendale residents now living in Florida met March 21, 1992 at the home of Mrs. Tiny (Anthony) Meyer in Longboat Key, Florida and are pictured at left.

In front, Dorothy Schoff, Hazel (Lightbody) Gordon, Ethel (Braun) Maratene, Helyn (Tiny Anthony) Meyer, Helen Hanson, and Bill Hanson.

Standing, in back, Fred Gordon and Anne Webb.

Photograph taken by John D. Webb.

## 1910 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 February 1992, p. 3.

(Park Avenue, continued)

Dwelling House #12; Family #12

- **Spencer, George**, Head; M; W; age 29; married (2) 2 yrs.; b. NJ; his father b. NJ; his mother b. NJ; speaks English; Sawyer, lumber mill.
- —, **Nellie**, Wife; F; W; age 46; married (2) 2 yrs.; b. NJ; her father b. NJ; her mother b. NJ; speaks English.
- —, **Harry**, Son; m; W; age 8; b. NJ

Dwelling House #13; Family #13

- **Barnes, James H.**, Head; M; W; age 35; m. (1) 9 yrs.; b. Kentucky; his father b. Virginia; his mother b. Kentucky; speaks English; Clerk, brokerage
- —, **Catherine K.**; Wife; F; W; age 34; married (1) 9 years; mother of 1 child, 1 now living; b. Kentucky; father b. U.S. (not known); mother b. Ireland; speaks English
- —, **Robert Carley**; Son; M; W; age 7; b. New York

Dwelling House #14; Family #14

- **Joseph, Charles**; Head; M; W; age 39; married (1) 14 yrs.; b. Ohio; his father b. Ohio; his mother b. Ohio; speaks English; House carpenter
- —, **Katie**; Wife; F; W; age 38; married (1) 14 yrs.; mother of 5 children, 5 now living; b. Ireland; her father b. Ireland; her mother b. Ireland; immigrated 1890; speaks English
- —, **Katie**; Daughter; F; W; age 12; b. NY
- —, **Mamie**; Daughter; F; W; age 9; b. NY
- —, **Florance**; Daughter; F; W; age 7; b. NJ
- —, **Charles**; Son; M; W; age 3; b. NJ

Dwelling House #15; Family #15

- **Christopher, Richard J.**; Head; M; W; age 26; married (1) 6 yrs.; b. NJ; his father b. NJ; his mother b. NJ; Speaks English; Lumber Dealer
- —, **Jennie**; Wife; F; W; age 32; married (1) 6 yrs.; mother of 2 children, 2 now living; b. NY; her father b. NY; her mother b. NY; Speaks English
- —, **James George**; Son; M; W; age 3; b. NJ
- —, **Muriel P.**; Daughter; F; W; age 1; b. NJ

Dwelling #16; Family #16

- **More, Eliza Jane**; Head; F; Mu; age 72; widow; mother of 8 children, 6 now living; b. NJ; her father b. NJ; her mother b. NJ; Speaks English; Housekeeper
- —, **Caroline**; Daughter; F; Mu; age 45; single; b. NJ; her mother b. NJ; her father b. NJ; Speaks English; Private laundress

- —, **Garret**; Son; M; Mu; age 42; widower; b. NJ; his father b. NJ; his mother b. NJ; Speaks English; laborer, lumberyard

- —, **William W.**; Son; M; Mu; age 39; widower; b. NJ; his father b. NJ; his mother b. NJ; Speaks English; laborer lumberyard

- —, **William Garret**; Son; M; Mu; age 21; single; b. NJ; his father b. NJ; his mother b. NJ; Speaks English; common laborer

Dwelling #17; Family #17

- **Simpson, James**; Head; M; W; age 57; married (1) 31 yrs.; b. Scotland; his father b. Scotland; his mother b. Scotland; Immigrated 1885; Speaks English; Gardener
- —, **Elizabeth**; Wife; F; W; age 59; married 31 yrs.; mother of 10 children, 9 now living; b. NY; her father b. France; her mother b. NY; Speaks English
- —, **James A.**; Son; M; W; age 20; single; b. NJ; his father b. Scotland; his mother b. NY; Speaks English; Plumber [or Painter?]
- —, **William**; Son; M; W; 17; single; b. NJ; his father b. Scotland; his mother b. NY; Speaks English; Plumber [or Painter?]
- —, **Henry**; Son; M; W; age 14; single; b. NJ; his father b. Scotland; his mother b. NY; Speaks English

Dwelling #18; Family #18

- **Le Barron, Chester**; Head; M; W; age 27; married (1) 7 yrs.; b. NJ; his father b. NY; his mother b. NY; Speaks English; House carpenter
- —, **Emma**; Wife; F; W; age 23; married (1) 7 yrs.; mother of 2 children, 2 now living; b. NJ; her father b. NJ; her mother b. NJ; Speaks English
- —, **Chester A.**; Son; M; W; age 6; b. NJ
- —, **Roy**; Son; M; W; age 1; b. NJ

Dwelling #19; Family #19

- **Hillman, Alfred**; Head; M; W; age 44; married (2) 14 yrs.; b. Canada; his father b. Canada; his mother b. England; Immigrated 1892; Speaks English; Printer; Composition
- —, **Maude**; Wife; F; W; age 37; married (1) 14 yrs.; mother of 3 children, 2 now living; b. Maine; her father b. NY; her mother b. NY; Speaks English
- —, **Florance M.**; Daughter; F; W; age 13; b. NY
- —, **Walter R.**; Son; M; W; age 7; b. NY

Dwelling #20; Family #20

- **Price, Theodore Runyon**; Head; M; W; age 36; married (1) 8 yrs.; b. NJ; his father b. NY; his mother b. NY; Speaks English; Butcher
- —, **Georgette**; Wife; F; W; age 31; married (1) 8 yrs.; mother of 4 children, 4 now living; b. NJ; her father b. NY; her mother b. NY; Speaks English
- —, **Ethel Powel**; Daughter; F; W; age 8; b. NJ
- —, **Edith Hyler**; Daughter; F; W; age 6; b. NJ
- —, **Theodore Runyon Jr.**; Son; M; W; age 4; b. NJ
- —, **George Redman**; Son; M; W; age 1; b. NJ

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

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March 25, 1943—5 p.m.-5:15 p.m.; Brookside Ave. & Crescent; Brush; McCook, owner; cause unknown; no loss  
 March 25, 1943—4:45 p.m.-5 p.m.; Hillside Ave.; Brush; residence; Ackerman, owner; cause unknown; no loss  
 March 27, 1943—3 p.m.-3:20 p.m.; Brookside Ave.; Brush; residence; Von Weidinger, owner  
 March 28, 1943—11:25 a.m.-11:40 a.m.; Franklin Turnpike; Brush; residence; Jeffs, owner; cause—rubbish; no loss  
 March 28, 1943—1:45 p.m.-1:55 p.m.; Brookside Ave.; Brush; residence; McKee, owner; cause—outdoor fire

place; no loss  
 April 4, 1943—11:30 a.m.-11:40 a.m.; Ivers Place; Brush; cause unknown; no loss  
 April 4, 1943—12:15 p.m.-12:30 p.m.; Crescent Ave.; Brush; residence; Arlt, owner; cause—rubbish; no loss  
 April 7, 1943—4:20 p.m.-4:35 p.m.; Park Ave.; Brush; residence; Lena Johnson; cause unknown; no loss  
 April 8, 1943—3:55 p.m.-4:01 p.m.; W. Maple St.; Brush; residence [S.T. Van Houten? This name is hard to decipher]; out on arrival  
 April 9, 1943—1:30 p.m.-1:50 p.m.; Elmwood Ave.; Brush; cause unknown; no loss  
 April 14, 1943—3:49 p.m.-4:25 p.m.; Franklin Turnpike; Brush; residence; A. Eric [or Eris?], owner; cause unknown; no loss

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