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ALLENDALE'S FIRST HISTORICAL MARKER!

We're pleased and excited to announce that due to the enthusiasm and efforts of the new owners of the house at 209 West Allendale Avenue, Allendale will have its first historical marker very soon. Douglas K. and Ruth Ann Harris recently bought and moved into the Van Houten-Yeomans house at 209 West Allendale Avenue. They are very interested in the history of the house, its previous owners, and in Allendale's history. The Harrises expressed their interest in obtaining a historical marker for the house to the Bergen County Historical Society. The county society has researched and approved the house for a marker, which will be installed this year.

Although the house is not Allendale's oldest, it is a very important part of Allendale's history. A house existed near this site soon after 1792, when John H. Van Houten, son of Helmhig Van Houten and Eva Rutan, came to the location that would later be called Allendale. The original house, which stood slightly nearer to the present railroad station and which is shown on several early maps, was replaced by the existing house about 1869. The families associated with these houses were instrumental in Allendale's early settlement and growth.

John H. Van Houten was a Revolutionary War veteran and by occupation a wheelwright. He married Margaret Mickler, daughter of John and Margaret Mickler, and they had two children: Paul Van Houten, who married Rebecca Demarest; and Margaret Van Houten, who married John Laubagh, another early resident of what became Allendale. Descendants married into the Mallinson and Yeomans families, and all of these families were important in Allendale's early history. Margaret Yeomans, widow of John L. Yeomans, donated to the Borough the property on which the Allendale Fire House was built.

The proposed copy for the marker is as follows:

VAN HOUTEN — YEOMANS HOMESTEAD

John H. Van Houten came to this neighborhood in 1792 and later purchased land. His son, Paul J. Van Houten, built this farm house about 1869 on family acreage. In 1870 he willed it to his daughter, Margaret Ann, the wife of John L. Yeomans, a farmer. Later, the Van Houten-Yeomans farm was divided into house lots which contributed to the growth of Allendale. The farm house remained in the family until 1955.

We applaud Douglas K. and Ruth Ann Harris for their interest and efforts in obtaining Allendale's first Bergen County Historical Society marker.



We are always so pleased to receive comments, additions, and corrections to articles in this newsletter, and we were especially happy to hear from Hazel Lightbody Gordon (Mrs. Fred Gordon), who wrote to share information about her family and the house at 45 Elm Street (including a photograph that shows the house much better than the 1940 Tax Appraisal photo did!). The Gordons, who both grew up in Allendale, now live in Seminole, Florida. We're delighted to share Mrs. Gordon's information and memories about Allendale (see p. 2).



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.

It is our hope that in or before the Borough of Allendale's 100th birthday (1994) a group of enthusiasts will come forward to reorganize the Historical Society. Until then, we muddle along with the publication of this newsletter, and thank our members, both near and far, for their continued support!

The Lightbody Family and the House at 45 Elm Street

Contributed by Hazel Lightbody Gordon
(Mrs. Fred Gordon)

We [the Lightbody family] had moved from Saddle River to Allendale in the spring of 1922 and rented the house next to the Appert homestead on Cottage Place. It had a wide front porch. One of the reasons for not continuing to live there was that one horse from the Appert farm, released at noon, often made his way to that house and mounted the front steps, much to my mother's horror. She was sure he'd break the door down. The second reason was that my Dad [William Lightbody] had fallen in love with the house at 45 Elm Street, which he passed daily on his way to the train station. He was an Auditor and CPA for Vacuum Oil, later Socony Vacuum Oil in New York.

At any rate they bought 45 Elm Street from the Watsons in 1923-24. They must have sold it about 1945-46 and moved to Strong Street in Fardale. From there we moved them to New York to be near us.

Many good times were held in the house on Elm Street. Our 7th and 8th grade classes (Fred and I were in the same class) were very socially minded. Parties were held at Betty Smith's or our house. We had a player piano — oh boy, what fun to pump for the rolls!

My mother [Martha Elizabeth Lightbody] belonged to so many organizations — County Committee Woman, Woman's Club (she organized the Music and Literature Department), Epiphany Church Guild — always a president. Quite a few out of town organizations as well. So our house was used for fund raising card parties (usually ten or twelve tables), cookware and food demonstrations which included luncheons, and much more.

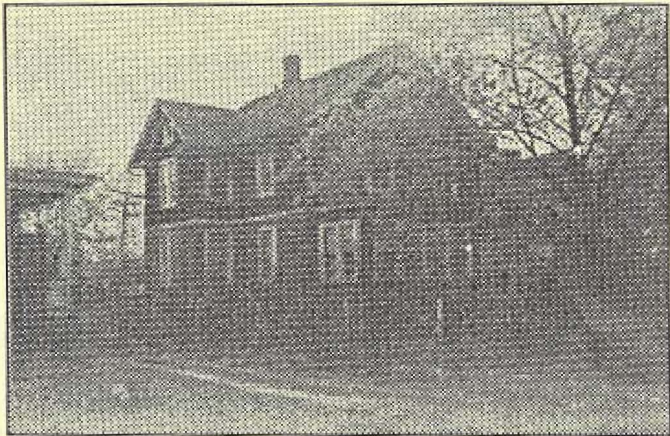
We were married in Epiphany Church on Orchard Street and our reception — a sit down dinner for fifty was catered by Testa of Ridgewood in 1937.

The [1940 Tax appraisal] description mentioned the sun room, which had early on been a porch but had been enclosed for many years. The rear extension, which actually was a part of the house, was a butler's pantry which connected the dining room and kitchen. We had a finished room in the attic which we used as a play room. The foyer was reasonably large and separated from the living room by sliding doors. Stairs went up from the foyer and also from the kitchen and met on a landing from which another flight led to the bedrooms. A finished stairway led to the attic.

Mr. Van Blarcom [Stephen J. Van Blarcom, the builder] must have been a careful carpenter. The rumor

was that our house had been built from leftovers from Archer Memorial Church. I don't think Allendale [at that time] was too interested in the size of homes on lots or they would never have allowed the big Van Blarcom house on Allendale Avenue to be moved and squeezed between Neufeld's and our house. Our driveway on that side was narrowed considerably.

My Dad built the garage at 45 Elm. My folks had the shingle and brick siding put on the house. We were



45 Elm Street — date of photo unknown

among the first families to have an electric refrigerator — a beautiful Frigidaire. When gas came through Allendale, of course the Lightbodys were the first to install a Roper gas range and a hot water heater.

Mrs. Berdan encouraged my mother to enter some redecorating contest — she won a prize for remodelling our kitchen. So the old, ugly soapstone tub and sink were replaced with a modern porcelain sink.

My mother canvassed the town in 1928, I believe, getting parents of grammar school kids to have the "Shick test" administered.

With all these activities, my mother continued her music. She was well known for her beautiful soprano voice. She sang in many area churches as a paid soloist. She and Ross Peardon often sang in various churches as well. I heard my mother sing over WODA on our crystal radio set. ■

Editor's note: We gratefully thank Hazel Lightbody Gordon for sharing her memories with us. No amount of researched dates, dry facts, etc. can take the place of the memories of the people who actually lived (or still live) in Allendale. These memories are the stuff that brings "history" to life, and we wish more of our friends — Allendale folks from near and far — would jot down for us a few things they remember about Allendale people, places and events.

ALLENDALE'S CHANGING SCENE

The photographs shown here are of the area in today's business section where the post office stands. They are not all from exactly the same angle or distance, but all show the site of today's post office.

Photo number one, below, is from a picture postcard that was mailed in November 1905. The imprinted

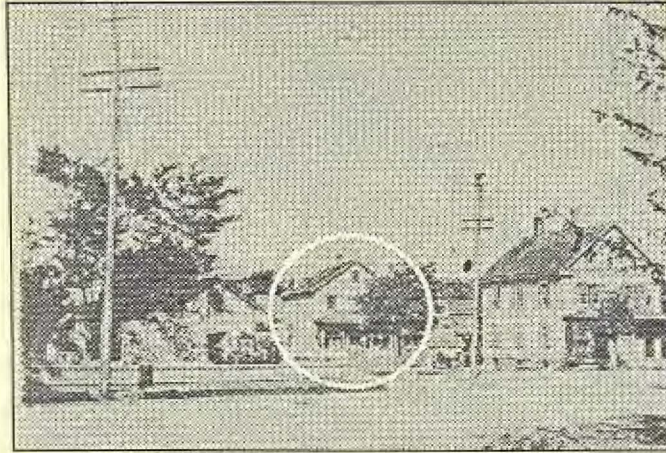


Photo number one — Circa 1905

description on the postcard is "Allendale Square, Allendale, N.J." The circled building, in 1905 Winter's general store, stood on the site of today's Allendale post office. It had been built in 1884 by Garret H. Winter, and for the next twenty years housed general stores operated by several Winter partnerships (Winter & Leamon, Winter & Christopher, etc.)

The building seen to the left side of the circled building is actually some distance closer to the photographer (Myrtle Avenue runs between it and the circled building). The building to the left is the Allendale Meat Market, which stood on a fenced triangle of property that extended out into what is today pavement. The Meat Market itself stood slightly to the east of the building that later replaced it and housed in succession Guatelli's confectionery, then Temperlyn's Drug Store, the Allendale Pharmacy,



Photo number two — 1959

the Allendale Florist, and now The Big Pink Pasta restaurant. The large building, right of the circled building in the photo, housed Borger's Dry Goods Store early in the century, and was later moved to High Street.

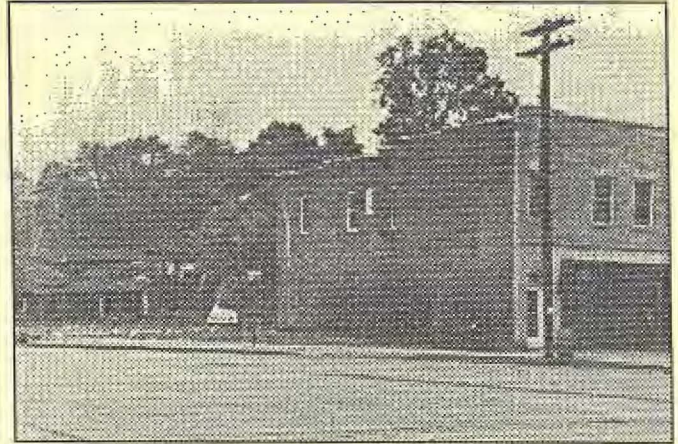


Photo number three — About 1960-1961

Photo number two was taken in 1959 and is labelled "Winter Brothers old store, 1959." This building, somewhat remodelled, is the circled building in photo number one.

By November of 1961, the old Winter store had been torn down, as shown in *photo number three*, to make way for the building of Allendale's new Post Office.

Previously — about 1932 — the Winter business (by



Photo number four — About 1975

then Winter Brothers) had been moved to the east end of the newly constructed building shown on the right of *photo number three*. In 1936, the post office had moved into the space in the west end of this same building.

The Allendale Post Office, which had been established November 11, 1869 in the railroad station, with Smith Roswell as Postmaster, moved into its new building, shown in *photo number four*, about June 1963. The formal dedication of the building, at 2 Myrtle Avenue, was held Saturday, June 8, 1963.

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 December 1992 issue)

53 (or 41?) Elmwood Avenue

Ward House

Block 2009, Lot 4 (Old Block 27, Lot 297)

Built 1935.

Carrie M. Ward, 1940. Harold (?) D. Ebstyne and Pauline Ebstyne, 1944-1950. John L. Tucker and Helen M. Tucker, 1950-?.

In 1940 this house was described as a 2 story frame dwelling with an attached garage on a 50' x 139' plot. It had a clapboard exterior, slate roof, and a concrete block foundation. There were 6 rooms, including 3 bedrooms, and one half tile bath.



53 (or 41?) Elmwood Avenue, 1940 Tax Appraisal Photo

69 Elmwood Avenue

Higgins House

Block 2009, Lot 5.1 (Old Block 27, Lot 291; later plus Lot 293?)

Built 1935.

M. E. Higgins, Jr., 1940. Malachi Higgins and Evelyn

G. Higgins. Philip Shapiro and Frances Shapiro, ?-?. Robert & Chandra Acquilina (1985-86 *Here's Allendale*).

In 1940 this house was described as a 2 story frame dwelling with an attached garage on a 50' x 131' plot. It had a wood shingle exterior, slate roof, and a concrete block foundation. There were 6 rooms, including 3 bedrooms, and two half tile baths, and a lavatory.

By November 1953 the previous garage had been enlarged and made into a playroom, and a new garage had been built.



69 Elmwood Avenue, 1940 Tax Appraisal Photo

82 Elmwood Avenue

Hamilton House

Block 2006, Lot 7.1 (Old Block 25, Lots 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231)

Built 1935.

B Perry Hamilton and Ina M. Hamilton, 1935-?. Wendell Hayes and Madelyne K. Hayes, ?-1986.

In 1940 this house was described as a 2-1/2 story frame dwelling with an attached garage on a 150' x 120' plot. It had a stone, clapboard and stucco exterior, slate roof, and a concrete foundation. There were 10 rooms,



82 Elmwood Avenue, 1940 Tax Appraisal Photo

including 6 bedrooms, with 1 lavatory (wood and plaster), and 2 half tile baths. The house had double oak floors throughout. There was a finished knotty pine recreation room and a laundry in the basement.

The house was sold in 1986. At the time, the Northwest Bergen Board of Realtors described the house as a colonial with stucco, stone and cedar siding and a slate roof. It listed 4 or 5 bedrooms, including a master bedroom suite, and 3-1/2 baths. The first floor included a living room with fireplace, a modern eat-in kitchen, a screened open porch, and a deck. There were bedrooms and baths on the 2nd and 3rd floors. The basement had a den with fireplace, a workroom, and a laundry. There was a two car garage. The purchase price included wall to wall carpeting, microwave, levelor window treatments in the master bedroom suite, plaster walls and hardwood floors.

85 Elmwood Avenue
Creelman House

Block 2009, Lot 6 (Old Block 27, Lot 284)
Built 1935.

James F. Creelman, 1940. L. J. Colaianni (1985-86 *Here's Allendale*).

In 1940 this house was described as a 2 story frame



85 Elmwood Avenue, 1940 Tax Appraisal Photo

dwelling with an attached garage on a 50' x 120' plot. It had a brick and wood shingle exterior, slate roof, and a concrete block foundation. There were 6 rooms, including 3 bedrooms, and two half tile baths.

100 Elmwood Avenue
Weisbrod House

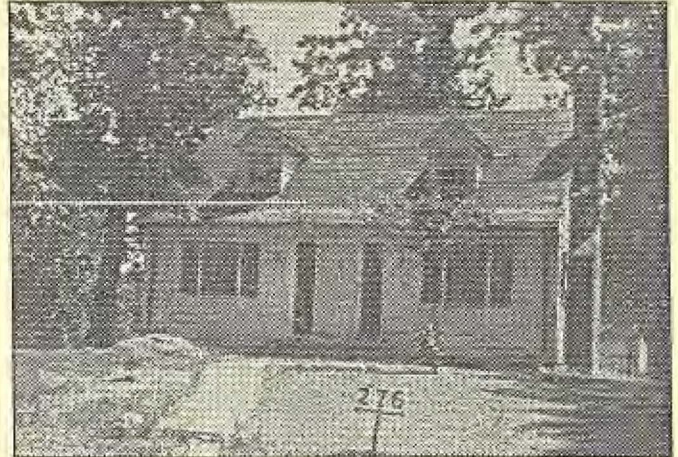
Block 2008, Lot 7 (Old Block 26, Lots 235, 236, 1/2 of 234)

Built 1938.

Helen Weisbrod, 1940. William H. Sommariva and Helen M. Sommariva, 1945-1949. Martin E. Husing, 1949-?. Joseph E. Pfaff (1985-86 *Here's Allendale*).

In 1940 this house was described as a 1-1/2 story frame dwelling with an attached garage on a 87.5' x 120' plot. It had a wood shingle exterior, wood shingle roof, and a concrete block foundation. There were 5 rooms, including 2 bedrooms, and one linoleum bath.

The house sold in 1945 for \$6,500. In 1946 M. D. Hugo was renting the house.



100 Elmwood Avenue, 1940 Tax Appraisal Photo

114 Elmwood Avenue
Ward House

Block 2008, Lot 9 (Old Block 26, Lot 243, 244; later plus lot 242)

Built 1935.

Wilbur Ward, 1940. Donald C. Mohr and Arla S. Mohr, 1941-1948. Samuel E. Johnson and Margaret Johnson, 1948-?.

In 1940 this house was described as a 2-1/2 story frame dwelling with an attached garage on a 75' x 120' plot. It had a clapboard exterior, slate roof, and a concrete block foundation. There were open porches. The house had 6 rooms, including 3 bedrooms, and two baths, one with a stall shower and one half tile bath.



114 Elmwood Avenue, 1940 Tax Appraisal Photo

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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.

(Brookside Avenue, continued from December 1992 issue)

Dwelling #46, Family #49

- **Simon, Charles P.**; Head; M; W; age 54 yrs.; widowed; b. New Jersey; his father b. Germany; his mother b. Austria Bohemia; speaks English; Fireman, R.R.
- —, **Ella M.**; Daughter; F; W; age 20 yrs.; Single; b. New Jersey; her father b. New Jersey; her mother b. New Jersey; speaks English
- —, **Charles**; Son; M; W; age 18 yrs.; Single; b. New Jersey; his father b. New Jersey; his mother b. New Jersey; speaks English; Laborer, Livery Stable
- —, **Stephen**; Son; M; W; age 16 yrs.; Single; b. New Jersey; his father b. New Jersey; his mother b. New Jersey; speaks English
- —, **Nelson**; Son; M; W; age 11 yrs.; Single; b. New Jersey; his father b. New Jersey; his mother b. New Jersey; speaks English
- —, **George**; Son; M; W; age 7 yrs.; Single; b. New Jersey; his father b. New Jersey; his mother b. New Jersey; speaks English

Dwelling #47, Family #50

- **Steele, John W.**; Head; M; W; age 52 yrs.; married (1) 28 yrs.; b. Illinois; his father b. New Jersey; his mother b. New Jersey; speaks English; Clerk, U.S. Customs
- —, **Rebecka**; Wife; F; W; age 50 yrs.; married (1) 28 yrs.; mother of 3 children, 3 now living; b. New York; her father b. New York; her mother b. Pennsylvania; speaks English
- —, **John W. Jr.**; Son; M; W; age 16 yrs.; Single; b. New Jersey; his father b. Illinois; his mother b. New York; speaks English

Dwelling #48, Family #51

- **Abbott, Alonzo**; Head; M; W; age 39 yrs.; married (1) 18 yrs.; b. New York; his father b. New Jersey; his mother b. New Jersey; speaks English; Clerk, Erie R.R.
- —, **Sarah**; Wife; F; W; age 38 yrs.; married (1) 18 yrs.; mother of 3 children, 2 now living; b. New York; her father b. Ireland; her mother b. Ireland; speaks English
- —, **Grace Elizabeth**; Daughter; F; W; age 17 yrs.; Single; b. New York; her father b. New York; her mother b. New York; speaks English
- —, **Willie M.**; Son; M; W; age 15 yrs.; Single; b. New Jersey; his father b. New York; his mother b. New York; speaks English

Dwelling #49, Family #52

- **Voorhis, George W.**; Head; M; W; age 30 yrs.; married (1) 1 yr.; b. Iowa; his father b. New York; his mother b. New York; speaks English; Clerk
- —, **Mary E.**; Wife; F; W; age 24 yrs.; married (1) 1 yr.; mother of 1 child, 1 now living; b. Pennsylvania; her father b. Pennsylvania; her mother b. Pennsylvania; speaks English
- —, **Claud H.**; Son; M; W; age 4/12 yrs.; single; b. New Jersey; his father b. Iowa; his mother b. Pennsylvania
- —, **Florance**; Mother; F; W; age 70 yrs.; widow; mother of 10 children, 5 now living; b. New York; her father b. Not Known; her mother b. New York; speaks English
- **Richardson, Bell**; Sister; F; W; age 38 yrs.; widow; mother of 1 child, 0 now living; b. Illinois; her father b. New York; her mother b. New York; Servant, house

Dwelling #50, Family #53

- **Buhlman, Christian**; Head; M; W; age 50 yrs.; widowed; b. Switzerland; his father b. Switzerland; his mother b. Switzerland; Immigrated 18[90?]; speaks English; Janitor, school
- —, **George**; Son; M; W; age 16 yrs.; Single; b. New Jersey; his father b. Switzerland; his mother b. Switzerland; speaks English; office boy
- —, **Charles**; Son; M; W; age 15 yrs.; Single; b. New Jersey; his father b. Switzerland; his mother b. Switzerland; speaks English
- —, **Helen**; Daughter; F; W; age 13 yrs.; Single; b. New Jersey; her father b. Switzerland; her mother b. Switzerland; speaks English
- —, **William**; Son; M; W; age 9 yrs.; Single; b. New Jersey; his father b. Switzerland; his mother b. Switzerland; speaks English

Dwelling #51, Family #54

- **Weeks, Charles R.**; Head; M; W; age 50 yrs.; married (1) 26 yrs.; b. New Jersey; his father b. New York; his mother b. New Jersey; speaks English; [occupation illegible]
- —, **Agnes C.**; Wife; F; W; age 50 yrs.; married (1) 26 yrs.; mother of 0 children; b. New Jersey; her father b. New Jersey; her mother b. New Jersey; speaks English

Dwelling #52, Family #55

- **Roswell, Charles**; Head; M; W; age 53 yrs.; married (1) 27 years; b. New Jersey; his father b. New York; his mother b. New Jersey; speaks English; Clerk, R.R.
- —, **Emma**; Wife; F; W; age 48 yrs.; married (1) 27 yrs.; mother of 2 children, 2 now living; b. New Jersey; her father b. New Jersey; her mother b. New Jersey; speaks English
- —, **Raymond S.**; Son; M; W; age 22 yrs.; Single; b. New Jersey; his father b. New Jersey; his mother b. New Jersey; speaks English; Painter, house
- —, **Ingraham I.**; Son; M.; W; age 22 yrs.; Single; b. New Jersey; his father b. New Jersey; his mother b.

New Jersey; speaks English; Painter, carriage Dwelling #53, Family # 56

- **Steele, Joseph M.**; Head; M; W; age 55 yrs.; married (1) 32 yrs.; b. New Jersey; his father b. New Jersey; his mother b. New Jersey; speaks English; Manufacturer, chemist

- —, **Ella**; Wife; F; W; age 51 yrs.; married (1) 32 yrs.; mother of 1 child, 1 now living; b. New Jersey; her father b. New York; her mother b. New York; speaks English

- —, **Ernest**; Son; M; W; age 29 yrs.; Single; b. New Jersey; his father b. New Jersey; his mother b. New Jersey; speaks English; Occupation—None

- **McGill, William**; Boarder; M; W; age 60 yrs.; Single; b. Massachusetts; his father b. Ireland; his mother b. Ireland; speaks English; Painter, House

(Allendale Ave.) Dwelling #54, Family #57

- **Braun, Valentine J.**; Head; M; W; age 46 yrs.; married (2) 4 yrs.; b. New York; his father b. Germany; his mother b. Germany; speaks English; Hotel

- —, **Lucy**; Wife; F; W; age 28 yrs.; married (2) 4 yrs.; mother of 1 child, 1 now living; b. New York; her father b. New York; her mother b. New York; speaks English

- —, **Ethel**; Daughter; F; W; age 5 yrs.; Single; b. New York; her father b. New York; her mother b. New York; speaks English

- **Klein, Elizabeth**; Mother in Law; F; W; age 49 yrs.; widow; mother of 2 children, 1 now living; b. New York; her father b. Germany; her mother b. Germany; speaks English; Housekeeper, hotel

- **Miller, Anna**; Servant; F; W; age 24 yrs.; Single; b. German Austria; her father b. Austria; her mother b. Austria; Immigrated 1899; speaks English; Servant, hotel

- **Horstmann, Richard**; Servant; M; W; age 55 yrs.; Widowed; b. Germany; his father b. Germany; his mother b. Germany; Immigrated 1869; speaks English; Bartender, hotel

- **Riley, Edward**; Boarder; M; W; age 17 yrs.; Single; b. New York; his father b. New York; his mother b. New York; speaks English; Asst. Agent, R.R.

Dwelling #55, Family #58

- **Roswell, Smith**; Head; M; W; age 83 yrs.; married (1) 56 yrs.; b. New York; his father b. New York; his mother b. New York; speaks English; Own Income

- —, **Ellen M.**; Wife; F; W; age 74 yrs.; married (1) 56 yrs.; mother of 6 children, 4 now living; b. New York; her father b. Ireland; her mother b. New Jersey; speaks English

- —, **William S.**; Son; M; W; age 39 yrs.; Single; b. New Jersey; his father b. New York; his mother b. New York; speaks English; Freight [illegible], R.R.

(Brookside Ave.) Dwelling #56, Family 59

- **Mowerson, John**; Head; M; W; age 29 yrs.; married (1) 4 yrs.; b. New Jersey; his father b. New Jersey; his mother b. New York; speaks English; [occupation

illegible]

- —, **Emma**; Wife; F; W; age 25 yrs.; married (1) 4 yrs.; mother of 1 child, 1 now living; b. New Jersey; her father b. New Jersey; her mother b. New York; speaks English

- —, **Kenneth**; Son; M; W; age 2 yrs.; b. New Jersey; his father b. New Jersey; his mother b. New Jersey

Dwelling #57; Family 60

- **Ackerson, Jacob**; Head; M; W; age 42 yrs.; married (1) 15 yrs.; b. New Jersey; his father b. New Jersey; his mother b. New Jersey; speaks English; Carpenter, house

- —, **Delia**; Wife; F; W; age 39 yrs.; married (1) 15 yrs.; mother of 2 children, 1 now living; b. New York; her father b. New York; her mother b. New Jersey; speaks English

- —, **Edward**; Son; M; W; age 8 yrs.; Single; b. New Jersey; his father b. New Jersey; his mother b. New York; speaks English

(West Crescent Ave.) Dwelling #58, Family #61

- **Yeomans, John**; Head; M; W; age 39 yrs.; married (1) 18 yrs.; b. New Jersey; his father b. New Jersey; his mother b. New Jersey; speaks English; Farmer

- —, **Sarah M.**; Wife; F; W; age 39 yrs.; married (1) 18 yrs.; mother of 3 children, 3 now living; b. New Jersey; her father b. New Jersey; her mother b. New Jersey; speaks English

- —, **Harry Louis**; Son; M.; W; age 16 yrs.; Single; b. New Jersey; his father b. New Jersey; his mother b. New Jersey; speaks English

- —, **Ethel May**; Daughter; F; W; age 14 yrs.; Single; b. New Jersey; her father b. New Jersey; her mother b. New Jersey; speaks English

- —, **John Isaac**; Son; M; W; age 12 yrs.; Single; b. New Jersey; his father b. New Jersey; his mother b. New Jersey; speaks English

- —, **Margaret A.**; Mother Aunt [sic ??]; F; W; age 74 yrs.; widow; mother of 1 child, 0 now living; b. New Jersey; her father b. New Jersey; her mother b. New Jersey; speaks English

Dwelling #59, Family #62

- [**Irving?**], **Jacob**; Head; M; W; age 32 yrs.; married (1) 11 yrs.; b. New Jersey; his father b. New Jersey; his mother b. New Jersey; speaks English; Painter, house

- —, **Sophie**; Wife; F; W; age 32 yrs.; married (1) 11 yrs.; mother of 3 children, 1 now living; b. New Jersey; her father b. New Jersey; her mother b. New Jersey; speaks English

- —, **Clifford**; Son; M.; W; age 8 yrs.; b. New Jersey; his father b. New Jersey; his mother b. New Jersey; speaks English

- **Pittis, Godfrey**; Boarder; M; W; age 30 yrs.; Single; b. New Jersey; his father b. [blank]; his mother b. [blank]; speaks English; Physician, Life Ins.

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Some Early Allendale Mills

John Smith's Mills are mentioned in an 1840 deed conveying "35 acres more or less" in the Township of Franklin "on the public road leading from John Smith's Mills to Paterson." This property was conveyed from William Shannon and Leah, his wife, of the Township of Franklin, to Isaac I. Storms and Martin Blauvelt of the Township of Franklin. This property was probably at least partly within the bounds of what is today southwestern Allendale. An 1861 map shows "J. Smith Saw Mill" in the vicinity of what later became Brookside Avenue and Crescent Avenue, probably near the later site of the San Jacinto Swim Club.

John R. Vanderbeck was operating a saw mill by 1874, probably on property near what became the Allendale-Fardale (Mahwah) border, near Forest Road.

Albert Lydecker was operating a grist mill on the site of what later became the San Jacinto Swim Club (SW corner of W. Crescent Ave. and Brookside Ave. intersection) by 1883. *The Ramsey Journal* of November 2, 1893 noted: "Times can't be very bad when a bbl. of the very best flour can be bought for \$4.75. That's what they are selling it for at the Allendale mill."

In 1879, across W. Crescent Avenue from the future Lydecker's Mill site, Richard Christopher started a saw mill (with an undershot wheel) and a grist mill (with an overshot wheel). These mills, both in one building, burned down in 1908.

John Van Horn was running a cider mill on Franklin Turnpike by 1874, and Joseph Henry Mallinson started a cider mill in 1890 in the building across the Franklin Turnpike from Archer Hall. ■

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Annual Membership Dues: \$5.00 for membership from May through the following April.

The newsletter, **Allendale History and Heritage**, is published 4 times a year in September, December, February, and April, and mailed to members of the Allendale Historical Society. The Society is currently inactive and holds no general meetings. Volunteers for the presidency and other offices are needed to reactivate the Society. Please volunteer.

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