

## ALLENDALE HISTORY AND HERITAGE

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### SOCIETY NEWS

Our first general meeting since April 1989 (after which the Society became inactive) will be held Tuesday, November 19th at 8:00 p.m. at Fellowship Hall, Highlands United Presbyterian Church. See box at right for additional information. We hope to see many old and new friends out at this meeting. The meeting is free and open to the public, so be sure to invite a friend or neighbor!

Members (and officers) Joann Hart and Judy McKim have reorganized and updated our slide show, which displays Allendale views past and present. They will present the updated slide show as a program at our November general meeting.

As of this writing, we have just 7 copies remaining of the book, "Allendale: Background of a Borough." We will bring any remaining copies to the November meeting, for sale at \$50 per book. Anyone who has previously bought a copy of the book may bring it to the meeting, where the author, Pat Wardell, will be available to sign any copies bought that night, or brought to the meeting.

We encourage anyone who wishes to help re-activate the society to call Don Strauss (201-934-7475) or Judy McKim (201-825-3553) to volunteer. We need helpers in the following categories: sorting, arranging and cataloging our collection; photography -- of present sites in town; photographing ("copying" as slides) some of the old photographs in our collection; and membership. We also need a volunteer to fill our third trustee slot.

We thank all our members who sent in dues for their loyal support. If you haven't yet sent your dues, please do so now.

We're grateful to Bob Caputi of Waldwick for loaning us the photograph of his grandfather, reproduced in this issue (on page 6). And we thank Herman Rohsler for bringing the photo to our attention.

One of our most faithful supporters is Helyn ("Tiny") Anthony Meyer, who now lives in Longboat Key, Florida. Tiny sent a nice note about the photograph of the 1925-1926

General Meeting of the  
*Allendale Historical Society*  
 Tuesday, November 19th  
 8:00 p.m.

at Fellowship Hall,  
**Highlands United Presbyterian Church**  
 Allendale, NJ

(corner Franklin Tpk. and East Orchard Street;  
 parking on Orchard Street and Arcadia Drive)

— Program —

a slide presentation of new and old views of

*"Allendale - Now and Then"*

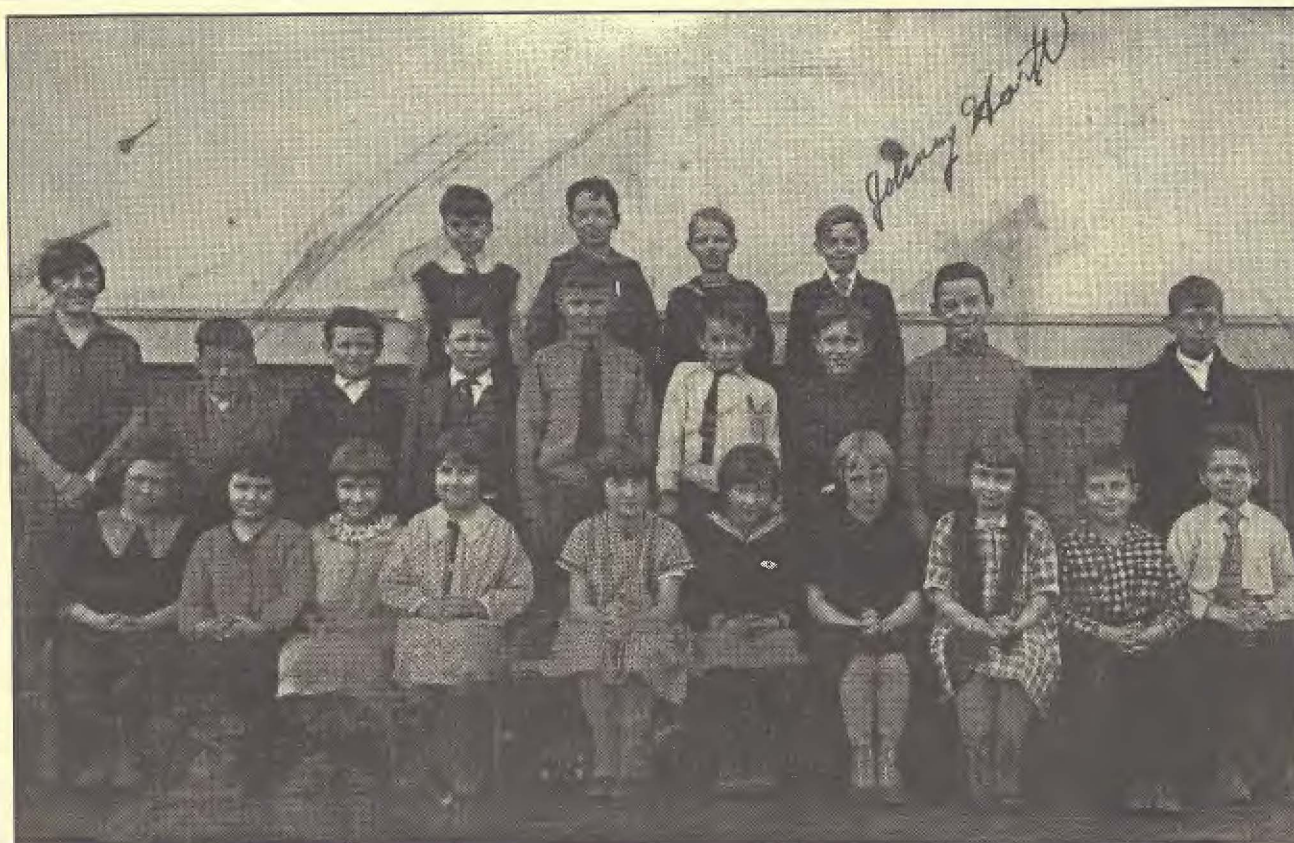
by Joann Hart & Judy McKim

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third grade class in Allendale's "old" School on Franklin Turnpike, which was loaned by Anna Christopher, and reproduced in the April 1996 newsletter. Tiny was able to identify all of the students in the photo, so we've reproduced it again, with the identifications, on page 2.

Tiny wrote: "I was so pleased to see the photo of my first class of teaching in 1925-1926. I was just 20 years old then....I do enjoy seeing and hearing from my students of years ago.... My family, the Anthonys, lived in Allendale for 100 years, from 1867 to 1967 when I sold the Park Avenue house and moved to Florida."

As always, we encourage members and others to write their memories of Allendale and Allendale events and people and send them to us to be published as future newsletter articles. ■



1925-1926 Allendale Third Grade — teacher: Miss Helyn Anthony.  
Photo taken outside the Allendale elementary School on Franklin Turnpike  
[the building today is the Allendale Police Headquarters].

Identifications (1996 by Helyn Anthony Meyer):

Front Row (left to right) Betty Appert, Lillian Haulenbeck, Ethel Cappel, Lois Carpenter, Virginia Van Horn, May Rose Schmidheini, Betty Horack, Janet Russell, Frank Berdan, Charles Ackerson.

Center Row: William Phair, Gerard Welch, Clinton Rossner, Charles Clain, Henry Forshay, Earl Bogardus, Francis Smith, Herbert Miller.

Back Row: Teddy Blackmore, Billy Hunter, Willis Dunkel, John Hartt.

Mrs. Meyer notes that one student, Stuart Billhardt, is missing from the photograph; he must have been absent the day the photo was taken.

## 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.*

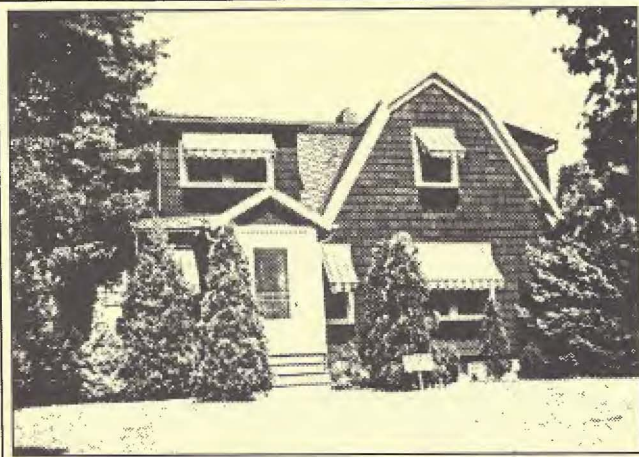
(continued from the June 1996 issue)

### 583 Franklin Turnpike Peinecke House

Block 911, Lot 15 (Old Block 35, Lot 28)

#### Built 1920.

Grace and Oscar Peinecke, by 1940-1948.  
John K. and Katherine Nelson, 1948-?



The Peinecke House, 583 Franklin Turnpike.  
Photo taken 1940.

Kenneth S. Meyer, about 1985.  
Jeffrey Sandberg, by Sep 1994.

This house was connected to the Van Houten House, Block 911, Lot 7 (589 Franklin Turnpike) and at one time the two houses were probably on one lot. This house now has access from Franklin Turnpike via a 10-foot right of way along the south side of #589 Franklin Turnpike.

In 1940 the house was described as a one-and-a-half story frame dwelling with a sun porch on a 111 foot x 345 foot plot. It had a poured concrete foundation, a wood shingle exterior, and a composition shingle roof. There were seven rooms, including 3 bedrooms and one bath.

### 589 Franklin Turnpike Van Houten House

Block 911, Lot 17 (Old Block 35, Lot 26)

#### Built 1897.

Stephen T. Van Houten and his wife, Georgianna Schneider, 1897-c. 1946.



The Van Houten House, 589 Franklin Turnpike.  
Photo taken 1940.

(Poss.) rented to William P. and Josephine Asten in April 1910 (Census).

Stanley Fisher and Anita Van Houten Fisher, his wife, 1929-?

Van Houten, 1940.

Fisher, ?-?

John E. McGinnis, 1946-1969,

John M. Butler, Jr. and Gail K. Butler, 1969-present.

8 July 1926, *Ramsey Journal* — Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Peinecke, of Ridgewood, have moved into the house on Franklin Turnpike, formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Van Houten, Jr. [Mrs. Peinecke was the former Grace Van Houten.]

31 Jan 1929, *Ramsey Journal* — Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Fisher of College Point, Long Island, expect to take up their residence in this borough about February 1st, occupying the Van Houten house on Franklin Turnpike. [Mrs. Stanley Fisher was the former Anita Van Houten.]



The Van Houten House, 589 Franklin Turnpike.  
Photo taken June 1987.

28 Apr 1938, *Ramsey Journal* — Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Goode of West Crescent Avenue will move into the apartment of Mrs. S. T. Van Houten, Sr., of Franklin Turnpike, on or about May 15. The residence of Mrs. Van Houten is being remodeled into a two-family apartment. [This item probably refers to the Van Houten house at #527 Franklin Turnpike.]

This house and the one further south on Franklin Turnpike, at no. 527, were both owned by S.T. Van Houten and some of the data for them may be confused.

Until 1942, this house and lot was appraised and apportioned with Block 1809, Lot 19 (Old Block 35, Lot 36), just north of this house and lot.



**Stephen Terhune Van Houten (Sr.)** was born in New York City April 29, 1866 (died June 1936), the son of Jacob Henry Van Houten and Hannah Matilda Terhune. He married Georgianna Schneider, born in New York City (died 1943), the daughter of John Schneider. Mr. Van Houten was a department manager for Claflin's wholesale dry goods firm and served on the Allendale Board of Education. Mrs. Van Houten was active in the Ladies Village Improvement Association and later the Woman's Club of Allendale. She was one of the Ladies V.I.A. committee instrumental in starting the Allendale Library in 1900, and later signed the Library certificate of incorporation (in 1923).

Stephen T. Van Houten and his wife, Georgianna Schneider had children: Anita Van Houten, b. March 6, 1892, d. Jan. 1972 (m. Stanley P. Fisher); Stephen T. Van Houten, Jr., b. about 1893, d. January 1977 (m. Marion F. Taylor); Matilda Van Houten (m. George Linke); Grace Van Houten, b. abt. 1896 (m. Oscar Pienecke); Georgianna Van Houten, b. abt. 1902-03, d. Nov. 1982 (m. Melvin R. Lane).

### 603 Franklin Turnpike

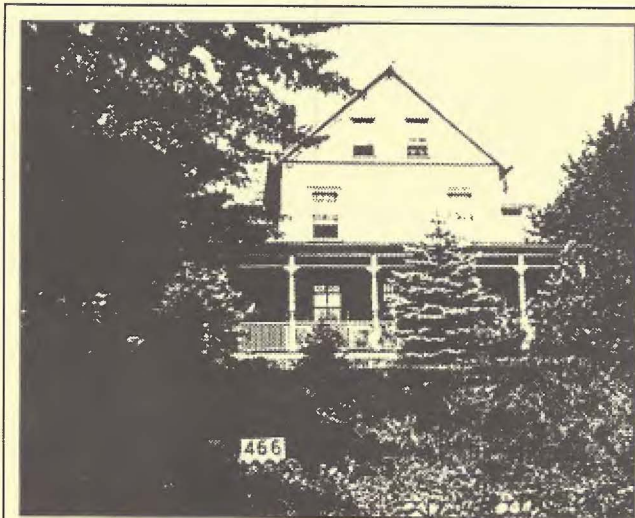
#### Lawrence (?) House

Block 911, Lot 16 (Old Block 35, Lot 22)

#### Built c. 1890.

D. Lawrence (1902 Robinson Map).  
Allendale Building & Loan Association, 1940.  
Carlin, Jno. J. (1947-48 Bergen-Passaic Telephone Directory)

John S. Witmer III and Barbara Witmer, ?-?.  
Martin Damiani and Nancy (Witmer) Damiani, by 1983-present.



The Lawrence House, 603 Franklin Turnpike.  
Photo taken 1940.



The Christopher House, 625 Franklin Turnpike.  
Photo taken 1940.

### 625 Franklin Turnpike

#### Christopher House

Block 910, Lot 15 (Old Block 40, Lot 13)

#### Built 1927.

J. Muried Christopher and Ada M. Christopher, 1927-1967.

Donald E. Flanagan and Irene Flanagan, 1967-c. 1975.  
Donald E. Flanagan (1973 Here's Allendale).

Charles J. & Angela Vagell, by 1989-present.

— 25 Aug, 1927, *Ramsey Journal* — J. M. Christopher and family have moved into their new home on Franklin Turnpike and Ivers Place.

In 1940 this house was described as a two story frame dwelling with a sun porch and a garage. The buildings stood on a plot with 183 feet of frontage on Franklin Turnpike. The house had a poured concrete foundation, a brick and clapboard exterior, and a composition shingle roof. There were 7 rooms, including 3 bedrooms, one half-tile bath and a lavatory. There was a finished laundry in the basement.

When the house was for sale in 1975, an ad from the *Ridgewood News*, Sunday, March 9, 1975, described it:

ALLENDALE--625 Franklin Turnpike. A landmark and a classic, 4 bedrooms, 2-1/2 baths, Dutch Colonial, built in 1927 on 1-1/2 acres. 2-story mini Carriage House could be used for many purposes. \$115,000.



Jacob Muried Christopher was the son of Richard Christopher and Anna Maria Green Ackerman. He was b. 15 Feb 1879 Allendale; d. 18 Oct 1966; buried George Washington Memorial Park, Paramus, NJ. He married (1) about 1907 Ada Mallinson, daughter of William Henry Mallinson and Mary Ella White. She was b. 31 Oct 1882; d. September 1955. J. M. Christopher m. (2) 15 Sep 1956 Helen R. -?-, widow of John Abram Ackerman.



The Christopher House, 625 Franklin Turnpike,  
Garage/Carriage House, photo taken 1940.

He was a grocer at the time of the 1900 Federal Census, single, and living with his parents. He was in partnership with John Winter in the early 1900s in a grocery store on West Allendale Avenue in Allendale, trading as Winter & Christopher. He later owned the Allendale Coal and Lumber Corporation at 55 Park Avenue, Allendale. He was the first treasurer of the Allendale Fire Association and a charter inactive member of the Association in 1910. He was a charter vice president of the First National Bank of Allendale in 1925 and one of its directors. He was a director of the Citizen's First National Bank and Trust Co. in Ridgewood.

He owned a number of houses as rental income properties in Allendale, including houses at 34 Maple Street (1940), on West Orchard Street, at 53 New Street (house built about 1955), on Woodland Avenue, and on Park Avenue.

He also owned, in 1940, with his brother, R.J. Christopher, rental income houses at 25 Oak Street (built about 1925), 35 Oak Street (built 1934 and sold to William and Marion Lightweis 15 Sep 1944), 1 Walnut Place (built about 1925) and 24 Walnut Place (built 1928). In 1940 they also owned the houses at 242 Park Avenue (built about 1905) and 246 Park Avenue (built about 1910; in 1940 its assessment also covered the sawmill).

J. M. Christopher and his first wife, Ada Mallinson, had a son, Olin Muired Christopher, who m. Mary Eva Durland.

### 634 Franklin Turnpike

#### Legg (?) - Appert House

Block 801, Lot 19.1 (Old Block 53, Lot 110A)

##### Built c. 1894-85.

Albert Legg, 1894.

J. Legg, 1913 Bromley Atlas Map.

H. John Appert and Lillian H. Appert, ? (by 1931)-? (at least until 1946-47). H. John Appert (1947-48 Bergen-Passaic Telephone Directory).

Horton S. Allen and Evelyn P. Allen, ?-1951.

John W. McKay and Margaret R. McKay, 1951-1963. J.

W. McKay (1963-64 Here's Allendale).

Paul R. Dunn and Kathleen Dunn, 1963-1968. Paul R. Dunn (1965-66, 1967 Here's Allendale)

Robert N. McNally and Saragay S. McNally, 1968-1970.

Donald J. Naphegyi and Marcia F. Naphegyi, 1970-?.

21 Sep 1894, *Bergen County Democrat* — Albert Legg has purchased about three acres of land from Mr. Ivers, and is grading the property prior to the erection of a substantial residence.



**Albert Legg** was born about July 1854 in New York and married Abbie G. -?-. She was born about May 1856 in MA. By Sep 1894 he had bought three acres of land from A. E. Ivers. They were living on or near Franklin Turnpike at the time of the 1900 Federal Census, probably in the house at 634 Franklin Turnpike, built for him about 1894-1895.

He was an inventor. One of his inventions appears to have been a self-threading sewing machine needle. Correspondence about this invention, dating from 1897 to 1900, was found in the attic of the Burtis house at 262 Brookside Avenue by Mrs. J. Bennett Monaghan (Mary S.), who lived there from January 1951-?. How these letters came to be in the attic of this house is not known, nor is the relationship (if any) known between the Burtis family and the Legg family.

In the 15 Dec 1894 issue of *The Souvenir*, published by the Archer ME Church, it was noted that "Mr. A. E. Ivers has recently made a sale of land to Mr. Legg, on which the purchaser is building. By June 1895 R. Nimmo had moved into the house recently occupied by Mr. Legg, who had moved into his new house built on a lot purchased from Mr. Ivers.



**Henry John Appert, Jr.** ("John"), was the son of Henry J. Appert (who developed the Allendale Produce Gardens, later known to Allendale residents as "the celery farm") and Ella B. Finn. Henry John Appert was born about Feb 1891 and married about June-July 1916 Lillian H. McClaughey. In 1916 he worked for the Standard Oil and Gasoline Co. at Bayonne. He was elected president of the Allendale Fire Department in December 1940.

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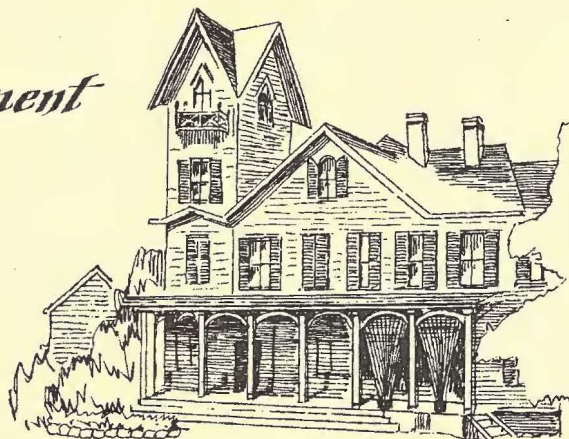


1996  
*Historic Holiday Ornament*  
 AVAILABLE THROUGH ARCHER CHURCH

The Allendale Hotel (circa 1905) is featured on this year's limited edition holiday ornament. The 3-1/2-inch glass ornament is glazed bisque in color with forest green graphics and lettering, and shows the Hotel as it looked in the early part of this century. The graphic rendering was done by Allendale artist Frank Vitale.

The ornaments sell for \$10 each and are available at the office of the Archer Church and at a number of local shops which support this benefit for Archer Church and the Historical Society. This is the third ornament in a series that highlights scenes of Allendale's past. Archer Hall was on the first year's ornament, and the coal hopper that was recently torn down to make way for Orchard Park condominiums was featured last year. A limited number of previous years ornaments are still available at \$5 each.

The ornaments are presented in a display/storage box. They are also suitable as a gift item and can be shipped parcel post for you for an additional \$3 per order through the Church office at 201-327-0020. Twenty percent of the net proceeds from the sale of ornaments is donated to the Allendale Historical Society by Archer Church.



**LOUIS CAPUTI, SHOEMAKER**

The photograph below was taken about 1911 at Louis Caputi's Shoe Shop in a building across from the Allendale Railroad Station. Louis Caputi (1886-1969, born Cassagrande, Italy), left, with Dr. Godfrey Pittis, at right.

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 Photo lent by Bob Caputi of Waldwick,  
 Louis Caputi's grandson.



## 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.

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### Franklin Turnpike (continued)

#### Dwelling #149, Family 161

- **Van Houten**, Stephen T.; Head; M; W; age 42 years; Married (1) 20 yrs; b. NY; [remainder illegible]
- —, Georgianna; Wife; F; W; age 41 years; Married (1) 20 years; Mother of 8 children, 5 then living; b. NY; [remainder illegible]
- —, Matilda, Daughter, F; W; age 19; Single [remainder illegible]
- —, Anita, Daughter; F; W; age 18; Single [remainder illegible]
- Stephen, Son; M; W; age 15 [17?]; Single [remainder illegible]
- —, Grace, Daughter, F; W; age 14; Single [remainder illegible]
- —, Georgianna, Daughter; F; age 6; Single [remainder illegible]
- **Schneider**, Anna, Mother in Law; F; White; age 74; Widow; Mother of 9 children, 3 then living; b. [Germany?]; [remainder illegible]

#### Dwelling #150; Family 162

- **Quackenbush**, William; Head; M; W; age 54 yrs.; Married (1) 31 yrs; b. NJ; his father b. NJ; his mother b. NJ; speaks English; Farmer; Owner of property
- —, Mary E.; Wife; F; W; age 43 yrs.; Married (1) 31 yrs; Mother of 0 children; b. Illegible [remainder illegible]
- **Alling**, Willard; son-in-law; M; W; age 30 yrs.; Married (1) 11/12 yr; b. PA; his father b. PA; his mother b. PA; speaks English; School Teacher, public school
- —, Mabel; adt. daughter; F; W; age 19 yrs.; Married (1) 11/12 yr.; Mother of 1 child, 1 then living; b. NJ; her father b. NJ; her mother b. NJ; speaks English
- —, Howard; Gr. Son; M; W; 3/12 yr.; b. NJ; his father b. Pennsylvania; his mother b. NJ

#### Dwelling #151; Family 163

- **Asten**, William [illegible initial]; Head; M; W; age 58 yrs.; Married (1) 33 yrs.; b. NY; his father b. NY; his mother b. England; speaks English; Agent, Fire Insurance; Renting
- —, Josephine; Wife; F; W; age 50 yrs.; Married (1) 33 yrs.; Mother of 6 children, 2 then living; b. MA; her father b. New York; her mother b. MA; speaks English

- —, William C.; Son; M; W; age 30 yrs.; Married (1) 9 yrs.; b. NY; his father b. NY; his mother b. MA; speaks English; Agent, Fire Insurance
- —, Katherine L.; daughter-in-law; F; M; age 29 yrs.; Married (1) 9 yrs.; Mother of 4 children, 2 then living; b. Maryland; her father b. VA; her mother b. Maryland; speaks English
- —, Oliver B.; Son; M; W; 14; Single; b. NJ; his father b. NY; his mother b. MA; speaks English
- —, William P.; Gr. Son; M; W; 4; Single; b. NJ; his father b. NY; his mother b. Maryland
- —, Elma [L.?], Gr Daughter; F; W; 1-3/12; b. NJ; her father b. NY; her mother b. Maryland
- **Rose**, Charles [P.?], Nephew; M; W; 27 yrs; Single; b. NJ; his father b. MA; his mother b. NY; speaks English
- **Johnson**, Henrietta; Servant; F; B; 32 yrs.; Single; b. NC; her father b. FL; her mother b. NC; speaks English; Servant, housework
- **Henderson**, Russell H.; Boarder; M; W; 56 yrs.; Widower; b. Scotland; his father b. Scotland; his mother b. Scotland; speaks English; own income

#### Dwelling #152, Family 164

- **Smith**, Albert B.; Head; M; W; age 41 years; Married (1) 17 yrs; b. NY; his father b. NY; his mother b. NY; speaks English; Clerk, Bank; Renting
- —, Eleanor; Wife; F; W; age 40 years; Married (1) 17 years; Mother of 6 children, 2 then living; b. NY; her father b. England; her mother b. England; speaks English
- —, Lester, Son, M; W; age 11; Single; b. NY; his father b. NY; his mother b. NY; speaks English
- —, George, Son; M; W; age 10; Single; b. NY; his father b. NY; his mother b. NY; speaks English

#### Dwelling #153, Family 165

- **Southwick**, James.; Head; M; W; age 49 years; Married (1) 19 yrs; b. NY; his father b. NY; his mother b. MA; speaks English; Gardener, Lawn; Owner of property
- —, Frances; Wife; F; W; age 49 years; Married (1) 19 years; Mother of 0 children; b. NY; her father b. NY; her mother b. NY; speaks English
- **Rowland**, Maytie, Niece by marr.; F; W; age 10 [11?]; Single; b. NJ; her father b. NY; her mother b. Ireland; speaks English

#### Dwelling #154; Family 166

- **Moellhausen**, Rene; Head; M; W; age 39 yrs.; Married (1) 10 yrs; b. [? crossed out; Germany written over]; his father b. Germany; his mother b. France; Speaks English; importer, -? & Oils; Owner of property
- —, Alice; Wife; F; W; age 38 yrs.; Married (1) 10 yrs; Mother of 2 children, 1 then living; b. NY; her father b. England; her mother b. England; Speaks English
- —, Grace; Daughter; F; W; 6 yrs; b. NY; her father b. Germany; her mother b. NY; Speaks English

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**GRADUATES OF THE ALLENDALE PUBLIC SCHOOL**

*(continued from June 1996 issue)*

**Graduating Class of 1922**

(From Commencement Program. Graduation held at Borough Hall, June 21, 1923.)

Eric Anderson	Mary Higgins
Verona Bohr	Samuel Lawrence
Edward Brower	William Mac Dowell
Anthony Caputi	Theodore Myer
Mabel Cisco	George Price

Norman Critchley  
 John Doty  
 Jennie Gasparini  
 Edwin Grosman

Gladys Rathbun  
 Ellsworth Sayre  
 Robert Steele

President of the Class — Anthony Caputi  
 Class Valedictorian — Gladys Rathbun

Class Motto: "Labor Conquers All Things"  
 Class Colors: Blue and White  
 Class Flower: White Rose

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