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SOCIETY NEWS

On November 19th we held our first general meeting since April 1989 (after which the Society became inactive) at Fellowship Hall, Highlands United Presbyterian Church. We were very gratified to see so many members and friends in attendance (the room was filled to capacity).

Joann Hart and Judy McKim presented our updated slide show (a project they had worked on during the summer). The slide show displays Allendale views past and present and is loaned to schools and organizations without charge.

We are pleased to report that the book, "Allendale: Background of a Borough" is now out of print. A little history of the publication might be of interest to readers. The Society subsidized the book with \$2,000 from its funds raised in the 1970s and 1980s and another \$2,000 of the printing costs were paid for by donations from Society members and friends. This enabled us to sell the book for \$50 a copy (\$35 per copy for books that were sold at the discounted price offered to those who sent money before the book was published). The research, writing, design, and typesetting were all done by Pat and Walt Wardell, who volunteered their time and work. 400 copies were printed (more than half were sold through our prepublication offering). There are no plans to reprint the book at this time, so if you own a copy, it's now a "collector's item"! We thank all those who supported our efforts, and all those who bought the book.

We encourage anyone who wishes to help reactivate the society to call Judy McKim (201-825-3553) to volunteer. We need help in the following categories: membership chairman, catalogers to volunteer for sorting, arranging and cataloging our collection; photographers -of present sites in town; and for photographing ("copying" as slides) some of the old photographs in our collection. 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, we remind you to please do so now. This newsletter includes some photographs of the 1945 flood in Allendale, and we've included an image of the envelope containing the processed photos -- the envelope itself, from Temperlyn's Pharmacy, is now a piece of Allendale's history! The pictures were provided to us by Walter Hillman of Arizona, whose mother, Alice Megnin, took the photographs.

Gaile Dargue Canfield sent some Allendale School photos in which her father appears, and these will be reproduced in this and the next few newsletters. Our faithful supporter, Helyn ("Tiny") Anthony Meyer, who now lives in Longboat Key, Florida helped to identify those in the photographs.

In this issue we're also reproducing some cards and letters sent to members of the Doolittle family in the early 1940s. These will bring back many memories for those involved with the Allendale Fire Department.

In an upcoming newsletter, we will publish photographs of the Joseph Warner Allen monument and the Allen family plot in the cemetery adjacent to the Christ Episcopal Church in Bordentown, NJ. These photos were taken for us by William Walling, who has family ties to Bergen County. Mr. Walling now lives in Bordentown, and we "met" him on the internet, while doing genealogical research. Ah, the serendipity of modern technology and the world wide web!

As always, we encourage members and others to write their memories of Allendale and Allendale events, places and people and send them to us to be published as future newsletter articles. It's easy to forget that our own lifetimes are part of history -- do you have memories of Allendale in the 30s, 40s, 50s, 60s -- do you recall some unforgettable Allendale people, events, and landmarks? What was daily life in Allendale like then? How was it different from life today? Has something you've read or seen in our newsletter stirred your memories? We often receive notes and letters from readers telling us how much they enjoy reading the recollections of others. Won't you jot down a few notes for us?

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About 1921 Allendale Fourth and Fifth Grades. Photo taken outside the Allendale elementary School on Franklin Turnpike [the building today is the Allendale Police Headquarters].

Photo donated by Gaile Dargue Canfield.

Identifications 1996 by Helyn Anthony Meyer and others:

Front Row (left to right) Rosemary Hartt, Lorraine Ackerson, Dorothy Alling, Eldora Pruden, Mildred Ebersole, Alice Ebersole, Grace Steele, Mildred Kraemer, Anna Anderson, Unknown, Unknown.

Second Row: Ethel Wolfersberger, -?- Miller, Margaret Whitaker, Marian Dator, Alice Van Horn, Gussie Strangfeld, Annie Christopher.

Third Row: Ruth Hess, Teacher, Bob Wilson, Bob Asten, Henry Anthony, Walter Anthony, Thomas Caputi, Bill Brower, Fred Howard.

Fourth Row: Pete Young, Robert Kraft, Rembrant Iveesham, Harold Osborne, Bill Young, Roland Petrie. Back Row: Guy Sanborne, Claude Voorhis, Stewart Varey, Howard Alling, Unknown, William Harrison, Cyril ("Bo") Dargue.

Can any reader identify our "unknowns"?

GRADUATES OF THE ALLENDALE PUBLIC SCHOOL Cyril Dargue

(continued from October-November 1996 issue)

Graduating Class of 1924

(From Commencement Program. Graduation held at Borough Hall, June 19, 1924.)

Howard Alling Fred Buechner Roy LeBaron Ellen Mainey Alice Ebersole Henry Hartt Frederick Howard Julius Klaschka Mildred Kraemer Lillian Kuenast Alfred Roberts Augusta Strangfeld Robert Turner Stewart Varey Claude Voorhis Nelson White

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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 October-November 1996 issue)

635 Franklin Turnpike Christopher House

Block 910, Lot 14 (Old Block 40, Lot 13A)

Built 1940.

Jacob Muried Christopher and Ada M. Christopher, 1940-1954.

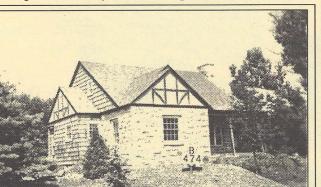
Olin M. Christopher and Mary Eva Christopher, 1954-1970. Olin M. Christopher (1963-64 Here's Allendale).

John U. Siegenthaler and Josephine C. Siegenthaler, 1970-? J. U. Siegenthaler (1973 Here's Allendale).

Schindler, Barry (1985-86 Here's Allendale). Barry and Nickie Schindler (1989-90 Here's Allendale). Nickie Schindler, Sep 1994.

Transactions:

• 7 December 1970 (Book 5479, p. 477) from Olin M. Christopher and Mary Eva Christopher, h/w, to John U.



The Christopher House, 635 Franklin Turnpike. Photo taken 1940.

Siegenthaler and Josephine C. Siegenthaler, h/w, being same premises conveyed January 18, 1954 (Book 3517, p. 651) from Jacob M. Christopher and Ada M. Christopher, h/w, and March 6, 1961 (Book 4270, p. 286) from Louisa R. Bennett and Samuel E. Bennett, h/h.

In 1940 the house was described as a new frame onestory bungalow on a 60 x 248 foot lot. There were no outbuildings. The house was built on a concrete block foundation, and had a wood shingle and stone exterior, with a composition shingle roof. There were five rooms, including two bedrooms and one half-tiled bath. There was a finished basement with laundry area.

In 1951 a new garage and breezeway was built, and in 1953 an addition was added to the kitchen.

647 Franklin Turnpike

Haring House
Block 910, Lot 13 (Old Block 40, Lot 12)
<u>Built 1902.</u>
Edna Haring and Mabel Haring, 1902-1953.
Mabel Haring, 1953-1958.
Louisa R. Bennett and Samuel E. Bennett, 1958-1961.
Joan M. Knight, 1961-1963.
Eugene A. Demarest and Edith Demarest, 1963-?.
Eugene Demarest (1965-66, 1967, 1973, 1981-82 Here's Allendale).

Andrea Fish Bien, Sep 1994.



The Haring House, 647 Franklin Turnpike. Photo taken 1940.

Transactions:

• -?- July 1963 (Book 4514, p. 283) from Joan M. Knight, unmarried, to Eugene A Demarest and Edith Demarest, h/w.

• 31 August 1961 (Book 4277, p. 4) from Louisa R. Bennett and Samuel E. Bennett, h/h, to Joan M. Knight, unmarried.

• [A portion of the lot:] 6 March 1961 (Book 4217, p. 308) from Louisa R. Bennett and Samuel E. Bennett, h/h,

to Olin M. Christopher, being portion of premises conveyed October 24, 1958 (Book 3994, p. 133) from Mabel Haring to Louisa R. Bennett.

• 24 October 1958 (Book 3994, p. 133) from Mabel Haring to Louisa Bennett, being same premises conveyed March 1, 1902 (Book 542, p. 51) from Charles F. Hawkins to Edna Haring and Mabel Haring, and June 15, 1911 (Book 787, p. 210) from Adaline G. Ivers and Alfred E. Ivers, h/h, to Edna Haring and Mabel Haring.

In 1940 this house was described as a 38-year-old twoand-a-half story frame dwelling on a 125 x 249-foot lot. There were no outbuildings. The house was built on a stone foundation and had a wood shingle exterior and a wood shingle roof. There were seven rooms, including three bedrooms and one wood and plaster bath. There was a 31-foot x 31-foot porch, a rear extension, and bays.

661 Franklin Turnpike Prescott-Jones House

Block 910, Lot 11 (Old Block 40, Lot 11)

Built about 1915.

Ella Prescott, ?-1937.

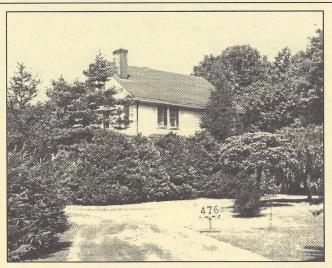
Louis Jones and Alice May Jones, later only Louis Jones, 1937-1961.

Edward M. Kaulbach and Katherine S. Kaulbach, 1961-about 1985-1986. Edward Kaulbach (1963-64, 1965-66, 1973, 1981-82 Here's Allendale).

Mrs. Lucy K. Schultz (1965-66 Here's Allendale). George Lunt, Sep 1994.

Transactions:

• 6 December 1961 (Book 4311, p. 575) from First National Bank of Allendale, Executor LW&T of Louis Jones a.k.a. Louis E. Jones, to Edward M. Kaulbach and Katherine S. Kaulbach, h/w.



The Prescott-Jones House, 661 Franklin Turnpike. Photo taken 1940.

• 26 February 1937 (Book 2052, p. 631) from Ella Prescott to Louis Jones and Alice May Jones, h/w.

In 1940 the house was described as a 25-year-old two and-a-half story, one-family frame dwelling on a 100 x 249-foot lot. It was built on a stone foundation, had a wood shingle exterior, and a composition shingle roof. There was an extension, three bays, and three open porches. There was separate garage. The house had eight rooms, including four bedrooms and one wood and plaster bath.

The house was offered for sale in 1985 with an asking price of \$198,500. The listing noted 5 bedrooms, a fireplace in the living room, a screened porch, and a modern kitchen. There was a window seat in the living room and a leaded glass panel in the front door.

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Louis E. Jones was born in New York State about 1872 and died before 6 December 1961. He married Alice May Cutler. She died in May 1955 and was buried at Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn, NY.

Jones was a department manager for a New York underwriter company. He was a member of the Publicity Committee of the Allendale Christmas Tree Association in 1917 and charter treasurer of the Allendale Garden Club in 1921. He was a director (1900) and president (1926) of the Orvil Co-operative Building & Loan Assn.

672 Franklin Turnpike Drummond House (prob. Old Block 53, Lot 107)

Built 1901, for Frank L. Drummond on a lot bought from the Ivers family.

Frank L. Drummond, 1901-?.

(poss.) Harry C. Hartt family, about 1911-1928.

F. B. Gordon family, 1916 (tenants).

E. Elton Rutan, 1940.

Baron Jose de Vinck (1963-64, 1973, 1981-82 Here's Allendale). Jose M. De Vinck (1989-90 Here's Allendale). Jose M. DeVinck, Sep 1994.

— 31 March 1899, *Ramsey Journal* — Mr. Drummond purchased one of those fine lots on the Ivers tract and there are several more equally as attractive.

— 20 June 1901, unidentified newspaper [clipping from Bertha Blauvelt of Saddle River scrapbook] — The Drummond house on the hill will be one of the finest in town when completed. It commands a fine view, and can be seen from the Saddle River Road.

— July-Aug 1908, *The Parish Messenger* [Church of the Epiphany] — The property of Mr. F. Drummond located on the turnpike, consisting of five acres of good meadow land, large house with all modern improve-

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ments, is now on the market for sale.

Frank L. Drummond was born about August 1864 in New York State. He married Anna E. Smith, who had been born in September 1864 in Pennsylvania. She died in June 1915. They had a son, Frank Holdon Drummond, who was born about November 1900 and graduated from the Allendale School 18 June 1914.

They lived at 672 Franklin Turnpike in a house built in 1901 on a lot bought from Ivers. They were members of the Epiphany Episcopal Church in 1913.

Anna Smith Drummond was one of the group of women who started the Allendale Library in 1900.

Living with them in 1900 was Lucy W. Goodrich, a servant, b. Dec 1840 NY, a widow in 1900. Living with them at the time of the 1910 Federal Census was Mary Smith, mother-in-law, 72, widow, mother of six children, four of whom were then living.

In March 1918 he lived in Brooklyn, and his son lived in Allendale. In January 1920 Frank L. Drummond was a clerk in a railroad office. In January 1920, Frank L. Drummond and his son, Frank H. Drummond were boarding with the family of Samuel G. Roberts on Franklin Turnpike in Allendale.

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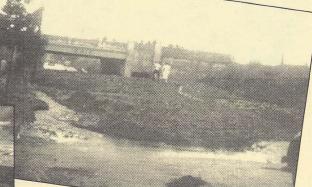
The July 23, 1945 Flood

After a week of steady rain, on Sunday, July 23, 1945 the dams at the Ramsey Country Club Estates in Ramsey and Crestwood Lake in Allendale broke, releasing torrents of water through Allendale. These photos record some of the devastation. Bottom, washed out RR tracks near Crescent Avenue. On Crescent Avenue, a car had been covered by the flash flood waters. Below, the mud-covered car after the water receded.

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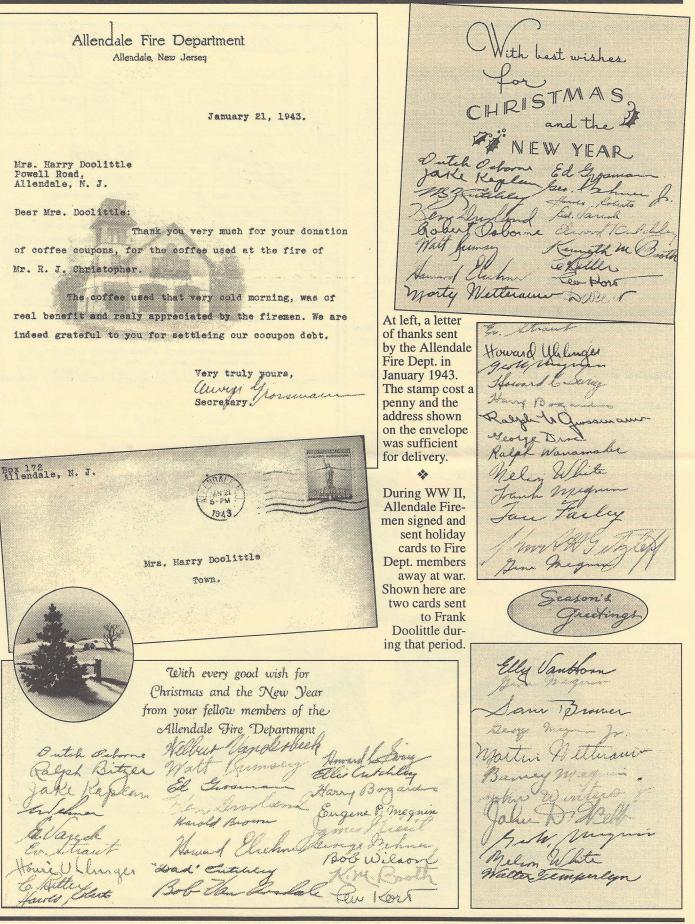
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Top, Allendale business section, looking west toward what is today the commuter parking lot. Above, Crescent Ave. south of Myrtle Ave., looking toward Erie Underpass. A note on the photo says, "Dirt was over 6 feet high." Photos taken by Alice Megnin; contributed by Walter Hillman

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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 additonal informa-tion 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 #155, Family 167

• Furman, Mary A.; Head; F; W; age 53 years; Married (1) 24 yrs; Mother of 1 child, 1 then living; b. NY; her father b. England; her mother b. Pennsylvania; speaks English; no occupation; Renting

Dwelling #156; Family 168

• **Dewsnap**, Walter; Head; M; W; age 41 yrs.; Married (1) 16 yrs; b. NJ; his father b. England; his mother b. PA; speaks English; Real Estate Agent; Owner of property

• ——, Clara; Wife; F; W; age [blank] yrs.; Married (1) 16 yrs; Mother of 2 children, 2 then living; b. NY; her father b. NY; her mother b. NY; speaks English

• ——, Vivian; Daughter; F; W; age 14 yrs.; Single; b. NJ; her father b. NJ; her mother b. NY; speaks English

• ——, Walter Jr.; Son; M; W; age 12 yrs.; Single; b. NJ; his father b. NJ; his mother b. NY; speaks English

Dwelling #157; Family 169

• Haring, Adelaide S.; Head; F; W; age 50 yrs.; Widow; b. NY; her father b. NY; her mother b. NY; speaks English; no occupation; Owner of property

• ——, Edna; Step daughter; F; W; age 35 yrs.; Single; b. NY; her father b. NY; her mother b. NY; speaks English; no occupation

• ——, Mabel; Step daughter; F; W; age 33 yrs.; Single; b. NY; her father b. NY; her mother b. NY; speaks English; no occupation

Dwelling #158, Family 170

• **Drummond**, Frank; Head; M; W; age 45 years; Married (1) 15 yrs; b. NY; his father b. England; his mother b. England; speaks English; Clerk, RR; Owner of property

• ——, Anna; Wife; F; W; age 45 years; Married (1) 15 years; Mother of 2 children, 1 then living; b. Pennsylvania; her father b. England; her mother b. England; speaks English

• ——, Frank Jr., Son, M; W; age 9; Single; b. NJ; his father b. NY; his mother b. PA; speaks English

• Smith, Mary; Mother in Law; F; W; age 72; Widow; Mother of 6 children, 4 then living; b. England; her father b. England; her mother b. England; speaks English

Dwelling #159, Family 171

• Cockcroft, Robert.; Head; M; W; age 63 years; Married (1) 42 yrs; b. NY; his father b. NY; his mother b. NY; speaks English; Real Estate Agent; Owner of property • _____, Agness E.; Wife; F; W; age 63 years; Married

(1) 42 years; Mother of 2 children, 2 then living; b. NY; her father b. NY; her mother b. NY; speaks English

• _____, Edith; Daughter; F; W; age 29 years; Single; b.

NY; her father b. NY; her mother b. NY; speaks English • Carver, Wallace; Son in Law; M; W; age 47 years;

Married (1) 17 years; b. Maine; his father b. Maine; his mother b. England; speaks English; occupation illegible

• ——, Fannie M., daughter, F; W; age 40 years; Married (1) 17 years; b. NY; her father b. NY; her mother b. NY; speaks English

• _____, Dorothy, Gr. daughter; F; W; age 16 years; Single; b. NY; her father b. Maine; her mother b. NY; speaks English

• Hamilton, Joseph; Servant; M; W; 28?; Single; b. California; his father b. Scotland; his mother b. Ireland; speaks English; Farm Gardener

• **Rekoz**?, Teresa; Servant; F; W; age 20 years; Single; b. Hungary; her father b. Hungary; her mother b. Hungary; speaks Magyar; House Servant

Dwelling #160; Family 172

• **Pollock**, William; Head; M; W; age 54 yrs.; Married (1) 25 yrs; b. NY; his father b. NY; his mother b. England; Speaks English; occupation illegible; Renting

—, Cora S. [or L.?]; Wife; F; W; age 53 yrs.;
 Married (1) 25 yrs; Mother of 1 child, none then living; b.

NJ; her father b. NY; her mother b. NY?; Speaks English

• **Besson**, Mark T.; Nephew?; M; W; 43 yrs; Widowed; b. NJ; his father b. NY; his mother b. NY; Speaks English; occupation illegible

Dwelling #161; Family 173

• Ivers, Alfred E.; Head; M; W; age 67 yrs.; Married (1) 35 yrs; b. NY; his father b. NY; his mother b. NY?; Speaks English; occupation illegible — Confidential Clerk?; Owner of property

• ——, Adeline G.; Wife; F; W; age 55 yrs.; Married (1) 35 yrs; Mother of 7 children, 6 then living; b. NJ; her father b. NY; her mother b. NY?; Speaks English

• ——, Sarah E.; Daughter; F; W; age 27 years; Single; b. illegible; her father b. NY; her mother b. NJ; speaks English; Teacher

• ——, George W.; Son; M; W; age 21 years; Single; b. illegible; his father b. NY; his mother b. NJ; speaks English; occupation illegible

• ——, Chas. H.; Son; M; W; age 15; Single; b. illegible; his father b. NY; his mother b. NJ; speaks English

• **Bramhall**, Anderson B.; Son in Law; M; W; age 38?; Married (1) 2 years; b. [remainder illegible]

• ——, Adeline G.; daughter; F; W; age 30 years; Married (1) 2 years; Mother of 1 child, 1 then living; [remainder illegible]

• —, Frederick E.; Gr. Son; M; W; age 10/12 years; b. NJ; [remainder illegible]

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(We are missing the graduating class of 1925; can any reader supply the information?)

Graduating Class of 1926

(From Commencement Program. Graduation held at Borough Hall, June 17, 1926.)

Lorraine Ackerson Dorothy Alling Henry Anthony William Brower Thomas Caputi

Frances McDowell William Neufeld Harold Osborne **Benjamin** Post Alice Van Horn

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William Caputi Wilma Croken Marian Dator Frank Dillon **Rudolph Grofsick Richard Hurd**

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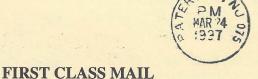
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