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## SOCIETY NEWS

On May 12, 1997 the following officers were elected for 1997-1998: Beth Fylstra, president; Judy McKim, vice president; Ed Murray, secretary; Joann Hart, treasurer. Trustees are Tim Fenton, Ralph Fylstra, and Pat Wardell.

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, publicity chairman, hospitality volunteers for meetings, volunteers 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 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. (See back page for information)

This newsletter includes photographs of the Joseph Warner Allen monument in Bordentown, New Jersey, which were taken by William F. Walling of Bordentown. See inside for the background story about these photos.

Tem Johnson, formerly of Allendale and now living in Shawnee Mission, Kansas, sent us the obituary notice of his mother's passing on September 22, 1996. Mary Eliza Johnson was 88, and was the widow of former Allendale Mayor Leslie R. Johnson, who died in 1983.

This issue also contains another of the Allendale Class Photos donated to the Society by Gaile Dargue Canfield. Our long-time supporter, Helyn ("Tiny") Anthony Meyer, who now lives in Longboat Key, Florida is one of those who helped to identify the students in the photograph donated by Gaile Dargue Canfield. Tiny celebrated St Patrick's Day this year by inviting some of her former students in the Allendale School to a party at her home in Longboat Key, FL. Anne Cullen Webb sent us the photo of those at the party, and it is reproduced in this issue.

As always, we encourage any reader to write his or her memories of Allendale and Allendale events, places and people and send them to us to be published as future newsletter articles. ■

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I believe an organization is only as good as those who contribute to it. Let me introduce our Board: Judy McKim is our Vice President, Joann Hart is our Treasurer, Ed Murray is our Secretary, and Ralph Fylstra, Pat Wardell, and Tim Fenton are the board members. I am privileged and honored to be working alongside these people who generously give of their time and talents in order to revitalize the Allendale Historical Society.

The Board Members are eagerly looking forward to a new year with the Society. We are in the process of cataloging and preserving the hundreds of pictures which have been so generously donated to the Society over the years. In addition, we have planned a program, entitled "Growing Up in Allendale" scheduled for October 15, 1997 at 8:00 p.m.

Just as each of us has a family and/or personal history, Allendale, too, has a rich, full history we want to share with you! We have many exciting educational programs planned for the future, as well as being the source of historical knowledge of all aspects of Allendale — from its residents to businesses to churches to civic organizations and more!

Please join in supporting us. We are preserving the past for the generations to come!

Regards,

*Beth Abma-Fylstra*

As a child, Beth recalls that she was "dragged" to countless museums, antique shops, and Wyckoff Historical Society meeting with her parents. It must have rubbed off! Preserving history and celebrating its place in our modern society is very important to her. Before moving to Allendale, Beth received awards for her work as Chairman of Midland Park's Centennial Celebration. She now lives in Allendale with her husband Ralph, and their six children. We are indeed fortunate that Beth and Ralph have volunteered their energies and expertise to our Society.





### About 1920-21? Allendale Third? Grade.

Photo donated by Gaile Dargue Canfield.

Identifications 1996 by Helyn Anthony Meyer and others:

Top Row (left to right): Unidentified, Stu Varey, Cyril "Bo" Dargue, Nelson White, Unidentified, Alfred Roberts.

Second Row: Edward Brower, Unidentified, Unidentified, Harold Marsh, Annie Christopher, Unidentified, Howard Alling, Vera Bohr, Norman Critchley.

Third Row: Claude Voorhis, George Price, Mildred Kraemer, Henry Hartt, Mable Cisco, Claude Voorhis, Walter Anthony, Jennie Gasparini, Rosemary Hartt.

Fourth Row: Rembrant Neesham, Eric Anderson, Lorraine Ackerson; Gussie Strangfeld, Unidentified, William Harrison, Julius Klaschka, Unidentified, Unidentified.

Bottom Row: Thomas Caputi?, Alice Ebersole, Tony Caputi, Robert Dick Steele, Roy LeBaron.  
Can any reader identify our "unknowns"?

### GRADUATES OF THE ALLENDALE PUBLIC SCHOOL

*(continued from March 1997 issue)*

#### Graduating Class of 1927

(From Commencement Program. Graduation held at Borough Hall, June 16, 1924. Borough Hall at that time was the old Allendale Firehouse.)

Robert Asten

Hazel Lightbody

Harry Carlough  
Mildred Ebersole  
Richard F. Gibbons  
Rose M. Golembeiske  
Frederick B. Gordon  
Frank A. Horack  
Carlton B. Hutchinson

Robert C. Mathiesen  
Marion McNeill  
Ethel M. Rudolph  
Doris Sayre  
Elizabeth Smith  
William L. Young

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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 March 1997 issue)



The Ivers-Talman House, 684 Franklin Turnpike.  
Photo taken 1940.

### 684 Franklin Turnpike Ivers-Talman House

Block 801, Lot 25 (Old Block 53, Lot 103)

#### Built about 1924.

Charles Hawkins Ivers and Luella Benjamin Ivers, his wife, 1923-34 to ?.

Luella Benjamin Ivers, later Luella B. Talman, 1923-? Mrs. Luella Tallman (1963-64, 1965-66 Here's Allendale). L. B. Tallman (1973 Here's Allendale). Charles Hawkins Ivers d. Aug 1933. Luella B. Ivers, as a widow, m. (2) Garret Tallman.

Joseph Caffrey and Evelyn (Ivers) Caffrey, ?-1980s?. Joseph Caffrey (1963-64, 1971 Here's Allendale). E. G. Caffrey (1973, 1981-82 Here's Allendale). Joseph and Evelyn Caffrey (1989-90 Here's Allendale).

Jim Nonenmacher, Sep 1994.

In 1940 the house was described as a 16-year-old frame bungalow on a 59x300 foot lot. There was a separate two-car garage. The house was built on a concrete foundation, and had a wood shingle exterior, with a composition shingle roof. There were six rooms, including three bedrooms and one wood & plaster bath.

### 700 Franklin Turnpike Quackenbush-Ivers House

Block 801, Lot 26 ? (Old Block 53, Lot 100?)

A. A. (?) Quackenbush, **built about 1780?**

A. Quackenbush (shown on 1861 Hopkins-Corey Map). A. Quackenbush (shown on 1876 Walker's Atlas Map). Quackenbush (shown 1887 Driving Chart).

Alfred E. Ivers, 1880s-?. A. E. Ivers (1902 Robinson Map).

A. Ewers, 1913 Bromley Atlas.

Tucker, Jno. L. (1947-48 Bergen-Passaic Telephone Directory).

John F. Kirby by 1955. John F. Kirby (1963-64, 1965-66, 1973, 1981-82 Here's Allendale).

Joan Hacker and Nicholas Peccio, 1985-1986.

Dan and Sandy Cummings (1989-90 Here's Allendale). Daniel Cummings, Sep 1994.

There are 6 extant pre-1900 Quackenbush homesteads in Allendale. This house is thought to be the earliest Quackenbush homestead in Allendale, owned by Abraham A. Quackenbush, at about the time of the Revolution. In the Quackenbush family in this area, the name "Abraham A." was a favorite. There were multiple Abraham A. Quackenbushes all living during the same period of time, and all either living in or owning property in what became the Allendale area. The problem is to distinguish, in early public records, one Abraham A. Quackenbush from another.

Abraham A. Quackenbush probably built the house at 700 Franklin Turnpike about 1780. This house remained in the Quackenbush family until about 1886-87, when Alfred E. Ivers bought it. The *Hackensack Republican* of November 29, 1888 reported: "Mr. Ivers' house presents an imposing appearance. The old Quackenbush manor



The Quackenbush-Ivers House, 700 Franklin Turnpike.  
Photo taken March 1970.



would hardly be recognized in the present edifice.”

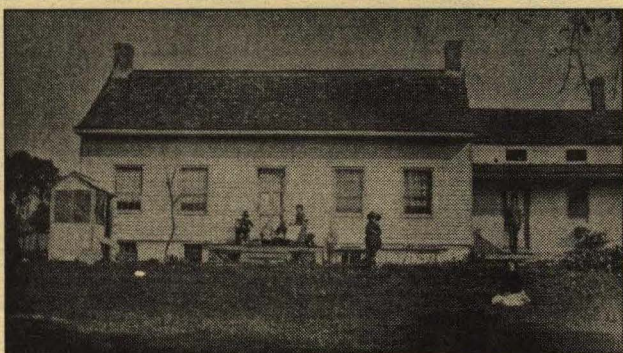
Laura Barrett Haviland, grand-daughter of Alfred E. Ivers, wrote in 1977: “My grandparents moved to Bergen County from Brooklyn because their second daughter, Adeline, was in poor health and they had heard that the air in Bergen County was exceptionally healthful. They eventually settled in Allendale on Franklin Turnpike, a little south of the toll gate hill. My grandfather, Alfred Ivers, bought a house which was a hundred and fifty years old, and several acres of land. There was a huge meadow down a slope in back of the house. Some of the meadow, I believe, he sold to Mr. Appert for his celery farm. There is a little information concerning the Ivers house that may be of interest. It was originally a one and a half story house. They moved the back section across the driveway and made a small two story house of it which we called ‘the cottage.’ Then they built a new addition on the back which was the kitchen and a full second story of seven bedrooms and a large attic above, known as the ‘garret’ in those days. Grandpa sold most of the land but lived in the same house until his death in 1919. His son Charles built a house next door on part of the property and sold the old house.”

In 1979 Mrs. Haviland wrote: I believe that Alfred E. Ivers house could be one of the oldest [in Allendale] .... The property was bought in the 1880s and the house on it was alleged to have been 100 to 150 years old at the time....Adeline G. Ivers, Alfred E.’s wife...when Allendale was Orvil...bought 100 acres from A. A. Lydecker. While still Orvil, Adeline sold to A. Legg [100] acres. Then when named Allendale she sold a lot to S. J. Van Blarcom, two lots to J. M. Southwick, same to Georgianna Van Houten, C. W. Van Horn, and to E. Van Horn and to Lucy Ewen.”

The Bergen County Historic Sites Survey (1983) describes the house as follows:

Date Erected: Late 18th century, with major alterations in the late 19th century, minor alterations in the early 20th century.

Residence; vernacular; 2-1/2; clapboard; South facade: 6 bays, 2/2, attic-central bay, 2/2; gable; South facade:



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

paneled center door with 1 bay entrance porch: two piers support a semi-circular hood, rising sun motif in wood over the door. Round-headed attic windows in north and south cross-gables. Interior end chimneys at east and west (appear to be replacement). Deep overhanging cornice. Alterations: This building was, until the late 19th century (circa 1880's), a 1-1/2-story Federal style house with 2 bay east kitchen wing. The wing had eyebrow windows. The late 19th century alterations have removed all exterior traces of the earlier style. A few interior features remain, including a circa 1790 mantel. A 1985 inspection by Claire K. Tholl revealed the alterations. Other alterations include a turn-of-the-century north entrance porch with Tuscan columns and rail, and a Colonial Revival style south entrance porch.

The A. Quackenbush-A. E. Ivers House at 700 Franklin Turnpike is an interesting architectural remnant of Allendale's late 18th century (Federal style) farmhouse. A low cobblestone wall (an Arts and Crafts style feature) was built along the west property edge in the early 20th century. A E. Ivers moved to the Allendale area circa 1887, and purchased this Quackenbush property circa 1889. It seems that Ivers had commercial and legal associations in Allendale. He was Justice of the Peace in 1892. Currently [1983] the house's south facade is obscured by excessive foliage. (Shown on maps: 1861, A. Quackenbush; 1876, A. Quackenbush; 1902 A. E. Ivers; 1913, A. Ewers).

Perhaps the first two Quackenbushes associated with this area were sons of Abraham Quackenbush: Abraham A. Quackenbush, b. 30 Jan 1766 (by his first wife, Tryntje Lozier); and Johannis (John) A. Quackenbush, b. 3 Feb 1776 (by his second wife, Rensye DeGraw).

Abraham A. Quackenbush married Catherine (Bogert?) and owned a cotton mill called the “Red Mill” in Franklin Township. He mentioned this mill in his will dated 25 Aug 1835 and probated 2 March 1836, as near John Smith's mills, near the Pompton Road near Ackerman's land and Hohokus Creek. He and Catherine probably had no children. When she died, in her will, probated 4 June 1849 she gave “unto John P. Post all my right, title and interest in the machinery, gearing, water wheel, fixtures, and appurtenances belonging to cotton mill mentioned in the will of my husband, Abraham A. Quackenbush.”

Johannis A. (John) Quackenbush married, in 1797, Mary Van Houten. He was a farmer in Franklin Township and had children including Abraham J. Quackenbush (m. Elizabeth Storms); Corines Quackenbush (m. Jane Post); John Quackenbush (m. Maria Ann Van Zile); Mary Quackenbush (m. Abraham G. Ackerman); and Elizabeth Quackenbush.

Abraham J. Quackenbush's sons included John A. Quackenbush, Abraham A. Quackenbush, Martin A. Quackenbush, Cornelius A. Quackenbush, and Corines A. Quackenbush, most of whom built homes and lived in Allendale.

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## THE JOSEPH WARNER ALLEN MEMORIAL MONUMENT IN BORDENTOWN, NJ

by Pat Wardell

photographs by William F. Walling

The internet combined with electronic mail (e-mail) using a computer and a modem is opening many doors for genealogists and local and family historians, especially those who may be tracing their families at a distance. Posting messages on special genealogy bulletin boards and e-mail "lists" set up for specific interests, can introduce one, through the marvels of technology, to others who are researching the same surnames, location, and historical interests.

It was by this means that I came to know (although I've never met him in person) William F. Walling, who lives in Bordentown, NJ but has Bergen County roots. We began our e-mail correspondence over a year ago, exchanging information about Bergen County families, and in one of our e-mail exchanges I asked him if he knew anything about the Joseph Warner Allen memorial monument in the Allen family plot adjacent to the Christ Episcopal Church in Bordentown. Allendale was named in honor of Joseph Warner Allen.

Indeed he did, and we began an exchange of information about the man for whom Allendale was named. During this exchange, I mentioned that I would love to have photographs of the monument, and that if I ever had the time to make a trip to Bordentown, I would take some pictures of it.

Last December, Mr. Walling sent me a Christmas card and tucked inside was a wonderful surprise — he had taken a set of photographs of the monument for me, and had enclosed them as a special holiday gift for me. Some of them are reproduced here, and below is the the story of Joseph Warner Allen and the monument erected in his honor.



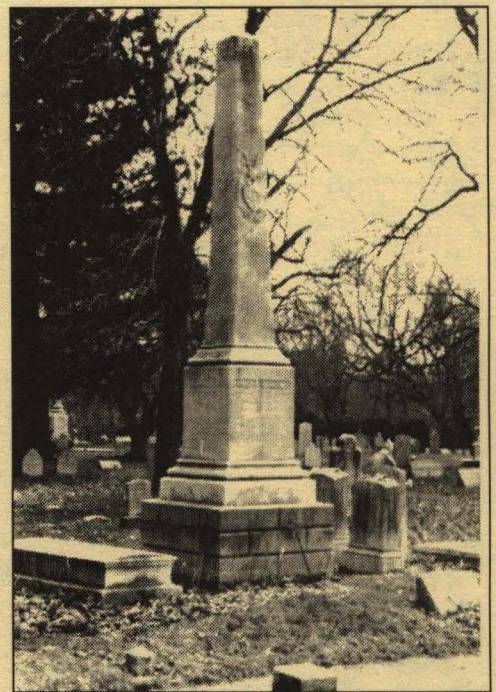
Joseph Warner Allen, the son of Samuel Allen and Sarah Warner, was born 22 July 1811 near Bristol, PA. He married, 27 Nov 1833 Sarah Burns Norcross, who had been born 5 April 1815 in Bordentown, NJ.

J.W. Allen was a civil engineer. He began his career as a rodman during the construction of the old Delaware Division Canal, and was engaged on the construction of the Camden and Amboy Railway at Bordentown. He was employed on the building of the Grand Gulf and Port Gibson Railroad in Mississippi, and on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad in Virginia.

On March 10, 1841, the Paterson and Ramapo Railroad Company was incorporated by the New Jersey State Legislature. The incorporators were authorized to construct a railroad from a suitable place in or near the town of Paterson to some suitable point or points in or near the division line between Franklin Township and New York State.

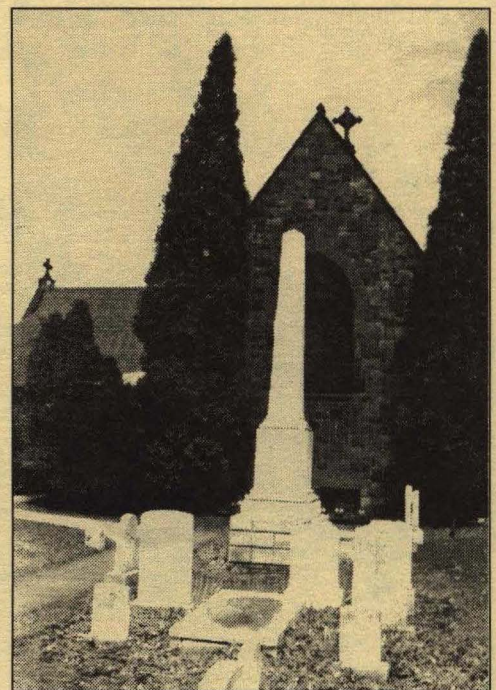
Joseph Warner Allen was employed to survey the course of this railroad. At Paterson, on February 28, 1844, Allen submitted to the stockholders of the Paterson and Ramapo Rail Road Company a report and surveys of a proposed route through the Hohokus valley. His estimate of the cost of building the railroad, which included grading, bridges and culverts, superstructure, land, depots, and incidentals, was a total of \$195,483.68.

On December 9, 1845 the railroad company's directors approved



*The Joseph Warner Allen memorial monument in the churchyard of Christ Episcopal Church in Bordentown, NJ. Allen, then a Colonel, drowned off Cape Hatteras, NC 15 January 1862 on the Burnside Expedition. The 15 foot 6 inch marble monumnet was erected in 1864 in Allen's honor by his fellow officers and men of the 9th New Jersey Volunteers.*

*Photos taken Spring 1996 by William F. Walling of Bordentown, NJ.*



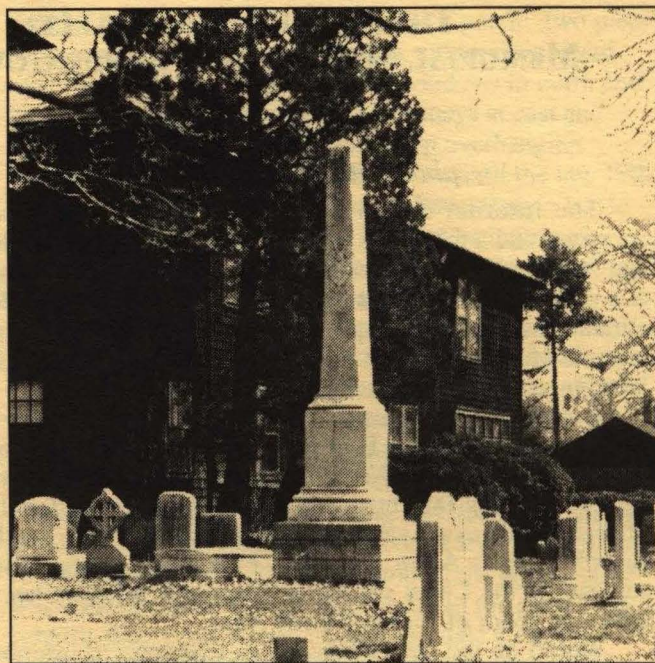


and adopted Allen's survey and a copy of their resolution and the original map were filed with the office of the Secretary of State at Trenton.

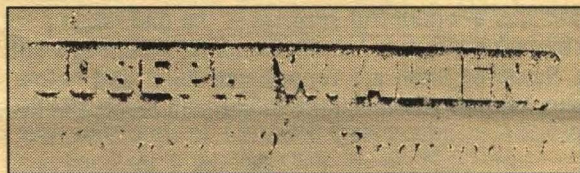
Advertisements for proposals and bids from railroad contractors were first printed in *The Intelligencer*, published at Paterson on June 16, 1847. Joseph Warner Allen, the surveyor, had been engaged by the Paterson and Ramapo Company officers to supervise the construction, and he received bids and negotiated contracts for the work.

During the course of his work Allen stayed with the family of John G. Ackerman, in their home at what is now 475 Franklin Turnpike. The home was earlier (during the Revolution) the home of John Fell, and later it would be the home of the Stephen Cable Family, followed by the Taylor family in the early 1900s. Allen probably stayed with the Ackerman family between 1847 and 1848 while he worked in this area.

The Paterson and Ramapo Railroad was completed on October 19, 1848 and the event was celebrated with festive ceremonies which were covered by reports in both Paterson and New York newspapers. Two trains of new cars drawn by locomotives named the *New York* and the *Ramapo*, carrying railroad directors and invited guests (including two Mexican War Generals) left Paterson for a pleasant excursion to Ramapo (Suffern's). There they were met by rounds shot from a cannon, "a large concourse of citizens" along with a band, and a banquet prepared by Delmonico in the "spacious" Ramapo depot to about "three or four hundred persons." The opening of the railroad was also reported in the *Scientific American* in its issue of October 28, 1848. Public trains began to run on the line two or three weeks later. Locally, Martha Ann Zabriskie noted in her journal, on November 8, 1848, "The new



Another view of the Joseph Warner Allen memorial monument, and below, part of the inscription, which is not legible in the photographs.



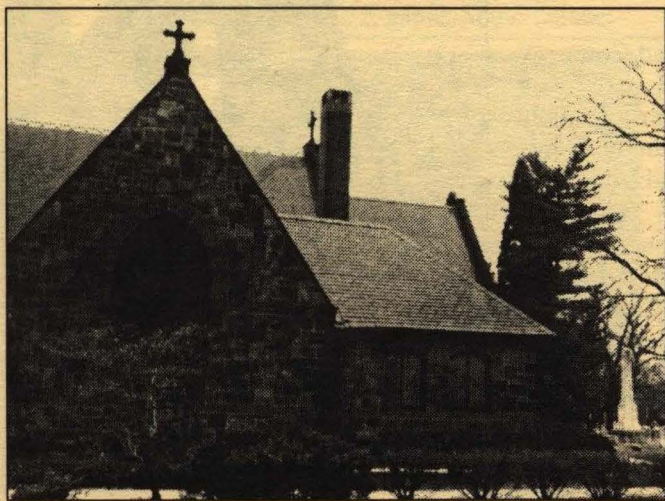
railroad line is now in operation from Ramapo, Patterson and New York (called the Jersey Blue)."

When, about 1850, a small depot on the railroad line was built here on land said to have been leased from Joseph Mallinson, the station was named "Allendale" after the line's surveyor, Joseph Warner Allen. About 44 years later, when the new borough was established, there was no hesitation about its name: the area, by then, was firmly and widely known by the name of its station: Allendale. Several published accounts through the years have given Allen's name as "John Allen" or "William Allen," but there can be no doubt that the correct name is Joseph Warner Allen.

J. W. Allen went on, after his work on the Paterson and Ramapo Railroad, to employment as chief engineer of the Hoboken Land and Improvement Co., the Dundee Water Power and Land Co., and various other railroad enterprises.

A decade or so later, as deputy quartermaster-general of New Jersey, he organized and equipped the first eight regiments of three year volunteers for the Civil War. Serving as Colonel of the Ninth New Jersey Volunteers, he joined the Burnside expedition to North Carolina, where he was drowned off Cape Hatteras in

*Below, a view of the Christ Episcopal Church in Bordentown. The Allen monument is visible at the right in the photo. Photos by William F. Walling.*





1862.

He was held in such high esteem by his fellow officers and men that the survivors, two years later, in 1864, erected over his grave in Bordentown, a 15 foot, 6 inch marble memorial. It is inscribed as follows:

“Joseph W. Allen, Colonel, Ninth Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers, drowned at Hatteras, North Carolina January fifteenth, 1862, in the fifty-first year of his age.”

“This monument is erected by the officers and men of the Ninth Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers, as a tribute of grateful respect to the memory of their first commander, who, while faithfully serving his country in the darkest hour of her peril, even to the sacrifice of his life, endeared himself to the hearts of his whole command.”

The children of Joseph Warner Allen and his wife, Sarah Burns Norcross were:

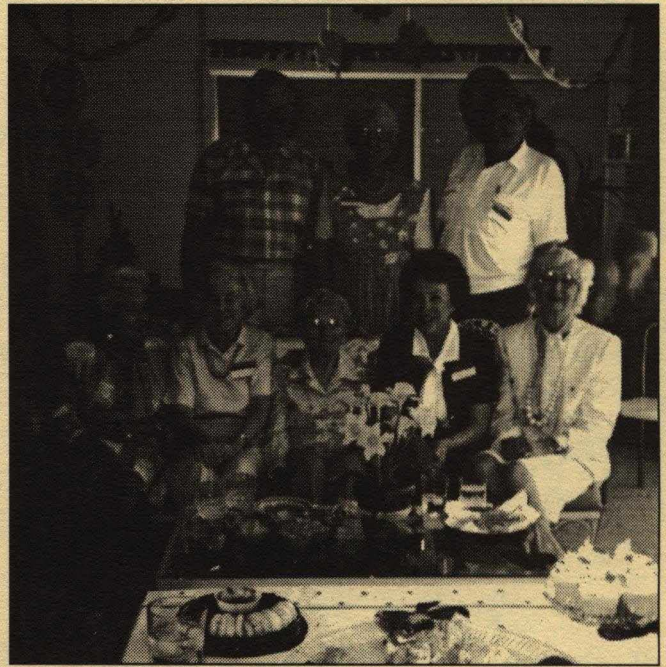
- Bethea B. Allen, m. -?- Young.
- William Norcross Allen, apparently died young.
- Joseph Warner Allen, Jr.
- William Frederick Allen, b. 9 Oct 1846

Bordentown, NJ; d. 9 Nov 1915 South Orange, NJ; m. 20 Apr 1871 Salem, NJ, Caroline Perry Yorke, dau. of Thomas Jones Yorke. He was an editor, civil engineer, and railroad expert. He developed a practical plan for standard time (to standardize railroad schedules), adopted in 1883; he was known as the “Father of Standard Time.” He had four children: Yorke Allen, Frederick Warner Allen, Eugene Yorke Allen, and John Sinnickson Allen.

- Edwin S. Allen

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### SAINT PATRICK'S DAY IN LONGBOAT KEY, FLORIDA

The “Relocated Allendalers” contingent in Florida gathered for a festive Saint Patrick’s Day party at the home of Helyn (Tiny Anthony) Meyer in Longboat Key, Florida this past March.

In the picture above, Tiny, a former teacher in the Allendale School, poses with her former students:

Standing, left to right: George Wehner, Judi (Flandreau) Haire, Jim Koole.

Seated, left to right: Natalie (Storms) Holeman; Shirley (White) Cross; Helyn (Tiny Anthony) Meyers; Gaile (Dargue) Canfield; Marian (Fisher) Wagner.

Others in attendance were: Hamell Suhadole, Muriel Prince, Anne Webb, Richard Holeman, Eleanor and Jim McConnell, Judith Koole, and Eva Ryan.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

- Publicity Chairman
- Membership Chairman
- Hospitality Helpers

Call Judy McKim:  
825-3553



**Wanted: Panelists for our October 15, 1997 program:  
"Growing Up In Allendale"**

**Would you be willing to share your experiences growing up in this town?  
For info or to volunteer, call Joanne Haviland Hart, 825-1689**

Oops. We ran out of space in this issue. The 1910 Federal Census for the Borough of Allendale will continue in the next issue.

Allendale Historical Society  
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