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SOCIETY NEWS

On Wednesday, June 3, we will present, in cooperation with the Allendale Evening Woman's Club, a program featuring a multi-media presentation on Allendale's Celery Farm.

We were very encouraged by the wonderful turnout for our meeting and program last fall. We hope to see many of you in June — please invite friends.

We encourage anyone who wishes to help reactivate the society to call Beth Fylstra (201-818-6832) or Joanne Hart (201-825-1689) 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're grateful to Marilyn Wilson Tackaberry for loaning some of the photographs reproduced in this issue. A picture may truly be worth a thousand words, and they certainly liven up the newsletter. If you have a photo you'd be willing to lend to be scanned, please let us know.

As always, we encourage any reader to write articles relating to Allendale, or just jot down their memories of what the community was like at various times in its history. ■

General Meeting of the

Allendale Historical Society

Wednesday, June 3

8:00 p.m.

in the Council Chambers (upstairs),
Allendale Municipal Building
 West Crescent Avenue, Allendale, NJ

— *Program* —

a multi-media presentation and slide show
 capturing the beauty and many moods of

"The Allendale Celery Farm"

presented by Dr. Gerald Barrack

sponsored by
 the Allendale Historical Society and
 the Allendale Evening Women's Club

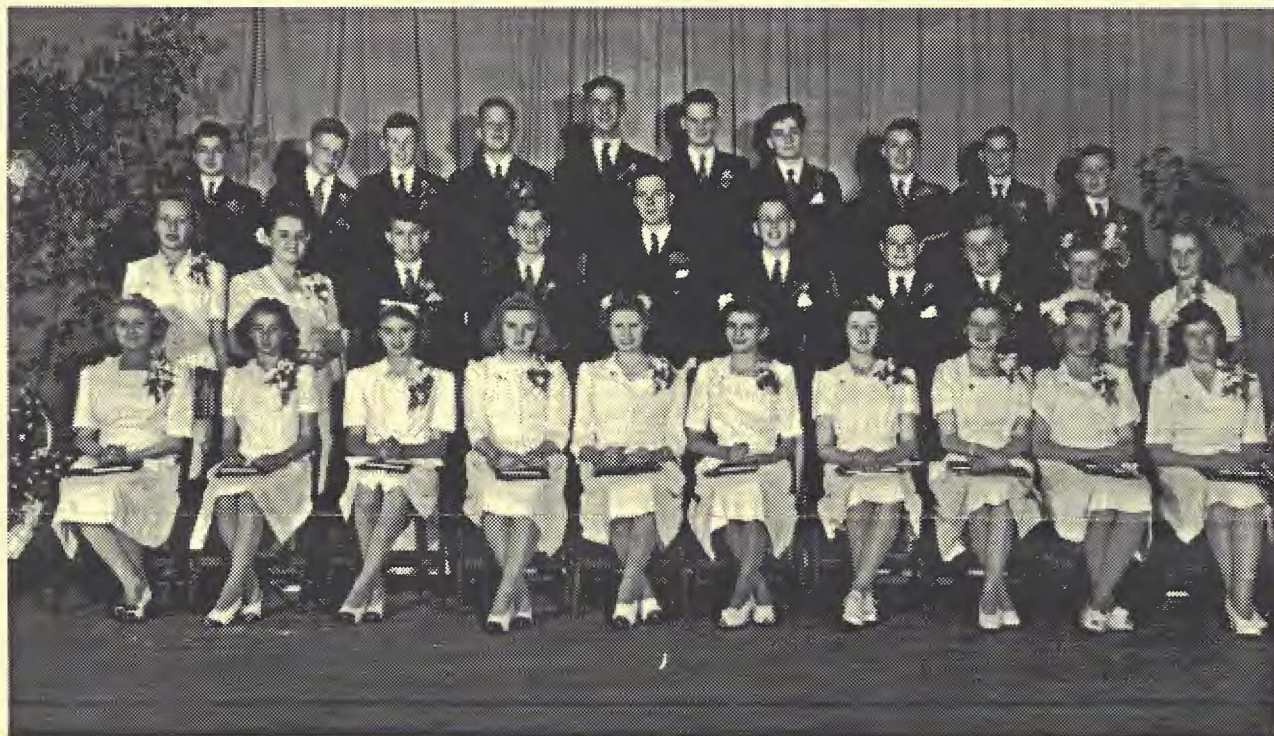
THE ALLENDALE SCHOOL CLASS OF 1944

The commencement exercises for 1944 took place in the School Auditorium on June 14, 1944. According to the commencement program, the following students graduated:

Ruth Ann Anderson, Peggy Ann Baarck, Jean

Boulton, Marcia Ann Christenson, Eleanor Clark, Irma Davis, Dorothy M. Drost, Jo Ann H. Dupper, Georgia Elizabeth Fisher, Virginia Marion Lightweis, Florence V. Mooney, Norma Marie Swing, Marilyn Carol Wilson, Ethel Dorothy Winter, Arthur Acampora, Walter E. Arlt, John H. Bajor, Lloyd Buchholtz, Richard R. Davis, William Donnestad, Richard J. Getzlaff, Arthur W. Grey, Howard Harrison, Gordon

E. Haskin, Philip N. Haskin, Edward Harold Lambert, Stephen Potter McNally, John Schmidheini, and Robert D. Wilson. Most are shown in the posed photograph below. The photograph was taken by Schuyler Carteret Lee, whose studio was in Suffern, NY. Lee was the son of William C. and Mary T. (Kirkpatrick) Lee, who lived on West Crescent Avenue in Allendale.



ALLENDALE CLASS OF 1944

This photograph was loaned for scanning and reproduction by Marilyn Wilson Tackaberry, one of the graduates. Our gratitude and thanks to Marilyn for sharing this photo. Shown are the following students (identified by Marilyn Wilson Tackaberry):

Front Row: Eleanor Clark, Virginia Lightweis, Jean Boulton, Marilyn Wilson, Dorothy Drost, Betsey Fisher, Norma Swing, Ruth Anderson, Joanne Dupper, Ethel Winter.

Center Row: Peggy A. Baarck, Florence Mooney, Vince Bajor, Edward Lambert, Dick Davis, John Schmidheini, Marcia Christensen, Virginia Davis.

Back Row: Walter Arlt, Howard Harrison, Lloyd Buchholtz, Richard Getzlaff, Steve McNally, Arthur Acampora, Bob Wilson, John Bajor.



The photograph shown at the left was loaned for scanning and reproduction by Marilyn Wilson Tackaberry. The house pictured is the William Wilson farm house on East Crescent Avenue (now 1 Wilton Drive).



Shown at left, at Memorial Park, Allendale: Jack Tackaberry, Gill Job, and Al Scafuro.

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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 1997 issue)

Bajor House

Block 801, Lot 22 (Old Block 53, Lot 125)

Built 1935 according to 1940 Borough Tax Appraisal Sheet.

John and Bertha Bajor, 1940.

Peter Maluta (1963-64 Here's Allendale).

J. Bajor (1973, 1985-86 Here's Allendale).

The house was accessed by Bajor Lane, a private road running easterly off Franklin Turnpike. The former address of this house was Bajor Lane.

In 1940 the house was described as a two story, one

family frame dwelling with a stone and block foundation, a composition shingle roof, and a clapboard exterior. It then stood on a plot of 5.073 acres. Outbuildings included a Coop, 14' x 12' Greenhouse and barn. It had nine rooms, and in 1940 had no bath. The interior was not finished in 1940. Improvements were made in 1945 and 1946.



Bajor House, 730 Franklin Turnpike.
Photo taken about 1980.

~~754 Franklin Turnpike~~

C. A. Quackenbush House

Block 801, Lot 32 (Old Block 53, Lot 77)

Built about 1850.

C. A. Quackenbush by 1861. C. A. Quackenbush (1861 Hopkins-Corey Map). C. A. Quackenbush (1876



Quackenbush House, 754 Franklin Turnpike.
Photo taken 1970.

Walker's Atlas). C. A. Quackenbush (1887 Driving Chart).

C. Quackenbush (1902 Robinson Map).

Christopher M. Reinhardt and Elsa H. Reinhardt, ?-1921.

Robert A. Phair and Alice S. Phair, 1921-1960.

Robert A. Phair and Margaret A. Phair, 1960-c. 1966.

Daniel Phair and Naomi L. Phair, c. 1966-1969.

Philander Alward and Margery Gregory Alward, 1969-?

W. Koch by 1973.

Arthur Chill by 1981; Arthur and Randi Chill (1985).

Transactions:

- 2 May 1966 (Book 4914, p. 212) (Block 53, part of Lot 77) from Robert A. Phair and Margaret A. Phair, h/w, to Daniel Phair and Naomi L. Phair, h/w, residing at 762 Franklin Turnpike in Borough of Allendale, being same premises conveyed August 27, 1921 (Book 1126, p. 369) from Christopher M. Reinhardt and Elsa H. Reinhardt, h/w, to Robert A. Phair and Alice S. Phair, h/w. Alice S. Phair died Dec. 20, 1960.

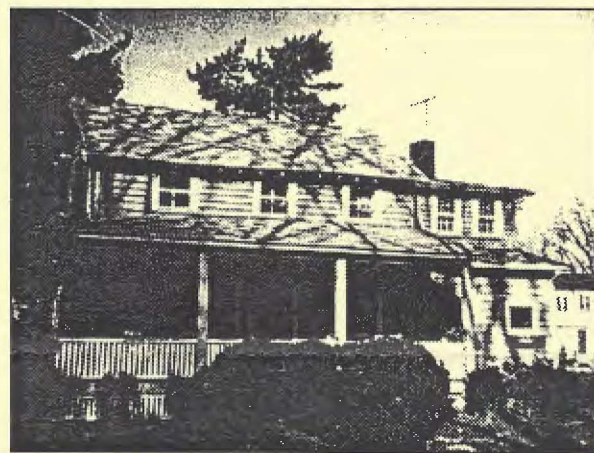
- 28 October 1968 (Book 5239, p. 347) from Robert A. Phair and Margaret A. Phair, h/w, to Daniel Phair and Naomi L. Phair, h/w.

- 1 July 1969 (Book 5321, p. 44) from Daniel Phair and Naomi L. Phair, h/w, to Philander Alward and Margery Gregory Alward, h/w.

There are six extant pre-1900 Quackenbush

homesteads in Allendale. This house is thought to be the Corines A. Quackenbush homestead built about mid-19th century for the son of (probably) Abraham A. Quackenbush. 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.

Corines (Crynus, Corinus) A. Quackenbush was born abt. 1820 (1829?), probably the son of Abraham A. Quackenbush, and died September 1900. He married Eliza Hosey, daughter of Francis Hosey and



Quackenbush House, 754 Franklin Turnpike.
Photo taken 1980.

Elizabeth, his wife. Corines A. Quackenbush was a farmer. He was a Trustee of the (Allendale-Waldwick) District 55 School Board in 1889. This house was probably built for him at about the time of his marriage (c. 1855-56). Corines A. Quackenbush and his wife, Eliza Hosey, had children: Abraham Quackenbush, born abt. 1857; Francis Quackenbush, born abt. 1859; Frederick Quackenbush, born abt. 1864; Kate ("Cassie") Quackenbush, born abt. 1866 (married C. Wesley Smith); John W. Quackenbush, born abt. 1868 (married, 1891, Anna Henion (Hennion?)); Charles Quackenbush, born abt. 1877; Garret Quackenbush, born abt. 1879 (married 1900, Jennie Gamble)

Robert A. Phair was the first Scoutmaster of the Allendale Boy Scouts (Troop 59, 1917-1919). He and his first wife, Alice S., had children: Robert Sabens Phair, William Edwin Phair, Daniel Phair, Dorothy T.

Phair. He married (2), after the death of his first wife, Margaret Austin Colburn (widow of David M. Colburn).

755 Franklin Turnpike

Meyer House

Block 401, Lot 3 (Old Block 40, Lot 3)

Built about 1919.

Frederick C. Meyer and Emma Kirn Meyer, his wife, 1919?-?. Emma Kirn Meyer d. Sep 1938.

Frederick C. Meyer and C. Kirn Meyer, 1940.

Walter E. Dunsby and Helen L. Dunsby, 1944-1956.

Clayton G. Hise and Lucille K. Hise, 1956-1968.

John A. Knapp and Barbara C. Knapp, 1968-?.

Barbara C. Knapp, widow, ?-?.

Pat and Bill Grant by 1989.

Robert Russell, by Sep 1994.

Transactions:



Meyer House, 755 Franklin Turnpike.
Photo taken 1940.

- 2 August 1968 (Book 5207, p. 123) from Clayton G. Hise and Lucille K. Hise (unmarried/divorced), to John A. Knapp and Barbara C. Knapp, h/w.

- 28 August 1956 (Book 3795, p. 308) from Walter E. Dunsby and Helen L. Dunsby, h/w, to Clayton G. Hise and Lucille K. Hise, h/w, being same premises conveyed July 25, 1944 (Book 2462, p. 7) from Frederick C. Meyer, widower, and C. Kirn Meyer, single, to Walter E. Dunsby and Helen L. Dunsby, h/w.

This house may have been rebuilt in 1919 using the walls and chimney of the Elwood H. Moore house, which burned December 30, 1917. Moore had purchased the property by July 1908 and had a house built about that same year. In 1915 (and perhaps other

years) during the summer the house was run as "The Little Knickerbocker Chocolate House," operated by Mabel McLaughlin of Bethlehem, Pa., and Edith Christenson, of Arlington. *The Ramsey Journal* of January 3, 1918 reported: "On Saturday night the cottage on Franklin Turnpike, owned by E. H. More was destroyed by fire. The fire was discovered after midnight and the alarm given. When the firemen arrived the flames had made such headway that it was impossible to save anything except a portion of the furniture. It is said some of the furniture was of considerable value, being hand-carved. The house was well known in this section as the "Chocolate House." On August 28, 1919 *The Ramsey Journal* reported: "The Moore property on the Turnpike running through to West Crescent Avenue, with a turnpike frontage of 300 feet, was sold last week for \$3,000 to Brooklyn parties who will start at once rebuilding the residence which was destroyed two years ago by fire. The walls and chimney being substantial, will be repaired and form part of the new structure."

Additional research is needed to determine and verify the Moore ownership of this property.

In 1940 the house was described as a two story frame dwelling with garage on 1.635 acres. It was listed as 21 years old. It had a garage and an open porch. The house had a stone foundation, a stone and stucco exterior, and an asbestos roof. It had seven rooms, including four bedrooms, and one half-tile bath.

The house was sold in July 1944 for \$13,000.

759 Franklin Turnpike

Koster House

Block 401, Lot 2 (Old Block 40, Lot 2)

Built about 1912. Built 1900, according to one unidentified list of old houses in Allendale, compiled about 1983 with no sources cited.

Ella E. (Van Dien) Koster and Frederick Koster, 1910-1949. Ella E. (Van Dien) Koster, 1949-1959. (She was the granddaughter of Ellen Storms.)

Sylvester J. Collyer and Eleanor Toomey Collyer, 1959-?.

Leighton Annis II by 1989.

Transactions:

- 16 December 1959 (Book 4090, p. 652) from Ella E. Koster, widow, to Sylvester J. Collyer and Eleanor

T. Collyer, h/w, being same premises conveyed by two deeds: July 28, 1910 (Book 761, p. 422) from Ellen Storms, widow, to Ella E. Koster; and July 6, 1911 (Book 793, p. 8) from Ellen Storms, widow, to Ella E. Koster.

In 1940 the house was described as a two-and-a-half story 28-year-old frame dwelling. It featured a stone foundation, a clapboard exterior, and a composition shingle roof. It had a garage and two open porches. There were six rooms, including three bedrooms and one bath.



Koster House, 759 Franklin Turnpike.
Photo taken 1940.

779 Franklin Turnpike

Toll Gate House

Block 40, Lot 1

Although the original house that stood on this lot is now gone, the site is interesting as the last known toll gate site in Allendale. From what we can learn, the toll gate may have been moved from location to location along the northern section of Franklin Turnpike in Allendale. Franklin Turnpike was a toll road until about 1860-65.

Two houses existed on this site:

(1) The Old Toll Gate House, **built about 1801** (now gone; razed in the fall of 1933 after several fires).

"Toll Gate" indicated here on the New Prospect-N. Goshen Turnpike" on 1812 I. H. Eddy Map of the country thirty miles around [New York?].

"Harman Smith's House" (Bergen

County Road Return E-306, surveyed 4 Aug 1835).
Christopher, 1855.

Charles K. Christopher.

Garret Oblenis.

A. J. Oblenis (1887 Driving Chart).

Mrs. Ellen Storms, ?-1933. At the time the house was razed in 1933, it was owned by the estate of Ellen Storms. During the 1910s and 1920s the house was occupied by a succession of tenants.

Albert Rohl, 1916 (tenant).

Some "Toll Gate" data:

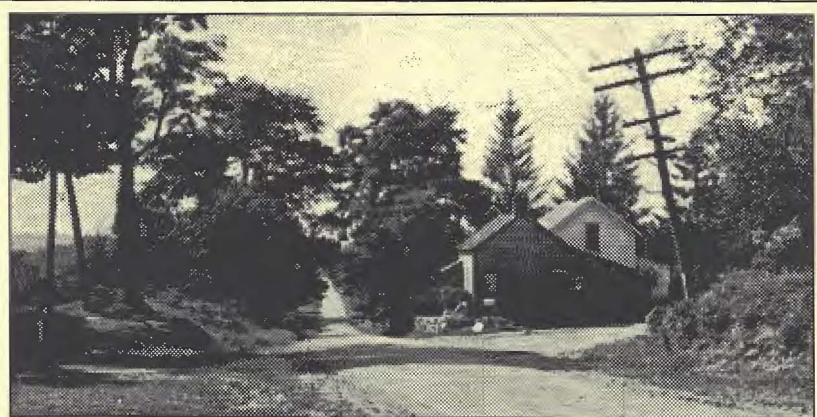
— 7 Oct 1841, Martha Ann Zabriskie Diary — Died, Herman Smith's wife Jenny, her residence was at the toll gate, Mount Prospect.

— 16 June 1871, *New Jersey Citizen* — Mrs. Jerry Storm's store was burglarized last Monday night. A small stock of family supplies were removed from the custody of Mrs. S. and the funds in the cash box which were being carried over to the next day were, instead, carried off by one who made purchases when "no one was by."

— 12 Dec 1877, *Bergen Index* — "Jack" O'Brien has put up an addition to his dwelling. It was formerly the "old time toll-gate house" on the turnpike. He keeps a small variety store.

— 29 Sep 1899, *Ramsey Journal* — Mrs. Storms, at the old gate house, disposed of her household goods at auction on Wednesday. [Mrs. Ellen Storms, it is said, would collect antiques, etc. over a period of time, and then, from time to time, would hold auctions to sell the collections off.

(2) A new house was **built 1951** on the site of the old toll gate house. The new house was occupied in May 1951. The stone well-house, still existing on the



Toll Gate House, on site of 779 Franklin Turnpike.
Photo taken early 1900s.

property, belonged to the older toll gate house.

Edgar A. DeYoe, by 1940-1951. (land only).

Eugene H. Webb and Doris Edna Webb, 22 Jan 1951-?. Eugene H. Webb (1963-64, 1965-66, 1973 Here's Allendale).

Randy Den Bleyker, by Sep 1994.

780 Franklin Turnpike Quackenbush-Paulsen House

Block 511, Lot 2 (Old Block 53, Lot 71)

Built 1938

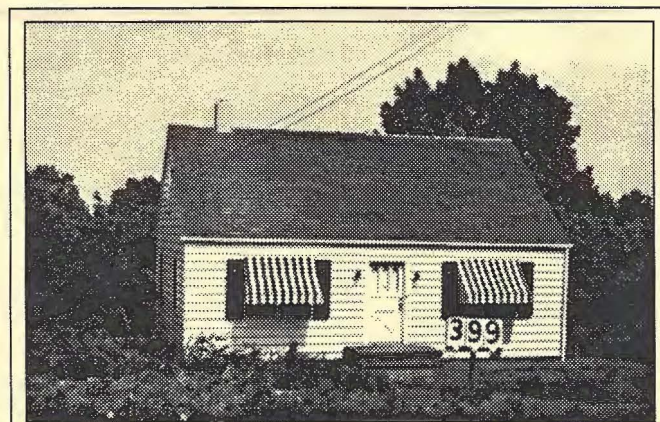
Katherine Quackenbush, 1940.

Katherine Q. (Quackenbush) Paulsen and Wilfred H. Paulsen.

In 1940 the house was described as a one story frame dwelling with basement, 2 years old. It had a concrete block foundation, a clapboard exterior, and a wood shingle roof. There were four rooms, with one bedroom and one bath.

By 1942, a dormer had been built.

790 Franklin Turnpike G. Quackenbush House



Paulsen House, 780 Franklin Turnpike.
Photo taken 1940.

Block 511, Lot 3 (Old Block 53, Lot 70)

This house was **built about 1900-1901** for Garret H. Quackenbush and his wife. It remains in the Quackenbush family today (1994): Garret H. Quackenbush's grandson, Gary R. Paulsen, owns the house and lives there today.

Garret H. Quackenbush.

Fred Paulsen (1963-64, 1965-66 Here's Allendale).



Quackenbush House, 790 Franklin Turnpike.
Photo taken 1940.

Gary Paulsen and Kathy Paulsen, by 1973.

Garret ("Garrie") H. Quackenbush was born about 1879, the son of Corines A. Quackenbush and his wife, Eliza Hosey (their homestead was just south of this house, No. 754 Franklin Turnpike). On September 10, 1900, Garret H. Quackenbush married, at the Parsonage of Archer Memorial Methodist Church, Jennie Gamble, daughter of James Gamble and Margaret Ann Pulis (their homestead was at 175 East Crescent Avenue). Jennie Gamble was born September 10, 1881 (she was married on her 19th birthday).

Garret H. Quackenbush was a charter inactive member of the Allendale Fire Association and was financial secretary of Archer Memorial Methodist Church. He was an insurance underwriter for Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.

Garret H. Quackenbush and his wife, Jennie Gamble, had a daughter, Katherine E. Quackenbush, who married Wilfred H. Paulsen. The Paulsen's son, Gary R. Paulsen, is the owner and occupant of the house today.



Quackenbush House, 790 Franklin Turnpike.
Photo taken March 1970.

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GRADUATES OF THE ALLENDALE PUBLIC SCHOOL

(continued from June 1997 issue)

Graduating Class of 1928

(From Commencement Program. Graduation held at Borough Hall, June 14, 1928. Borough Hall at that time was the old Allendale Firehouse.)

Cappel, Louis	Rahmer, Edith
Croken, Elizabeth	Rossner, Robert
Darken, Marjorie	Rumsey, Walter
Dator, Frederick	Strangfeld, Richard

Goldmann, Marjorie Strangfeld, William

GRADUATES OF THE ALLENDALE PUBLIC SCHOOL

(continued from October 1997 issue)

Graduating Class of 1930

(From Commencement Program - graduation held in School Auditorium)

Ackerson, Alfred John	Lusardi, Jennie Mary
Burger, Elizabeth Susanne	Muzzo, Bessie

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