

OLD HOUSES IN ALLENDALE, N.J.

Ackerman House "A"

116 West Crescent Avenue.

This house is "A. Ackerman" on 1861 Hopkins-Corey Map; "Abm G. Ackerman" on 1876 Walker's Atlas Map; "A. G. Ackerman" on an 1887 Driving Chart. James Webb lived there circa 1900; Thomas Farley, about 1907. The house next door (102 West Crescent Ave.) was originally the barn to this property. In 1907 Thomas Farley and his wife, Jane V. Farley (previously of 333 Bridge Street, Brooklyn) purchased the house from James Webb and completely remodeled it. The house was "practically torn to pieces and rebuilt all through" at this time. (Quotes from a court transcript.) Abraham G. Ackerman, the son of Gilbert Ackerman and Rachel DeGarmo, was born in 1807 and married 29 Oct 1831 at Wyckoff, Catherine Vanderbeek, dau. of Richard I. Vanderbeek and Margaret Goetschius. (Ackerman & Zabriskie Genealogies) Abraham G. Ackerman began a store in Allendale in 1872. (Van Valen) **Perhaps the house was built at the time of his marriage or shortly afterward.**

Two snapshots taken February, 1970.

Ackerman House "C"

93 West Allendale Avenue.

"Originally the home of John H. Ackerman and family...was converted to stores in April 1926." (History of Allendale) Kaplan's Cleaners occupies this store now; front much altered but house lines visible from rear. **Other surnames associated with this house: Van Houten, Walton, Stocker, Mallinson (?)**.

Snapshot (taken from rear) taken March 1970.

*Ackerman House "G"

stood on west side of Railroad tracks, just east of what is now the Allendale Print Shop; foundation was still visible not too many years ago.

This was Richard Vanderbeek Ackerman's store and home. The building burned in August of 1903; after which R. V. Ackerman moved his *(Council Minutes)* store to the site of the present-day Print Shop. The Ridgewood Central Office Telephone Directory issued in September, 1897, listed Allendale's one and only telephone as a "pay station" under the name of R. V. Ackerman. (Ridgewood Past & Present) Richard Vanderbeek Ackerman was the son of Abraham G. Ackerman & Catherine Vanderbeek (see Ackerman House "A", above). He was born 5 Sept 1837 in New York City, died 12 Mar 1904, bur. Valteau Cem. He married 2 Nov 1861 at Paramus, Caroline Ackerman, dau of Henry Ackerman and Ellen J. Zabriskie. (Zabriskie Genealogy) The 1876 Walker's Atlas Business Index lists R. V. Ackerman as a dealer in Groceries, Flour, Feed, Coal, boots and shoes. He was also Allendale's postmaster in 1885 (Van Valen) and Allendale's Tax Collector in 1897 (Borough Council Minutes).

Second location (where print shop is today) visible in a post card of "Fire Truck, Allendale, N.J." taken prob. circa August, 1910, when the new fire truck arrived. **I believe that this "second location" of the R. V. Ackerman Store is the existing Print Shop building.**

Archer House - Parsonage

37 East Allendale Avenue.

House was built in 1893 and owned by the Archer family. They donated it to the Archer Memorial Methodist Church in 1901 to be used as a

Parsonage; it is used as such today. (Archer Church 75th Anniversary Booklet.)

*Allendale Manor

4 Franklin Turnpike; stood behind Allendale Nursery at 100 Franklin Turnpike; chimneys still standing.

Was a roadhouse; burned down in ~~1926~~. June 1925?

Badeau House

232 Franklin Turnpike.

5 Possibly "A. Ackerman" on 1861 Hopkins-Corey Map; Dr. C. Badeau on 1887 Driving Chart; Dr. Leo P. Schultz owns this house today.

Beckley House

6 215 Franklin Turnpike.

"S. C. Beckley" on 1876 Walker's Atlas Map and on 1887 Driving Chart. The 1861 Hopkins-Corey Map shows the schoolhouse on this site. This schoolhouse was built in 1826 and was moved in 1862, when a new schoolhouse was built on a different site, further north along the Turnpike. Thus, this house must have been built some-time between 1862 and 1876. The house is said to have an underground tunnel entrance in the basement; rumor has it that this was part of an Underground Railroad. The story goes that children used to play in this tunnel circa 1920-40 and that it came out near the Railroad tracks. The tunnel was sealed up at some point because of concern for the safety of the children playing in it. Another story goes that this "tunnel" that came out near the Railroad was nothing more than the Railroad culvert; however, this does not explain the tunnel "entrance" in the Beckley House basement. Other residents over the years have been Isley, Higgins, and it is presently owned by Dominick F. Mazzola. The house is constructed of fieldstone and stucco (painted white).

Snapshot taken March 1970.

Brackett House

7 160 East Allendale Avenue. J. Parnell Feeney -
J. Parnell Thomas (circa 1930). Now owned by G. Frederick Brackett.
(1900)

Brainerd House

8 133 Franklin Turnpike.

Was the home of Silas Ward Brainerd (Mayor of Allendale in 1898); later was residence of William C. Talman; now owned by Charles R. Yennie.

Ackerman-Cable House

10 475 Franklin Turnpike.

"J. G. Ackerman" on 1861 Hopkins-Corey Map; S. Cable on 1876 Walker's Atlas Map; "Stephen Cable" on 1887 Driving Chart. Joseph B. Taylor was living in this house in 1938; Mrs. Rose Pfister is the present owner. Legend holds that there was a Frenchman who lived on the site of the present Pfister House in a stone dwelling. About 1860 Stephen Cable purchased the property and dug up a box of coins dated before 1700. (History of Allendale) Col. Joseph Warner Allen (for whom Allendale was named) stayed with the John Ackerman family at this house about 1846 while surveying the route of the Railroad. (History of Allendale) Erskine's Map shows Judge John Fell's home in this vicinity; the 1783 survey Map shows a large 2-chimney house on or near this site on a tract of land allotted to H. L. Hopper & John Fell (220 acres). Judge Fell "sold his Petersfield estate, November first, 1793 to John H. Thompson, a merchant of

New York City, for 2000 pounds. In the deed he is described as "John Fell of Petersfield, Bergen County, esq." He subsequently removed to Dutchess Co., N.Y. (Bio. & Gen. Notes from the Vols. of the N.J. Archives, Nelson.)

Two snapshots taken February 1970; photograph of Franklin Turnpike circa 1900 in which Ackerman-Cable House is partially visible in the background.

*Cable House "B"

House stood on the south side of the road on the curve (Dunn's Corner) of East Allendale Avenue.

The 1861 Hopkins-Corey Map does not show any house here; the 1876 Walker's Atlas Map shows a large house marked "R. B. Cable" and a small house northeast of it, near the road, not marked; the 1887 Driving Chart shows two houses here, marked "W. B. Aston". According to Mrs. Matie (Rowland, Southwick) Sparling, of Allendale, William B. Aston (Asten?) bought this property and house from Robert Cable; later the house was moved to Powell Road and Max P. Linder built the stone house that exists on this site today at some time after 1887. I do not know if the original house that was moved to Powell Road is still standing.

✓ Christopher House "A"

330 Hillside Avenue.

"Wm. Christopher" on 1861 Hopkins-Corey Map; "Wm. Christopher" on 1876 Walker's Atlas Map; "W. Christopher" on 1887 Driving Chart. ~~A family named Strangfeld lived here at one time; the L. Moffitt family now live in this house.~~ The house is dated "1780" on John Y. Dater's Map of Ramsey & Mahwah (done for the Ramsey Historical Association). William C. Christopher, the son of Joseph Christopher & Euphemia (Eva) Swinn, was born 25 June 1823, bap. 19 Oct 1823 at Paramus, died 13 July 1892, bur. Union Cem. Ramsey. He married Rosanna Lake, dau. of Abraham Lake and Margaret Van Sise. William's father, Joseph Christopher, was the son of John Christopher and Aaltje Zabriskie. John and Aaltje married 1782 in N.Y.C. and lived in Franklin Township, which at that time included Allendale. **Perhaps the house dates from the marriage of John and Aaltje, as that would place it at the "1780" date that John Y. Dater attributes it.** The house is a white frame two-story structure with black shutters; it does not give the appearance of great age.

Snapshot taken March 1970.

Christopher House "B"

West Crescent Avenue.

"R. Christopher" on 1887 Driving Chart. Richard Christopher was the son of John J. Christopher and Jane Smith. He was born 1852 at Saddle River, N.J. and died 1917, buried at Wyckoff. He married May 1876 at Wyckoff, Anna Maria Green Ackerman, dau. of Jacob J. Ackerman and Elizabeth Young. Richard Christopher started a saw mill in 1879 on West Crescent Ave. across from Lydecker's Mill. (Zabriskie Genealogy/History of Allendale)

*Mallinson-Cook House

stood on West Allendale Avenue on the site of the brick Telephone Building (later the Pfister Building).

Part of this house was originally part of the Old Joseph Mallinson Home. Joseph Mallinson, son of Henry C. Mallinson and Mary Netherwood, was born in Yorkshire, England in 1822. His father, a woolen manufacturer, emigrated to America in 1829, first locating

(Zabriskie
Gen. -
Paramus
Records)

on Long Island, then at Clarkstown, N.Y. Joseph married in 1848, Ann Eliza Lawbaugh, dau of John Lawbaugh (Labach) whose home is shown on the 1861 Hopkins-Corey Map, not far from the site of the Mallinson-Cook House. At the time of his marriage in 1848, Joseph took up residence in Allendale and followed the trades of farmer, carriage maker, and painter and decorator. The Mallinson Home was partially destroyed by fire in the mid-nineteenth century and the main portion of the house was removed to this site on the north side of West Allendale Avenue. (The Ridgewood Herald News for July 28, 1949 carries a picture of the old Mallinson House.) The house was rebuilt, or added to in the 1860's by Washington Windsor, and later Assemblyman George Cook lived there. He resided there when the home was destroyed by fire in January, 1913. **The fire is said to have ignited 60 tons of coal stored in the cellar and the coal was still smoldering a full year later. (History of Allendale)** (Van Valen; 1876 Walker's Atlas Business Index; Westervelt's History of Bergen County; Allendale Press, 1955 (Newspaper); Interview with Miss Ethel Borger & Mrs. M. Sparling)
Photograph taken circa 1900-10.

✓ Doty House

253 Franklin Turnpike.

15 Not on 1876 Walker's Atlas Map; On 1887 Driving Chart, but not marked with a name. Was the home of H. O. Doty (builder of mantle-pieces). Has a Juliet balcony. Now the residence of the Byrness(?) family.

Garrison House

Memorial Drive

16 "J. A. Garrison" on 1861 Hopkins-Corey Map; "John A. Garrison" on 1876 Walker's Atlas Map; Was known in Allendale as "the Berdan House" and before that the "Garrison place". John A. Garrison, the son of Albert Garrison, was born 25 Nov 1810, bap. 9 Dec 1810 at Paramus, died 10 Nov 1896, bur. True Ref. Churchyard at Paramus. He married, 28 Nov 1835 at Waldwick, Dolly Hopper, dau of Garret H. Hopper and Mary Snyder. (Zabriskie Genealogy) According to 1876 Walker's Atlas Business Index, John A. Garrison was a farmer.

Two snapshots taken January, 1970.

✓ Henion House

309 Hillside Avenue.

17 "S. Henion" on 1876 Walker's Atlas Map; "S. Henion" on 1887 Driving Chart. This was the home of Stephen Zabriskie Henion (Hennion), son of Martin Hennion and Leah Garrison, b. 13 Dec. 1841, bap. Ramapo (Mahwah) 6 Mar 1842. (Zabriskie Genealogy) He married 15 May 1860 at Ramsey, Ann Elizabeth Christopher, dau. of William C. Christopher and Rosanna Lake (see Christopher House "A"). (Westervelt's Bergen County Marriages/ Zabriskie Genealogy) Stephen Z. Henion died prior to 1916, at which time the estate of S. Z. Henion is listed as a delinquent taxpayer in the Borough Financial Statement.

✓ Hagan (?) - O'Neill House

18 168 West Crescent Avenue.

May be "D. Hagan" on 1861 Hopkins-Corey Map; "Chas. H. O'Neil" on Walker's Atlas 1876 Map; "C. H. O'Neill" on 1887 Driving Chart. The Megnin family lived in this home circa 1915. It was a speak-easy called the "Steer Inn" circa 1920-30, run by Mike Rossner. Circa 1934 it was owned by Cyril Job; later was a restaurant called "Pat Job's Crescent Inn". Today, it has been renovated and is the

"Carriage House Restaurant". It was partially destroyed by fire in 1952 (Ridgewood News, January 26, 1958) and was rebuilt in the fall of that year.

Snapshot taken February 1970.

19 Parigot House

146 Park Avenue.

"P. Parigot" on 1887 Driving Chart. Now owned by the Elwood Critchley family.

20 *Powell House

East Allendale Avenue. The house stood on the south side of East Allendale Avenue near the east corner of Powell Road. The house was supposed to date to circa 1780 (the central part), with the front part dating to circa 1870. Peter G. Powell married, 28 Apr 1852 at New Prospect (Waldwick), Maria Ackerman. The 1876 Walker's Atlas Business Index lists Peter G. Powell as a resident, with 57 acres. He operated a farm, raising strawberries, fruit, apples, and his primary crop, hay. The Powell House was famed as a summer resort, and one of the reasons for its popularity was its hostess, Miss Elizabeth Powell. The house was razed in the mid-1930's. (Ridgewood Herald-News, July 28, 1949/Ridgewood Herald-News, July 2, 1964/Westervelt's Bergen County Marriages).

Copy of photograph from Ridgewood Herald-News, July 2, 1964.

21 ✓ Quackenbush House "A"

555 Franklin Turnpike.

"A. Quackenbush" on 1861 Hopkins-Corey Map; "A. A. Quackenbush" on both 1876 Walker's Atlas Map & 1887 Driving Chart. The house is said to have been built in 1807 by C. A. Quackenbush for his son Abraham. The house has been thoroughly restored and is now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ardia.

22 ✓ Quackenbush House "B"

700 Franklin Turnpike.

"A. Quackenbush" on both 1861 Hopkins-Corey Map and 1876 Walker's Atlas Map; "Quackenbush" on 1887 Driving Chart. House faces north; presents its side to the road; stands very near the road. John Kirby is the present owner.

Snapshot taken March 1970.

23 ✓ Quackenbush House "C"

184 Myrtle Avenue.

"M. Quackenbush" on 1876 Walker's Atlas Map; House appears, but without a "name" on 1887 Driving Chart. The house is now owned by S. T. B. Keating.

24 ✓ Quackenbush House "D"

754 Franklin Turnpike.

"C. A. Quackenbush" on 1861 Hopkins-Corey Map; "A. Quackenbush" on 1876 Walker's Atlas Map; "Quackenbush" on 1887 Driving Chart. This is a white frame house, very close to road; does not face road, faces south. The History of Allendale states that this house was built by C. A. Quackenbush for his son "Krin" (Corines?). Robert Phair lived here for many years; today it is the residence of Philander Alward.

Snapshot taken March 1970.

25 ✓ Quackenbush House "E"

790 Franklin Turnpike.

Yellow frame house, supposedly built circa 1900 by Garrie Quack-
enbush, when he married. (Allendale Picture Press clipping, circa
1955).

Snapshot taken March 1970.

Straut-Rapelje House

829 Franklin Turnpike.

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"J. Straut" on 1861 Hopkins-Corey Map; "Peter P. Rapelje" on 1876
Walker's Atlas Map; "P.D. Rapelje" on 1887 Driving Chart. The
house is a yellow clapboard house on the west side of the road,
just north of the Crescent Avenue intersection. F. C. Arnold lived
here in 1967; he has since died. The house has been recently re-
stored. Peter D. Rapelje was Allendale's first Mayor in 1894.
He was also elected to the Board of Health and served on the board
for several years. Two photographs, taken circa 1900: one of the
house, the other of Franklin Turnpike, w/ the house visible in backgnd.

Reading House

Franklin Turnpike (just north of the Ackerman-Cable House).

Not on Hopkins-Corey Map (1861); "James A. Reading" on 1876

Walker's Atlas Map; "J. A. Reading" on 1887 Driving Chart.

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James A. Reading worked for the U. S. Treasury and owned 3 acres
of land in Allendale according to the 1876 Walker's Atlas Business
Index. Mrs. Reading was Mrs. Cable's (see Ackerman-Cable House)
daughter; the Cables are said to have built this house for their
daughter. (Interview with Mrs. M. Sparling).

Snapshot taken March, 1970.

Rossner House

450 Brookside Avenue.

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Now owned by J. L. Crothers. The J. L. Crothers home was the Ross-
ner home. (History of Allendale).

*Schoolhouse (Allendale's First)

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Stood on northwest corner of Franklin Turnpike & Chestnut Street.
This was a one-room schoolhouse, 16 x 24 feet, built in 1826. It
was a one story, frame building. Henry H. Vanderbeck, James A.
Ackerman, John Binder and Mary Geroe were all teachers at this
school at different times. In 1862, when a new school was built
on a site farther north on the Turnpike, this schoolhouse was
moved to John Wilson's farm and was used as a granary. (History
of Bergen County, Westervelt/ History of Allendale) This school-
house appears on the 1861 Hopkins-Corey Map.

*Schoolhouse (Allendale's Second)

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Stood on east side of Franklin Turnpike between Orchard Street and
Arcadia Road, about where Allendale's Municipal Building is today.
On 1876 Walker's Atlas Map; on 1887 Driving Chart. In 1860,
Aaron Ackerman, Peter G. Powell and William White, trustees of
Allendale School District #6, purchased for \$25 a plot on Franklin
Turnpike from Peter G. Powell and his wife, Marie. One of the
first teachers in this school was Joseph Henry Ware. This school
was also a one-room schoolhouse. Prior to 1894, this was school
district #55, with the schoolhouse and lot valued at \$3000; a one-
room school seating a maximum of 80 children. Borough Council
meetings were held at this school from December 27, 1894 until
December 5, 1895, when the council rented James Linkroum's hall
for its meetings. This schoolhouse was sold to John Appert in
1896. The Borough Council minutes show authorization granted to
the school board on June 4, 1896 "to have the school removed along

the public road." John Appert used this schoolhouse for storage on his celery farm on Franklin Turnpike north of Cottage Place. Later, Victor Scafuro used it at his aquarium plant. In the spring of 1963 it was demolished.

✓ Schoolhouse (Allendale's Third)

East side of Franklin Turnpike between Orchard Street and Arcadia Road; has been greatly altered and is used today as Allendale's Municipal Building. This schoolhouse was a two story, four-room school, with two rooms downstairs and one room, which could be divided with accordion doors, upstairs. It was built in 1896, and was completed by February 1897, at which time the Borough Council began to meet in the schoolhouse. Some of the principals in this school were Adele Harris, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Brinkerhoff and Willard Alling, who was appointed Principal in 1907. Some of the teachers were Miss Murdock, Miss Sadie Salyer (Salyer?), Miss Ella Appert, Alfred Ackerman and John B. Zabriskie. In 1914 an addition to this school was built at a cost of \$24,000. In 1929, a new school was built on Brookside Avenue (today's Brookside School, grades 4-8) and opened with an enrollment of 225 students. After the new school opened in 1929, the American Legion Post No. 204 acquired a long-term lease on the old school house and still later, bought the building for \$1, with the Board of Education retaining a residuary clause in the deed whereby the property reverted back to the Board when the membership of the Legion dwindled to a certain number. The Legion remodeled the building at a cost of over \$15,000. In June of 1961, the building, again renovated, was dedicated as Allendale's Municipal Building. At some point the second floor of the building was lopped off, and the building today is a stucco one, whereas early pictures taken when the schoolhouse was newly built seem to show it as a frame & clap-board structure. The Allendale Library was started here in 1901.

Three pictures of interior, (Class pictures) taken circa 1898, 1900, and 1903. One picture, copied from newspaper, of the exterior, probably circa 1900. One picture (Class picture) outside the schoolhouse, showing "Allendale Library" sign in window.

Refs: Hist. Allendale, Westervelt's Hist. Ber. Co., Council Minutes.

Smith Houses "A" (2 houses)
350 Brookside Avenue.

"J. Smith Sawmill" on 1861 Hopkins-Corey Map; "Jacob J. Smith, home and sawmill" on 1876 Walker's Atlas Map; "J. J. Smith" on 1887 Driving Chart (showing two buildings). The large house is now the home of S. E. Archibald; the small house, very close to the road, is the caretaker's home, I believe.

* Smith House "B" 53 Forest Road

"G. A. Smith" on 1861 Hopkins-Corey Map; "G. A. Smith" on 1876 Walker's Atlas Map; "G. A. Smith" on 1887 Driving Chart. Garret A. Smith was the son of Albert G. Smith and _____ Hopper, born in 1820. He was a millwright and a farmer; also was in the Grocery business with J. M. Christopher. Van Valen lists his marriage to Eliza Jane Lake, dau. of Abraham Lake; Bergen County Marriages (Westervelt) the marriage is listed under "Wyckoff, Ponds and Preakness" on 25 Sept 1841 to Eliza Ann Lake.

Snapshot taken March 1970.

Southwick House

144 East Allendale Avenue.

Not on 1861 Hopkins-Corey Map; "J. R. Southwick" on 1876 Walker's Atlas Map; "M. A. Coleman" on 1887 Driving Chart. The house was built by James Reynolds Southwick in 1867-68. He was a dealer in

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