

THE STEPHEN CABLE HOUSE,
Franklin Turnpike, Allendale, N.J.

Excerpt from article "Lenape Indians Sold Tract of Land to Dutch Settlers in 1740" - Ridgewood Newspaper, 1939.

"As part of New Netherland, and under the later rule of English proprietors, Allendale remained an unknown wilderness until about 1740, when John Lauback, an Englishman, and Powles Van Houten, a Dutchman, established homes here and purchased from the Indians most of the area of the present borough. Sixty-five years ago the Lauback house was still standing on Crescent and Maple Avenues. Legend holds that a Frenchman preceded Lauback's and Van Houten's arrival, but his name remains unknown. He is supposed to have erected a stone dwelling on Franklin Turnpike on the present property of Joseph Taylor. About 1896[?] Stephen Cable purchased the land and while in possession of it dug up a box of coins dated before 1700. Allendale was named after Col. Wm. C. Allen, who supervised the construction of the Paterson and Ramapo Railroad. Originally the Franklin Turnpike followed a slightly different route from the present road, and ran across open country to a point near Archer Hall (Archer Methodist Church). It then turned west over the property of Joseph Taylor and met the present road beyond Mr. Taylor's barn. The Church of the Epiphany is the oldest church in Allendale. It was formed in 1872 when Mrs. Stephen Cable and her daughter organized a Sunday School in their home."

From Bergen Record June 9, 1950. "The name of Allendale was derived from that of Col. Wm. C. Allen, who surveyed the route through the town for the Paterson and Ramapo Railroad.

Old Ridgewood paper - no date. "Allendale was named after civil engineer William C. Allen of the Erie Railroad, which was laid through the town in the 1850's. He was a Colonel of the 9th Regiment during the Civil War and died in the South during the Rebellion."

Ridgewood Herald-News - Feb. 17, 1952. In this issue a real estate picture of the Taylor house appeared with this caption: "This lovely colonial residence, which has been an outstanding landmark in Bergen County for over a hundred years, has been sold to Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Pfister, formerly of Buffalo. The Taylor family, who were the former occupants, were direct descendats of the original owners who began construction at the time the roadbed for the Erie Railroad was being laid through Allendale."

On the Allendale Map in the Walker Atlas 1876 Stephen Cable is shown as the owner of the house.

Hearsay: Col. Wm. C. Allen once lived in this house.
The Taylor's wealth came from railroad inventions. This