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M. E. Church, Allendale, N. J.

Oliver Hazard Perry Archer, the son of Jonathan Archer, was born on 14 January 1825 and was named after Commodore Perry, an intimate friend of his father's. O.H.P. Archer entered business at the unusually early age of 10 years and while yet a clerk bought out a city express business. He contracted to conduct the entire express business of the Hudson River Railroad and thus he began a long career connected with railroads. About 1850 he contracted for the freight business of the Hudson River and New York Central Railroad and soon became an immense power in freighting. In 1858 he transferred his operations to the Erie Railroad, for which he handled freight. At the height of his career, as First Vice President of the Erie, under Jay Gould, he retired from the railroad business and became the owner of much valuable real estate. He and his family made Allendale their summer home as early as 1869, buying from Henry Mallinson the homestead on the corner of Franklin Turnpike and Allendale Avenue--the property now owned by the Church of the Guardian Angel. Mr. Archer was for some years a trustee of Syracuse University and a manager of the Board of Home and Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He and his wife were among the organizers of the Madison Avenue Church in New York City.

In 1875 O.H.P. Archer, tired of making the trip to Waldwick's Methodist Church, decided to erect one more convenient for him--right across the street from his summer home, in fact. On June 8, 1876 the chapel at the northwest corner of the intersection of Allendale Avenue and Franklin Turnpike was dedicated for church services. Earlier, on February 17th, the partially finished chapel had been opened for Sunday School classes. Until 1886, when the Rev. W. R. George was assigned to Archer Church as its first full-time Minister, Archer Church shared a