



"Park Avenue - to the right is Brookside Avenue and what is now Memorial Park." ---Violet W. Straussman

This view, looking south along Park Avenue from approximately today's intersection with Orchard Street, probably dates from about 1910-1915. The house shown in the picture is still standing today (104 Park Avenue). Just beyond the house can be seen the Brookside Avenue intersection, and beyond that, what is today Memorial Park. In the background, one can barely discern the house standing today at 146 Park Avenue.

This property was included in the parcel of land purchased in 1871 by Herman Tallman and Harvey Sherwood. They cleared the land, selling the timber to the railroad to be used as fuel, and divided the acreage into building plots. To attract homeowners, the park we know today as "Memorial Park", on the corner of Park Avenue and Brookside Avenue, was set aside for the private use of the residents in the "development". Since that time the park has reverted to the borough through eminent domain. Memorial Park was dedicated in 1925 in memory of Allendale's men killed in World War I.

The house at 104 Park Avenue, shown clearly in the view, was built about 1874-75 for J. J. Pulis (whose name is given in some records as "John J." and in others as "Jacob J."). The lot on which the house stands was purchased from Mrs. Daniel Anthony (the Anthony family lived on what is now Brookside Avenue--at one time, c. 1875, Brookside Avenue from Park Avenue to Crescent Avenue, was known as "Anthony Street"; later, about 1892, it was renamed "Brook Street" by the V.I.A.). An addition to the house was built in 1894. J. J. Pulis was a blacksmith and for a time he ran, with Henry and Joseph Mallinson, a wheelwright and blacksmith shop on the site directly opposite Archer Hall on Franklin Turnpike, where Ames Appliances stands today. Pulis served on the borough council in 1897 and 1898.

The house barely visible in the view, at 146 Park Avenue, was probably built in the late 1870's by Stephen Van Blarcom, and in February of 1884, it was sold to Charles L. Parigot of Yonkers. Parigot, his wife, and son, George, moved to Allendale shortly thereafter. Parigot was born in Bahia, Brazil and was, among other things, an accomplished linguist. He was a leader in the Republican party and organized the first Republican Club along the main line of the Erie Railroad. He served on Allendale's first Borough Council in 1894 and later was a charter inactive member of the Allendale Fire Association.

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