



"East of Franklin Turnpike." ---Violet W. Straussman.

The house shown in this view is, I believe, the Peter G. Powell house, which stood on the south side of East Allendale Avenue near the east corner of Powell Road. The house appears on the 1861 Hopkins-Corey Map marked "P. G. Powell"; on the 1876 Walker's Atlas Map marked "Peter G. Powell" and on an 1887 Driving Chart it is marked "Peter G. Powell." It appears on the 1913 Bromley Atlas Map erroneously marked "D. Powell Est." The house was said to date to the late 18th century when the oldest part (the central portion of the house) was built--probably about 1780. The front part of the house was said to have been built about 1870. Peter G. Powell was probably the son of Henry and Catherine Powell. (A "Peter Powell" of the correct age is listed under the family of Henry Powell in the 1850 Federal Census for Ho-Ho-Kus Township, which at that time included what is today Allendale. In this census return Peter's occupation is listed as "millwright.") Peter G. Powell was born about 1820 and married, on 28 April 1852 at New Prospect (Waldwick), Maria Ackerman. The 1876 Walker's Atlas Nusiness Index lists Peter G. Powell as a resident of Allendale holding 57 acres. He operated a farm, raising strawberries, fruit, apples (note the trees in the postcard view) and his primary crop, hay.

The Powell House was famed as a summer resort for many years in the late 1880's (when Allendale became known as "the Newport of Bergen County") and one of the reasons for its popularity, it was said, was its gracious hostess, Miss Elizabeth Powell, Peter's daughter. The house was razed in the mid-1930's.

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