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When thirty-two years old Mr. Roswell became connected with the Erie railroad and was their station agent at this place over thirty years. In 1865 he built his house. When he became postmaster of Allendale the following persons lived in the vicinity:

John G. Ackerman, Paul Van Houten, Anthony Crouter, John A. Garrison, Peter G. Powell, Daniel Anthony, Joseph and Henry Mallinson, John L. Youmans, G. A. Smith, A. L. Zabriskie, all of whom except G. A. Smith, Joseph Mallinson and Albert L. Zabriskie are now dead.

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BOROUGH OF ALLENDALE.

During the latter part of the year 1894, the residents of Allendale, fearing that the neighboring towns would incorporate under the Borough Act, and, by including a portion or the whole of Allendale, would thus divert its taxes to the improvement and maintenance of the other town, determined, in order to protect themselves, to also incorporate. The survey was made to include about four square miles of territory, and the incorporation effected at the time mentioned. The population of the territory included within the boundaries of the Borough is about 650. At its first election the following officers were installed: Peter D. Rapelje, Mayor; Walter Dewsnap, E. E. Bartis, L. O. Doty, George W. Hatch, Charles Parrigot, C. A. Quackenbush, Council; R. J. Nimmo, Clerk.

In the regular spring election of 1895, they were re-elected for a second term.

In spring election of 1897 the following officers were elected: George Cook, Mayor; Walter Dewsnap, J. J. Pullis, C. A. Hopper, Jesse Brown, John A. Mallinson, J. J. Vanderbeck, Council; G. G. Smith, Clerk.

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The Board of Education now consists of W. C. Hoffman, President; G. G. Smith, Treasurer; E. J. Appert, S. J. Van Blaricum, S. T. Van Houten, C. A. Quackenbush, John Ackerman, J. J. Van Horn, C. W. Stocker.

The Board of Health consists of M. H. Barvelo, President; G. G. Smith, Secretary; P. D. Rapelje, J. J. Mallinson, S. D. Brainard, R. E. Lettis.

Allendale proper is made up entirely of residences, mostly of those persons who have removed from New York, Brooklyn, and other adjacent cities. Since its incorporation as a Borough, the village has constantly expanded, and the income from its taxes having been devoted to the improvement of its streets, avenues, roads, school buildings, etc., and being entirely devoid of all manufacturing plants, factories, etc., it is rapidly becoming one of the favored spots for those seeking suburban homes.

SCHOOLS.

In 1826 the little old red school house—a one story frame building, sixteen by twenty four feet in dimensions, was built a half mile below the Allendale depot. Previous to this, two buildings had been erected for school purposes, but nothing definite has been learned concerning them. In this old school house, desks were arranged around the room on which the luckless urchins were doomed to sit from nine to the morning until four in the afternoon. The first board of trustees was composed of John G. Ackerman, John G. Ackerson and Albert A. Garrison, who employed Isaac Lemarest as their earliest teacher. James Alfred

Ackerman now seventy six years of age taught his first school in this building, fifty eight years ago. Henry H. Vanderbeck, James A. Ackerman, John Binder, son of the former Governor General of the island of Antiqua, and Miss Mary Geroe, afterwards Mrs. Jacob Oatman of Paterson, were all teachers here at different times. In 1862 the old building was removed to John Wilson's farm where it now does duty as a granary, and a new building twenty five by thirty five feet in dimensions, adorned with belfry and blinds, was erected at a cost of \$2000, to take its place. Mr. James Alfred Ackerman was a teacher also in this building and his nephew, J. J. Ackerman, is principal of the school at the present time. The house, which is an elegant one, with new systems of improvement, was erected in 1896 at a cost of \$5500. A kindergarten school is also maintained in connection with it and an excellent course of instruction secured.

STORES.

The Borough of Allendale carries on no manufacturing industry, but its commercial and mercantile enterprises are worthy of a name and helps to give support to a good hotel. Smith Roswell was the first to divert trade from adjoining towns to Allendale, by opening up a little store just opposite the depot, soon after he became identified with the village, and the venture proved a profitable one to him for about eight years. A business centre having now become established, Morris S. Ackerman began selling goods in a part of the hotel and in 1872 A. G. Ackerman began a business which he has kept going to the present time.

Twelve years ago Smith & Henion succeeded Winter, Leaman & Co., and in 1894, Smith & Christopher succeeded Smith & Henion. These gentlemen with an extensive patronage add elements of strength to the village of Allendale.

THE MISSION CHAPEL OF THE EPIPHANY.

Allendale, is the fruit of good seed planted by gentle and faithful hands. In January, 1872, Mrs. Stephen Cable, moved with compassion for the lambs without a shepherd, opened her house for a Sunday school. On Epiphany Sunday, the good work was begun, fifteen scholars and six teachers being present. The names of the teachers were Mrs. James Reading, a communicant of Christ Church, Ridgewood, and a daughter of St. Mary's Hall, Burlington, N. J., Mr. J. Reading, Mr. and Mrs. Harris, Miss Powell, and Miss Southwick. The school soon increased to twenty scholars, and other teachers enlisted, Mr. C. Conner and Miss Conner among the first. The enterprise enlisted the support of all Christian people, and friends aided the good work.

The following summer a barn was fitted up comfortably, and the school increased in favor. The contributions for the Sunday school amounted in two years to \$100, and from 1872 to 1876 nearly \$700 were raised.

In September, 1873, public worship was held by the Rev. L. R. Dickinson. These services were continued at first monthly, and afterwards on alternate Sundays, and Hope Chapel, as it was then called, enjoyed the full service of the Protestant Episcopal Church. The mission was placed in charge of the rector of Christ Church, Ridgewood, and during two years the faithful missionary horse did Sunday duty, driving to Ridgewood and returning, and then back again, a round of sixteen miles, that the flock may be fed. Afterwards the Erie Railroad relieved him of his labor, and he rested, as a good Christian, from work. "Peace to his ashes."

In 1874 Daniel A. Smith became superintendent and the school flourished under his care. He was the first warden, then T. Callaway. E. G. Washburne is the present warden, while A. L. Zabriskie has been treasurer from the beginning.

June 10th, 1876, the chapel was opened by the minister in charge, for divine service, and on the 25th of June Bishop Odenheimer laid the corner stone and confirmed four persons. Mr. Smith was appointed lay reader, and \$972 was contributed for building and furniture. On July 4th, 1880 at an early Communion service the chapel bell bought by the class in charge of Mrs. Harris, was first rung. They are now about to build a new edifice. Rev. C. H. S. Hartman was appointed in charge May 24, 1892; he was here until April 1894. Rev. William Maskel was a supply until November 1895, and the Rev. William Allen, the first resident priest, at present in charge, was appointed by the Bishop September 6, 1896. Under the faithful and efficient ministry of Rev. Mr. Allen, the number of communicants has increased from thirty-two to eighty.

THE ARCHER MEMORIAL CHURCH.

A chapel was built here by O. P. H. Archer in 1876, and was considerably enlarged by him in 1893, several memorial windows were included, the whole cost being about \$18,000. The church now has a membership of 150 persons under the pastorate of C. C. Winans, who came here in April, 1898. Mr. O. H. P. Archer, president of the Board of Trustees, died in May, 1899.

GEORGE COOK.

George Cook, Allendale's second and present Mayor, was born in St. Clair, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, on the 13th day of July, 1862, and is directly descended from the old English stock of that name. His father, John Cook, was born in Lancashire, England, his mother's people coming from Leicestershire. Emigrating to this country when about twenty-five years of age, his father took up his residence in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, where he engaged in the manufacture of boots and shoes. In 1863 he volunteered as a captain in the Union Army, and served with distinction until the close of the war, at which time he removed with his family to Washington, D. C., where he still resides, and at the present time is one of the city's wealthy and leading

financiers. George, one of his two living children, attended the public schools until about twelve years of age, when he entered Emerson Institute, and from which he was graduated four years after. He then entered Columbia University, from the law department of which, at the age of twenty, he was graduated and received his several degrees, subsequently being admitted to practice before the Courts of the District of Columbia, and later the Supreme Court of the United States.

In 1885 he removed to New York, where, in the special branch of patent law, he has built up an extensive and lucrative practice, his clientage consisting largely of manufacturing firms and corporations, located in New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Connecticut.

In politics Mr. Cook is an ardent Republican, and at the time of his first election as Mayor, was president of the Allendale Republican Club. Mr. Cook is a member of several of the leading social clubs of Bergen and Passaic counties, Past Master of the Masonic Lodge in Ridgewood, is a Knight Templar, and a member of Mecca Temple of the Mystic Shrine in New York city.

In 1885 he married the daughter of Ex-Governor Charles P. Johnson, of Missouri, a grand-daughter of the late Thomas Parker, of Washington, D. C., a short time afterward, about 1887, taking up his residence in Allendale, where he still resides.

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Mr. Mallinson married first, in 1848, Miss Ann Eliza Lawbaugh, daughter of John Lawbaugh. Their children are John Andrew, a farmer and carriage painter, who is connected with his father in business, William Henry, Sarah Ellen, and Anna Elizabeth, wife of Cornelius Hopper. Mrs. Mallinson died in 1861, and in 1863 Mr. Mallinson married Mary Ann Westervelt.

Mr. Mallinson is now the oldest settler in Allendale, having located here in 1848. With his sons he has followed carriage painting and decorating while also conducting a small firm. His family belongs to the Meth. Ch. & in politics he is independent, Mr.

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GARRET G. SMITH.

Garret G. Smith, merchant, in Allendale, and in various capacities serving the borough officially, is a grandson of Albert G. Smith of Holland origin, who died in this part of Bergen county in 1868, ninety years of age. The grandmother's name was Hopper, and their children were Cornelius A., John A., and Garret A. The homestead is on the road leading from Allendale to Wyckoff. Garret A. Smith was born in 1820, and is still living. He was formerly a millwright and has been a successful and somewhat extensive farmer. He was married to Miss Eliza Jane Lake, daughter of Abraham Lake, who owned large property in Paterson. His garden then covered the site now occupied by the Passaic Hotel. Mr. Lake used to cart molasses from New York to Paterson, but later in life moved to the Pond (Oakland) where he died. Eight children were born to Mr. Smith, all of whom are living. Albert G., the oldest son, has been Justice of the Peace fourteen years in Campgaw, N. J., and has been re-elected. Garret G. Smith was born in 1860. He was educated in the State Normal School, but when twenty-six years of age came to Allendale where he has followed merchandizing. In 1894 when the borough of Allendale was formed he was chosen its first collector and was also elected Clerk of the Board. He became a member and Treasurer of the Board of Education and was also made secretary of the Board of Health. He is an influential citizen of the Borough and is frequently called to office.

His wife was Miss Matilda Blauvelt, daughter of Abram A. Blauvelt, who was deputy sheriff of this county for many years.

UPPER AND LOWER SADDLE RIVER BOROUGHS.

BY JOHN G. ESLER.

Saddle River became a borough on December 19, 1894, by a vote of fifty-six to six of its inhabitants.

It was prior to its formation as a borough a portion of Orvil township. The first officers of the borough were B. Oblenis, mayor; G. A. Ackerman, Albert Z. Winters, John G. Esler, Frank Blackledge, and Frederick Demarest, councilmen; Abram H. Ackerman, assessor; and William H. Packer, collector.

There is very little authentic record concerning the early settlers of what now constitutes Saddle River Borough, but an old Indian deed conveying the Wearimus Tract to Albert Zaborowsky given in 1702, by several Indian Chiefs, points to the Polish Pretender as probably the earliest land owner of the Saddle River valley. A copy of this deed is given in full below.

"Whereas in the year 1675 according to the Christian account, Mamshier, the Indian Sachem, as also Metotoch and Checkepowas owners