



EAST ALLENDALE AVE.  
ALLENDALE, N. J.

"It was a dangerous corner then too but they didn't have warning signs." -----Violet W. Straussman.

This view of the north side of the two-stage bend in East Allendale Avenue dates from about 1905-1909. In recent years the corner has been known as "Dunn's corner" after the Talbot B. Dunn family who lived at 221 East Allendale Avenue. (Dunn's house does not appear in this view; perhaps it was built after this photograph was taken.)

The large house shown on the right in the picture stood near where the Thonus farm is today and was owned by Albert L. Zabriskie. Albert L. Zabriskie was born 24 September 1863 in Allendale, the son of Albert J. A. and Martha Ackerman Zabriskie, and married, in 1885, Harriet Reed Pulling. Zabriskie was extremely active in Allendale civic affairs, having served as the first and only president of the Village Improvement Association (V.I.A.) before Allendale's incorporation as a borough and later as Mayor of Allendale from 1921-25. Mrs. Zabriskie was one of the founders of the Ladies' V.I.A. which later became the Community Club (the forerunner of today's Woman's Club of Allendale) and from 1900-1919 was a member of the Library Committee of the V.I.A., the group responsible for organizing Allendale's library in 1900. Harriet Reed Pulling Zabriskie died in March 1926 and Albert L. Zabriskie died in May 1949. It is said that the property on which this house stood had been in the Zabriskie family since the original Ramapo Grant (1709-1710). The house itself is said to have been built in the late 1700's by an uncle of Albert J. A. Zabriskie; it was remodeled and enlarged in 1870 and enlarged again in 1904. The house appears on the 1861 Hopkins-Corey Map marked "A. J. Zabriskie"; on the 1876 Walker's Atlas Map as "Albt. J. A. Zabriskie"; and on an 1887 Driving Chart marked "A. J. A. Zabriskie". When the house burned on March 15, 1910, estimates of the damage ranged from \$9,000. to \$25,000.

-----Patricia A. Wardell