ALLENDALE: BACKGROUND OF A BOROUGH

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Introduction

One thing that becomes very clear to anyone gathering information for a history like this is that the historian is at the mercy of the records that are presently in existence. Like an archaeologist, the historian digs and unearths all that he can find, and from those fragments, attempts to construct images and concepts of things past.

So, right from the start one has to accept the fact that whatever evidence the researcher has managed to unearth is only an incomplete record. Add to that the fact that early records were always handwritten and sometimes open to interpretation in the areas of both fact and legibility. Historians and genealogists bless the record keepers who were careful and had legible handwriting!

After more than twenty five years digging and searching, I still feel reluctant to put this compilation in print — but then, I know I'll never feel that I'm truly finished. There does come a point where one must set a deadline. For me, the major factor in setting a deadline was Allendale's centennial of incorporation as a borough, and the coinciding Allendale Historical Society twentieth anniversary. It seemed the perfect time for a documented history of the community.

And so I present this work, knowing that it is incomplete, but hoping that readers will enjoy it, and find it interesting nonetheless. I also hope that a future historian will be able to use it as a starting point, and will be able to unearth the facts that I have missed.

This book is chock full of names, because I believe that the nature of the community is formed by the people who have lived and worked in it. Presenting the names of those who, in one way or another, shaped and influenced the development of the borough is risky, because of the chance of accidental omissions. For any such omissions, I apologize.

I also hope some future historian will flesh out the history of the borough, especially the time period of the last fifty years or so. This wish comes packaged with a warning to would-be historians to realize that this very day is part of history. Don't repeat my mistake of not realizing that what occurred in my own lifetime was and would be "history" too! How I wish I'd kept a journal!

Pat Wardell
Allendale, NJ
July 1994

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The Allendale School, teachers and student body, 1911.

Acknowledgements

My family has been in Allendale over a hundred years, and many relatives lived here while I was growing up in the borough. So I gained a lot of information just by absorbing what people around me were saying and doing, noticing what events were occurring here during my own life, and saving all sorts of things related to Allendale.

Even before the formation of the Allendale Historical Society twenty years ago I was interested in Allendale's history and I began to collect facts, publications, documents, and photos. There were so many people who generously donated, shared, or loaned photographs, booklets, souvenir programs and other memorabilia.

Then the Allendale Historical Society was established and another fresh wave of generous Allendale residents and former residents donated, loaned, and shared all sorts of ephemera to begin the Society's collection. Those who had once lived in Allendale and those who still lived in Allendale shared their memories of other times in the borough.

For our very first issue of *Allendale History and Heritage*, the quarterly publication of the Allendale Historical Society, Ella Appert wrote an article about the Appert family's Allendale Produce Gardens (familiarly known as the "Celery Farm"). She also donated and loaned photographs. In that same issue we reprinted a survey of the former peat farm, loaned by Stiles Thomas. Beginning with that issue the publication became more than just a newsletter of current Society happenings — it also was a regularly published journal, each issue containing articles about Allendale.

The sharing inaugurated in that first issue began a tradition of generosity as Allendale residents and Society members and friends began to donate, through the years, photographs, souvenir booklets, postcards, programs for various events, and other Allendale ephemera.

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1906.

Allendale Borough Tax Bill.

PAGE ..... NO .....

Mr James McNelley.

Co The Borough of Allendale, Dr.

8 ....Acres Assessed.

.....Lots Assessed.

Value of Real Estate Assessed,	$ 900
" Personal Property Assessed,	$ 50
" Buildings	$
Amount Taxable,	$ 950

AMOUNT TO BE RAISED, $2.14 PER $100.

County	46	$ 437
County Poor	2	$ 19
State School	16	$ 152
Road Tax	44	$ 418
Borough Purposes	10	$ 95
Lighting	8	$ 76
Special School	76	$ 722
Road Bonds and Interest	10	$ 95
Poll Tax		$ 100
Dog Tax		$
Cost and Interest		$ 159
GRAND TOTAL		$ 2114 2273

Now due and payable to me before December 20th, 1906. All taxes remaining unpaid December 20 will be charged interest at the rate of 10 per cent.

RECEIVED PAYMENT,

9/25/07 ..... Jno. H. Ackerman ..... COLLECTOR.

Taxes will be received at my store at Allendale each day except Saturday.

JOHN H. ACKERMAN, COLLECTOR.

P. O. Box 97, Allendale, N J.

The Bergen County Board of Taxation, sitting as Commissioners of Appeals in Cases of Taxation, will meet to hear appeals on assessments levied, on the following days and places between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M.:

For Upper Saddle River, Hohokus, Oakland—At Ramsey, Nov. 7th, Dater Hall.

For Saddle River Borough, Allendale, Orvil Township—At Allendale, Nov. 8th and 9th, Bierman's Hotel.

For Closter, Haworth, Norwood, Demarest, Alpine, Harrington township, Cresskill, Harrington Park—At Closter, Nov. 13th and 14th, Fire House.

For Hillsdale, Rivervale, Washington, Etna, Montvale, Park Ridge, Westwood, Woodcliff, Old Tappan—At Hillsdale, Nov. 15th and 16th, Town Hall.

For Ridgewood, Franklin, Midland, Saddle River Township, Glen Rock, Midland Park, Orvil Borough—At Ridgewood, Nov. 20th and 21st, Fire House.

For Garfield, Lodi, Wallington—At Garfield, Nov. 22nd and 23rd, Municipal Building.

For Englewood, Teaneck, Bergenfields, Dumont, Englewood Cliffs, Leonia, Palisades Park, Tenafly—At Englewood, Nov. 27th and 28th, City Hall.

For Rutherford, Union, Carlstadt, East Rutherford, North Arlington, Woodridge—At Rutherford, Dec. 4th and 5th, Borough Hall.

For Fort Lee, Cliffside Park, Edgewater—At Fort Lee, Dec. 6th and 7th, Schlosser's Hotel.

For Hackensack, Lodi Township, Overpeck, Palisades township, Bogota, Delford, Fairview, Hasbrouck Heights, Little Ferry, Maywood, Riverside, Ridgefield—At Hackensack, Dec. 11th to 19th, Court Square Building.

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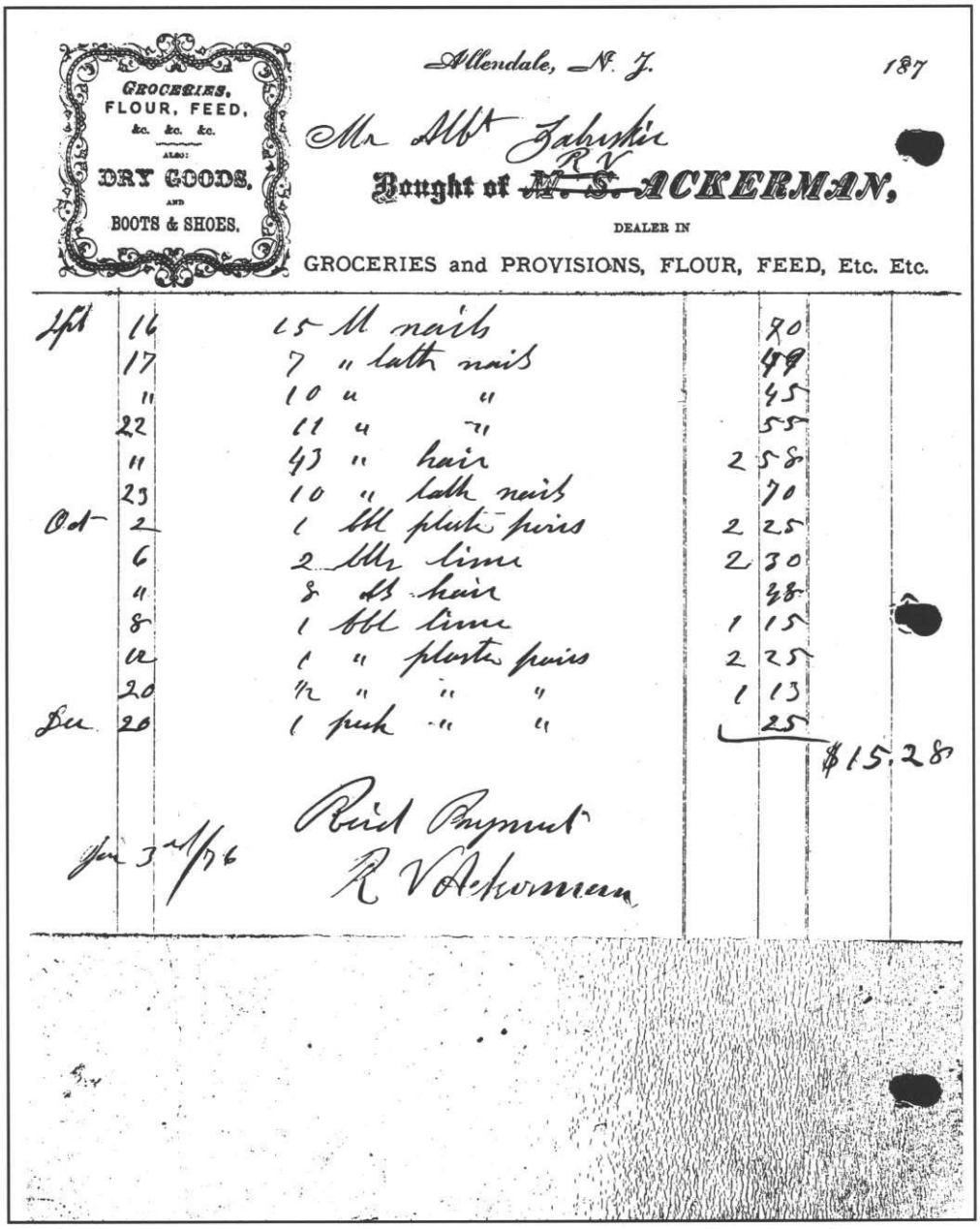

GROCERIES, FLOUR, FEED, &c. &c. &c.
ALSO:
DRY GOODS, AND BOOTS & SHOES.

Allendale, N. J. 187

Mr Abt Zabriskie
RV

Bought of ~~M. S.~~ ACKERMAN,

DEALER IN

GROCERIES and PROVISIONS, FLOUR, FEED, Etc. Etc.

Apl	16	15 M nails	90	
	17	7 " lath nails	49	
	11	10 " "	45	
	22	11 " "	55	
	11	43 " hair	2 58	
	23	10 " lath nails	70	
Oct	2	1 bbl plain pairs	2 25	
	6	2 bbls lime	2 30	
	4	8 lbs hair	48	
	8	1 bbl lime	1 15	
	12	1 " plaster pairs	2 25	
	20	½ " " "	1 13	
Dec	20	1 pack " "	25	
				$15.28

Paid Payment
Jan 3rd 1896
R V Ackerman

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