

Quarterly Newsletter of The Pilesgrove – Woodstown Historical Society

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CHRISTMAS IN SEPTEMBER

In lieu of our normal quarterly meeting, The Historical Society wishes to thank the members of the Society and the homeowners of Woodstown who have had their homes open on at least one of our 30 Christmas Tours. The Historical Society would like to thank you in person for your efforts in past and future tours by inviting you to join us for wine and hors d'oeuvres at the home of Jack and Trudy Hathaway, 74 North Main Street, on Sunday, September 23rd from 4pm to 6pm. Please bring your recollections of the best thing that you have discovered about your home and also one or two of the "worst" house stories. Please RSVP by September 16th to 769-0678 or by e-mail to Rosenberger@rowan.edu.

For those of you who collect bottles or advertising you'll probably recognize the company name of a local pharmacist Borton and Andrews. The Borton and Andrews Pharmacy was located on the east side of North Main Street between East Avenue and Bowen Avenue. George Andrews was a successful businessman and prominent citizen of Woodstown.

George M. Andrews



Geo. M. Andrews

George M. Andrews was born on December 7, 1848 to James and Elizabeth Andrews in Greenwich. He and his family were members of the Society of Friends and attended meeting in Greenwich. The family eventually moved from Greenwich to a farm they owned near Salem when George was a small boy. The family later moved to a farm near Woodstown where George was able to attend the Bacon Academy.

In 1866, at the age of eighteen, George M. Andrews walked into Omar Borton's Drugstore in Woodstown and was hired as a clerk. After working as a clerk for seven years, Andrews entered into a partnership with Borton in 1873. Following Borton's retirement in 1891, Andrews became the sole owner of the business which expanded rapidly under his management.

In 1902, Andrews expanded his business by opening a store in Salem near Broadway and New Market Street. In 1913, Andrews was joined in the business by his son William H. Andrews. They were partners until George retired in 1919.

George was President of the New Jersey Pharmaceutical Association in 1909, a member of the Woodstown Chamber of Commerce and on the Pilesgrove Board of Education for nineteen years. George was also a charter member and organizer of the Woodstown Sewer Company.

George Andrews and his family lived in the house at the corner of East Avenue and Grant Street. His first wife was Caroline P. Colson and they had four children, Frank C., William H., Joseph C. and Mabel. Caroline died in 1911. George's second wife was Rachel French.



George Andrews died in the summer of 1925.

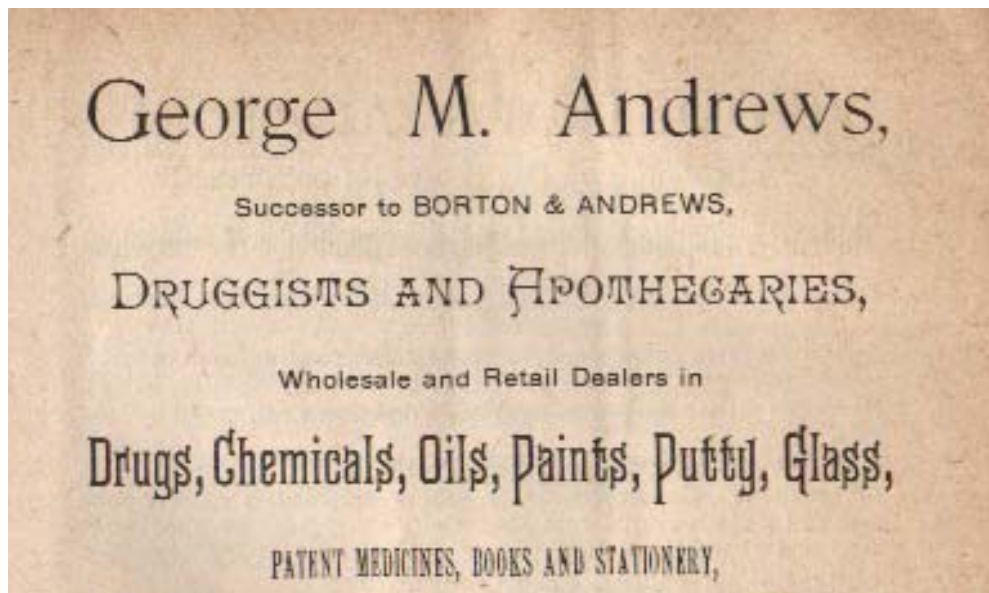
George and his son Frank C. Andrews owned and operated a large lumber company in Phoenixville, Pennsylvania. Mabel Andrews married Carlton Moore of Daretown, New Jersey.



building was erected.

William H. Andrews was born in 1879 attended school in Woodstown and obtained a degree in Pharmacy from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy in 1900. Following graduation William worked as an assistant to his father until 1902 when they became partners. That year the partners opened a store in Salem. In 1913 the partners built a new, three story high building at Broadway and Market Street. The business in Salem was known as William H. Andrews and Company.

Joseph Colson Andrews was born in 1885 and followed his brother through school in Woodstown and the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and received his degree in 1906. Joseph worked for his father as a clerk until 1913 when they became partners and the business name was changed to George M. Andrews and Son. In 1924, Joseph formed a partnership with Clinton F. Avis and took over the C. & C. Drug Company in Elmer that became known as Andrews and Avis. Joseph was also a Director of the Woodstown National Bank and was the chairman of the building committee when the new bank



The advertisement, shown above, was placed in a program for the West Jersey Agricultural and Horticultural Association Fair held in 1892. Information for this article is from the library and files at the Historical Society.

Museum

Persons or families that may have antiques or interesting articles that they might be willing to have on display, either as a loan or gift, may call Elizabeth Myers at 856-358-7853. The Society is also interested in any historical records or books pertaining to Pilesgrove or Woodstown.

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