

# 1900's

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Population	USA	FANWOOD
	75,994,575	399

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## Mayors of Fanwood

ALFRED McKOWAN 1902  
FRANK D. WARREN 1903-1905  
WRIGHT BABCOCK 1906-1907  
BURTON H. HALL 1908-1909

## Life in Fanwood

Edward Hand, George Kyte and Hans Lambertson had the first private telephone lines in the borough . . . the Rotary club was founded . . . Dr. Westcott used a horse and buggy to make house calls in the borough for a dollar fifty per visit . . . the south west corner of Fanwood was known as "Wolf Harbor" . . . the sections of town below Paterson Road were once ponds, which afforded fine ice skating . . . Augustus Sheelen was appointed marshal and paid 50 cents per arrest . . . Fanwood had three lumber yards and the same number of blacksmith shops . . . the borough leased two rooms in new fire house for municipal offices and police department . . . vacationers from the city came to Fanwood to enjoy the country life . . . Charles Sheelen was elected fire chief and served for the next 29 years . . . most of Fanwood was woods and farms.

## Tunes of the Times

Give My Regards To Broadway — Let Me Call You Sweetheart — When Irish Eyes Are Smiling — Oh, Sweet Mystery Of Life — In Old New York — Mother Machree — The Side Walks Of New York — Sweet Adeline.

## Movies and Actors

The Count of Monty Cristo — The Great Train Robbery — Life Of An American Fireman — Pick Pocket. Actress Florence Lawrence becomes first American actor to be known by her own name.



*The wooden bridge at Sheelen's crossing in 1910. It was a beautiful white washed structure connecting the North and South sides of the borough.*

## Signs of the Times

**1901**

Fanwood Mayoral election ends in tie, council president serves as acting Mayor

**1902**

Fanwood Library Incorporated

**1903**

Wright Brothers flew their first flight at Kitty Hawk North Carolina

**1905**

Scribe was the bi-weekly newspaper of School #1 in Fanwood Township

**1909**

Robert E. Perry reached the North Pole.