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# The Castle Genie

NEWSLETTER OF THE GENEALOGY CLUB

Passaic County Historical Society, Lambert Castle, Valley Road, Paterson, New Jersey 07503

## A SHORT HISTORY OF LAUREL GROVE CEMETERY TOTOWA, New Jersey

It is true that Totowa once appeared in the Guinness Book of World Records for having more deceased citizens than living ones. With a present population of slightly over ten thousand residents, Laurel Grove's numbers top this alone by over eight times (85,000 interred). Totowa has five cemeteries which is the maximum allowed by New Jersey State Title 8:A, (1971) New Jersey Cemetery Law. Of these five, Laurel Grove is larger and performs more funerals than the other four combined.

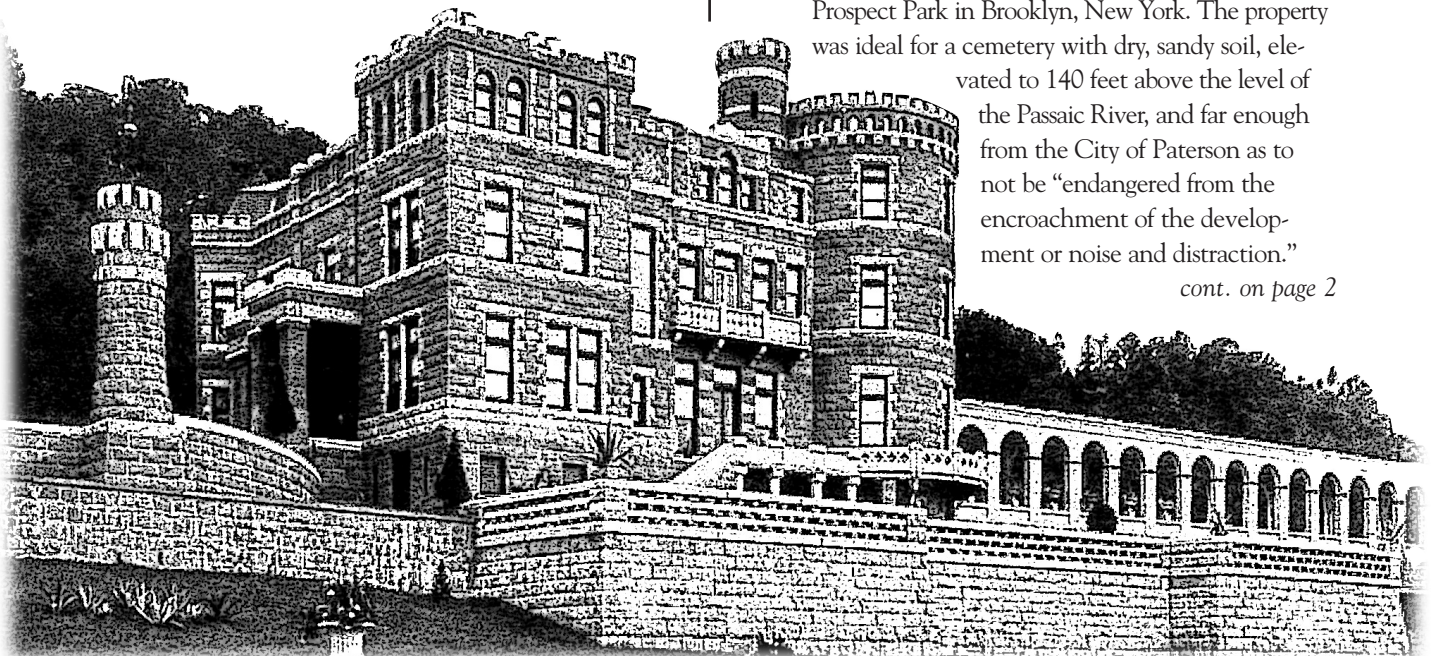
In the 1870's, a group of Paterson businessmen bought several farms in the area. This land surrounded by the Passaic River on the east and south, what is now Totowa Road on the north, and the current Dewey Ave on the west. Since this was done prior to the establishment of Totowa Borough, this area was called Manchester County as was the Totowa section of Paterson, Prospect Park, Haledon, and North Haledon.

An act of the state and general assembly of the State of New Jersey issued a charter on March 22, 1872 to establish the Laurel Grove Cemetery Company. The company was originally organized by James A. MORRISSE of Paterson. The original 200 acres were owned by the estates of William F. HEINS, Hermine F. KRAUER, Prudential Insurance Company, and George VAN HOUTEN. Its boundaries at that time were the Passaic River which flows next to it for one and one road. The original address was Cemetery Office, Preakness Road, Manchester Township, New Jersey.

The original directors of the cemetery were John J. HINDLE, Hiram GOULD, Albert A. VAN VOORHIES, Joseph R. BALDWIN, Alpheus S. ALLEN, John BEAUMONT, George J. HOPPER, Garret A. HOBERT, and James W. ENSIGN. The cemetery was designed by John Y. CULYER who at the time had twenty years experience as the landscaping engineer and superintendent of

Prospect Park in Brooklyn, New York. The property was ideal for a cemetery with dry, sandy soil, elevated to 140 feet above the level of the Passaic River, and far enough from the City of Paterson as to not be "endangered from the encroachment of the development or noise and distraction."

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## Club News

The Passaic County Historical Society Genealogy Club holds meetings 10:00 a.m. at Lambert Castle Museum on the second Saturday of the month from September through May (unless otherwise specified).

Meeting dates for the 2007-2008 year are as follows and programs will be announced as they become known:

### Saturday, April 12, 2008

Meeting has been cancelled due to the Bergen County Genealogy Club Seminar. (See details below)

### Saturday, May 10, 2008

#### **"Using 21st Century Technology To Trace Your Ancestors" A Genealogy Seminar**

Sponsored by the Genealogical Society of Bergen County

Featuring

Dr. Stephen P. Morse & David M. Kleiman

Two highly respected authorities in the field of genealogy will explore the latest technology and techniques to expand your research and locate information and leads.

**Saturday, April 12, 2008**  
**9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

Bergen Community College  
 Moses Family Meeting and Training Center  
 400 Paramus Road, Paramus, NJ

General Registration: \$30 by March 24,  
 \$35 after March 24

For additional information and registration form,  
 visit GSBC web site [www.njgsbc.org](http://www.njgsbc.org).

For questions or brochure, call Geri Mola at 201-797-2109  
 or write to [Gerimola@aol.com](mailto:Gerimola@aol.com).

## The Passaic County Historical Society Lambert Castle, Paterson, NJ

### Museum Hours:

1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday & Friday  
 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday & Sunday

### Library Hours:

1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday & Friday  
 1 to 4 p.m. the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the month

### Admission:

Adults - \$5.00  
 Senior Citizens (65+) - \$4.00  
 Children ages 5-17 - \$3.00  
 Children under age 5 - No Charge

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Admission to the Museum is free for all members of the Passaic County Historical Society during the 10-month exhibition period. Members may use the Library at no charge throughout the entire year. Library patrons are invited to tour the museum and museum visitors are free to use the library (during regularly scheduled library hours).

## Laurel Grove Cemetery *cont. from page 1*

An island in the center of the Passaic River was included in the cemetery property. This area was set up as a picnic and beach area for Laurel Grove visitors since outings to the cemetery at that time were an all day event. Visitors came by electric car, trolley, steamboat, and railroad. This island was eventually donated to Passaic County to be used as a park along with the area which is now a borough pumping station.

In the fall of 1873 there was a "national financial panic," or crash in the market. This caused the cemetery development to be postponed until the summer of 1887. A 14 year delay. The translocation of Sandy Hill Cemetery in Paterson also sparked new interest in Laurel Grove. Final development was initiated, lots started being available for sale as of April, 1888.

The first interment was made on June 22, 1888. At this time, NJ state senator James C. HINCHLIFF was appointed as a director of the company. He later became President of the cemetery, and bought out the majority of the partners. Since this time, the HINCHLIFF family has maintained control/management up to the present day. Paul and Geraldine DESBIENS along with their daughters Kristen and Alexandra DESBIENS who are the fourth and fifth generation of the family owners respectively and Totowa residents.

In the early 1900s, a community mausoleum was built with the first entombment in 1912. The Memorial Park area was purchased and developed in the 1920s with a beautiful chapel which was built and dedicated in 1939. This expanded the cemetery to approximately 200 acres, Totowa's largest land owners. For many years, a well renowned organist, Warren YATES, performed concerts in the chapel with local choirs every Sunday. In the early 1970s after the Totowa United Methodist Church burned to the ground, Laurel Grove again opened its doors to the community and allowed the congregation to use its chapel for as long as they needed it. The chapel exterior was completely renovated in 1994 and once again is used regularly for funerals, memorial services, concerts, and weddings.

In 1994, the first phase of the spirit of the Resurrection Mausoleum was dedicated by Mayor Jack MASKLEE and the area clergy. The second phase of the facility was completed in the fall of 1997. In the spring of 1995, the mayor and council approached Laurel Grove for use of some unused land to create a new ball field park area for use of our borough residents. Having great respect and strong community, Laurel Grove was happy to assist. This property shall be used in this manner until Laurel Grove must use it to serve the community in another manner.

A crematory was opened in 1996, making Laurel Grove a full service facility. The directors feel that such a facility will perpetually augment the cemetery's preservation trust fund which is already one of the largest in the tri-state area. This is very important in the operation of a cemetery, allowing it to operate and maintain its beauty long after all the ground has been utilized.

As of current record, Laurel Grove Cemetery has performed over 85,000 burials and is presently performing about 1800 funerals per year, and continuing to grow with the changing needs of the community.

# POMPTON LAKES HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION SYNOPSIS OF OLD DEEDS

– DONATED BY MILDRED WOOD

By Marge HANNAN

**1. FROM: Dr. William COLFAX and his wife, Hester,  
Feb. 1872.**

**TO: Daniel H. WOOD of Massachusetts and Hezekiah  
WATKUIS of the state of New York.**

Property in Wayne, Passaic County. 51 acres "more or less," price \$6,486. "Beginning at a point by the intersection of the westerly line of a certain byroad..." Also included "the right to use such byroad." Recorded in the Passaic County clerk's office in Book L4 of Deeds p. 447 by John BLAUVELT. Written on stationary purchased at H. Anistice Co. 23 Nassau St., New York. Signed by Dr. and Mrs. COLFAX, Mr. WOOD, and Mr. WATKUIS

**2. FROM: Major William COLFAX and Dr. William COLFAX  
TO: Daniel H. WOOD and Hezekiah WATKUIS**

Permission to construct and build on lands owned by William COLFAX. Sealed and delivered by Benjamin ROOME, Master in Chancery, State of NJ, Feb. 1872. Price \$10. Signed by Major COLFAX, Dr. COLFAX, Mr. WOOD, and Mr. WATKUIS.

**3. FROM: Peter SCHUYLER and his wife, Rachel, April 24, 1832.**

**TO: Giles POOL of Franklin, Bergen County.**

Price \$400. Property in Saddle River. Contains seven acres located "in the line of Adoniam SCHUYLER at a large white oak stump standing on the west side Preakness Road to the road that leads to Ryer RYERSON's." Written on a form printed by D. BURNETT, Paterson, NJ. Signed by Mr. and Mrs. SCHUYLER and Mr. POOL. Recorded by John BLAUVELT and Henry HAGERMAN.

**4. FROM: Richard TICE**

**TO: Abraham LUKE Sept. 5, 1833.**

Property in the Township of Pompton, Bergen County. Price \$10. "At a place called Weynokee which lot is particularly known by the name of the Factory Saw Mill. Lot bounded on the north by lands of Ely Halmagh VAN WAGONER, to the

south by lands of Cornelius VAN WAGONER, on the west by lands of Martin J. RYERSON.....to contain ten acres more or less." Signed by Mr. TICE, Mr. LUKE, as well as Eliza BALDWIN and William COLFAX. Written on a form printed by DEY and WARREN, Paterson.

**5. FROM: Jonas SMITH and wife Eliza of Orange.**

**TO: Peter G. DOREMUS of Saddle River.**

April 1, 1831. Price \$48.45 Property in Saddle River. 4 acres. Recorded by B.M. HADSEY. Written on a form printed by John TUTTLE & Co., Newark. Cost \$1. To be recorded. Signed by Mr. and Mrs. SMITH and Mr. DOREMUS.

**6. FROM: John POST and his wife, Anne. May 1, 1795.**

**TO: Cornelius VAN WINKLE.**

Price 45 pounds. Property in Paterson "beginning at the southwest corner of a ten acre lot of Cornelius VAN WINKLE at the Passaic River....6 acres more or less." Filed Feb 22, 1873, John H. BLAUVELT, clerk.

**7. FROM: Joseph BELLOTZ and wife, Messiah.**

**TO: Benjamin MOLZ.**

Jan 10, 1829. Property in Pompton. Fee \$10. Deed to the "Homestead Farm." Signed by Mr. and Mrs. BELLOTZ and Mr. MOLZ.

**8. FROM: Phillip SCHUYLER of Saddle River**

**TO: Adoniam SCHUYLER of Pompton.**

March 8, 1807. Property was part of a farm belonging to Arent SCHUYLER in Pompton. "Beginning from a heap of stones.... to the middle of the river....and the lot known as Pompton Swamp." 243 acres. Signed by all SCHUYLER's. Witnessed by George RYERSON and Arent SCHUYLER. Recorded in Passaic County July 26, 1870 in Book X4 of Deeds, Page 12720, by J.W. BLAUVELT, clerk.

# OUT OF THE MAILBAG

It is gratifying when we hear that our posts in the "Folk Finder" column of The Castle Genie have been a helpful resource to family historians. Member Pat QUINN writes us with a success story resulting from a query submitted to the "Folk Finder". She writes:

**"Thanks to the PCHS Newsletter "Folk Finder" column,** I was able to connect someone looking for family in the Paterson area. (I'm) sending along the e-mails. The phone calls must have (taken place) in between. (Interestingly) We are all "Pat."  
Pat QUINN qshipbottom@aol.com

Following is the original query Pat (QUINN) refers to as it appeared in "The Castle Genie" V17 N1:

HOLTERHOFF: I am looking for information on my third cousin Margaret MCDONNELL who married Frank HOLTERHOFF after 1930. Margaret was born 8 April 1913 in Passaic and died in September 1985 in Clifton. Her parents were Elizabeth A. TOOLE and Peter J. MCDONNELL. Margaret's husband Frank was born 5 Mar 1908 and grew up in Paterson. Frank died in September 1973 in Clifton.

I seek the marriage date of Margaret and Frank and would like to know if they had any children.

Any advice or help would be very much appreciated. Thank you. Submitted by: Pat KING email: pingcking91@xtra.co.nz

After reading this post, Pat QUINN responds and sends this email message to submitter Pat KING:

"Hi! I was reading the Passaic County Historical Society's "Folk Finder" and saw an inquiry about Margaret & Frank HOLTERHOFF. Their son Frank works for (or retired from) the Paterson Board of Education. My cousin's grandmother was a HOLTERHOFF, and she keeps in touch with the family. When I read the article to her, she knew the family (two sons and a daughter—one son died at an early age). She will contact her cousin Madeline HOLTERHOFF (I believe) to get more information and pass the inquiry to her and hopefully on to Frank.

"Hope you will hear from someone soon. There will be a wealth of information from the HOLTERHOFFS, I'm sure. They were an extensive family around the Totowa section of Paterson and its environs. Good luck! I know the problems of tracing the family tree! Hope this helps!" Pat Quinn qshipbottom@aol.com

And submitter Pat KING later responds with gratitude to Pat QUINN:

Dear Pat (Quinn):

"I just wanted to say thank you to you and the Passaic County Historical Society.

"I have heard from Pat, and she has told me a lot about my TOOLE family and the MCDONNELL and HOLTERHOFF connection. In fact, she has covered everything, so we are all really pleased. I, in turn, have given her a lot of research in respect of the early TOOLE's, and we now have many, many cousins down many lines.

"If you have the opportunity, please will you pass on my appreciation on to the Society. I am sure that without your help it probably would have remained too hard to complete in respect of the MCDONNELL / HOLTERHOFF branch. From me to you THANK YOU!" Kindest regards and best wishes, Pat (King)

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**PCHS member Marge HANNAN** (who also serves with the Pompton Lakes Preservation Commission) writes us regarding old deeds that the Commission came into possession of. She writes:

"Thank you for publishing my articles on Old School Records of Pompton Lakes. I hope the membership found them useful and interesting. I have not had time as yet to continue condensing any more.

"I am, however, sending you a copy of a synopsis of some old deeds that were donated to the commission by a long-time resident who used to work in a lawyer's office. She said they were going to be destroyed when the lawyer retired, and she asked could she have them to give to the Commission. They are in our possession and will remain there until we can find a permanent, safe home for them in the future." Yours truly, Marge Hannan (Synopsis of these old deeds are found on Page 3)

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**Mr. Shaun CHEYNE, a retired genealogist from Lisburn** emails our library research volunteers. He writes:

"I am a retired genealogist and historical researcher, having been living in Lisburn for over forty years, I have always wondered what are the family links with Paterson, New Jersey. The Barbour Mill in Lisburn and Paterson, Lisburn families emigrating there mostly during 1860 – 1890 period, surely there must be strong Ulster-American historical research projects. I think it is time to research the possible strong historical and genealogical links between Lisburn and Paterson, surely benefiting both communities?

I have possibly the best access to genealogical records in the Lisburn area and am willing to research immigrants from Lisburn/Belfast area to Paterson or having connections with Barbour Mills." Yours sincerely, Shaun P. CHEYNE, B.A.  
email: shaunpcheyne@binternet.com

# IN SEARCH OF PASSAIC COUNTY RESIDENT PFC HAROLD A. BAKER, KIA WWII

## AMERICAN MILITARY CEMETERY, HENRI-CHAPELLE BELGIUM

My name is Rick Mommers. I am 21 years old and living in The Netherlands.

At the American Military Cemetery Henri-Chapelle (Belgium), I adopted 7 graves of American soldiers. They were fighting for our freedom during the Second World War. One of them is Pfc. Harold A. BAKER (G/327 GIR). I (have) also built a website for my adopted soldiers. The address is [www.heroesforever.nl](http://www.heroesforever.nl)

I hereby want to ask you if you maybe can help me to gather more information about the soldier whose grave I have adopted. Of course, I now have a lot of questions about Harold A. BAKER, and the role he fulfilled in the WWII.

I am pointing on information like; what did he look like (in uniform)? Maybe you could photocopy me several photographs of him of what he looked like through the few years, so I can frame them. (I wonder) how he spent his youth...at what base did he have his education...what kind of hobbies he had...the way he died...how he was as soldier...(as example, brave?)...and how he was as person? (I would like to know) if he was married or did he have a girlfriend or children and how the weather conditions where during his fights? Did he also make it through man against man fights? How was he during his training and leave? And (I have) so many other questions that I forgot to ask you about him and so on.

As you can see, there are so many things I would like to know about Harold A. BAKER, that it is too much to write down.

I would like to ask you if it is possible to help me find answers to the above mentioned questions. Hopefully, it is also possible to receive some pictures of him, copies of some documents, and maybe correspond with some of his relatives.

This past summer I went to Normandy and visited most places where Pfc. BAKER fought.

I (have) enclosed more information about the soldier.

Harold A. BAKER

Private First Class, U.S. Army

Service # 32303571

Company G, 327th GIR, 101st Airborne Division

Entered the Service from: Passaic County, New Jersey

Died: January 13, 1945 (Belgium)



Harold Baker served in 'G' Company, 327th Glider Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division from March 1943 until he died. The base then was at SENS, France. Harold was in the 3rd platoon which was the 30 cal (air cooled) machine gun section and the 60 mm mortar section.

Harold served in the machine gun section; they had 2 squads of 5 men each. The machine gun members carried the 30 cal carbine with folding stock. Baker was an ammo bearer, but they all took turns on the gun at different times.

He served in Normandy (they did not go into Normandy by Glider — the 2nd Battalion, 327th landed by boat at UTAH BEACH in the early afternoon of D+1.), Holland, and the 'Battle of the Bulge' with some replacements. The other squad was lost at Marvie outside of Bastogne in the fighting in December 1944. The bodies of these soldiers have never been found. Thier names are listed on the wall at the 'Ardennes Cemetery' near Liege as 'Missing in Action.'

Harold was a good soldier who could be depended upon, and he did the things he was trained to do. Stay alert, be careful, and stay awake at night. He never went on patrols with the machine gun.

Riflemen and B.A.R. men were used on patrols.

When Harold Baker was killed by friendly fire, Denis PARSONS (Harold BAKER's buddy) was in the hospital at Bar Le Duc, France with frozen feet from the Bulge. The friendly fire was 'close air support' by a 250 lb bomb as the troops were advancing.

Mr. Denis PARSONS does not know anything of Harold's private life. He was not married, but he doesn't know anything about but brothers, sisters, or a girlfriend.

Buried at: Plot H Row 15 Grave 31  
Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery  
Henri-Chapelle, Belgium  
Awards: Purple Heart

I really hope to receive an answer on this letter. I was searching on Internet and hoped to find some information about him but, unfortunately, without any results. You are my last hope to help me. It would be nice to know more about the person whose grave I take care of and lay flowers upon.

I am thanking you in advance and look forward to your reply.

With kind regards, Rick Mommers.

email: [rickmommers@msn.com](mailto:rickmommers@msn.com)

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**HAROLD A. BAKER** *cont. from page 5*

THE HERALD-NEWS, PASSAIC, N.J.

**Baker Missing in Belgium**  
Glider Infantryman Overseas 17 Months

Arthur Baker, 171 Union Avenue, has been notified by the War Department that his son, Private First Class, Harold A Baker, a glider infantryman in the 101st Airborne Division, has been missing in action in Belgium since January 13. Private Baker, 31 years old, was born in Wallington, and entered service in May 1942. He went overseas seventeen months ago after training at Camp Croft, SC; Camp Clayborne, LA, and Fort Brag, NC. He was formerly with United Wool Piece Dyeing and Finishing Company, Passaic. The last letter received from him was written December 17 in France.

*(Editors note: I was touched when I read this email query from this fine young man in the Netherlands. It is comforting to know that there are caring individuals across the water such as Mr. Mommers who give of themselves and honor our nations war dead. ~Mj~)*

**BAKER Family Descendant Report****(1) Jan BAKKER**

d. 1845, Goedereede, Zuid-Holland, Netherlands  
& Annetje VAN SETERS

**(2) Jan / John BAKKER**

b. Jan 17, 1845, Goedereede, Zuid-Holland, NL  
d. Apr 7, 1919, Passaic Co., New Jersey  
bur. Lodi Cemetery, Lodi, Bergen Co., New Jersey  
& Jacomijntje TANIS  
b. Jul 29, 1845, Ouddorp, Zuid-Holland, NL  
d. Sep 26, 1903, Wallington, Bergen Co., New Jersey  
bur. Lodi Cemetery, Lodi, Bergen Co., New Jersey  
m. Aug 16, 1867, Lodi, Bergen Co., New Jersey

**(3) Anna BAKKER**

b. Jul 16, 1869, Lodi, Bergen Co., New Jersey  
d. Apr 1, 1930, New Jersey

**& Cornelius KOOLE**

m. May 2, 1894, New Jersey

**(3) Arthur BAKKER**

b. Feb 9, 1872, Lodi, Bergen Co., New Jersey  
d. Aug 14, 1872, Lodi, Bergen Co., New Jersey

**(3) Aaron aka. "Arrie, Orrie, Arthur" BAKKER**

b. Mar 11, 1874, Lodi, Bergen Co., New Jersey  
d. Feb 6, 1955, New Jersey

**& Jennie / Jane VAN HOOK**

b. Sep 1877, Lodi, Bergen Co., New Jersey  
d. Jul 15, 1934, New Jersey  
m. May 15, 1894, Bergen Co., New Jersey

**(4) John BAKKER**

b. Mar 1895, New Jersey

*cont. next column***(4) Mary BAKKER**

b. Oct 1896, New Jersey

**(4) Jermina BAKKER**

b. Jan 1898, New Jersey

**(4) Jacob BAKKER**

b. Feb 1900, New Jersey

**(4) Cornelius BAKKER**

b. 1903, New Jersey

**(4) Leonard BAKKER**

b. 1904, New Jersey

**(4) Helen BAKKER**

b. 1906, New Jersey

**(4) Clarence BAKKER**

b. 1909, New Jersey

**(4) Nelson BAKKER**

b. 1911, New Jersey

**(4) Harold A. BAKKER**

b. 1914, Wallington, Bergen Co., New Jersey  
d. 1945

**(4) Raymond BAKKER**

b. 1914, New Jersey

**(4) Evelyen J. BAKKER**

b. 1917, New Jersey

**(4) Dorothy C. BAKKER**

b. 1920, New Jersey

**(3) John BAKKER**

b. Nov 13, 1876, Lodi, Bergen Co., New Jersey  
d. Jul 6, 1881, Lodi, Bergen Co., New Jersey

**(3) Elizabeth "Libbie" BAKKER**

b. Jan 25, 1881, Lodi, Bergen Co., New Jersey  
d. Nov 7, 1939, New Jersey

**& Pieter JANSSEN (JOHNSON)**

m. May 29, 1901, New Jersey

**(3) Jannetje Henrietta "Jennie" BAKKER**

b. Jan 28, 1883, Lodi, Bergen Co., New Jersey  
d. Nov 20, 1964, New Jersey

**& Garret HENGEVELD****(3) Agnes BAKKER**

b. Jul 29, 1886, Lodi, Bergen Co., New Jersey  
d. Jul 18, 1934, New Jersey

**& John TANIS**

m. May 25, 1910, New Jersey

**(3) Agnes BAKKER**

b. Jul 29, 1886, Lodi, Bergen Co., New Jersey  
d. Jul 18, 1934, New Jersey

**& Henry Ewema****(3) John Cornelius BAKKER**

b. Jul 24, 1889, Lodi, Bergen Co., New Jersey  
d. Nov 4, 1923, New Jersey

**(2) Cornelius BAKKER**

## FOLK FINDER

The Folk Finder Column is devoted to helping genealogical researchers locate Northern New Jersey ancestors/descendants. We invite researchers to submit requests for help, inquiries about family names, or queries concerning the exchange of information. Inquiries may be e-mailed to <pchsgc@yahoo.com>. Queries by mail should be sent to "Folk Finder," Passaic County Historical Society, Lambert Castle Museum, Valley Road, Paterson, New Jersey 07503.

If you can help any of our submitters, please contact them directly.

**1. BAKER:** Seek information (photos, living family members, personal/military detail) on Purple Heart recipient Pfc Harold A. BAKER, killed in action 1945 January 13 in Belgium. BAKER was a Passaic County resident and is buried at Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery, Belgium. (See article on page 5 & 6 for full detail.)

Submitted by: Rick MOMMERS, Netherlands. Email: rickmommers@msn.com

**2. DEL PIANO / DEPIANO:** Rosina Goia DEL PIANO (age 22), and Rinaldo her son (age 2) arrived at Port New York from Serino Avellino 19 January 1915 on board the Ancona. Her husband Domenico R. DEL PIANO was already in the US, living with relatives in Bridgeport CT.

Domenico registered for the draft 5 June 1917 and the family still lived in Bridgeport. They dropped the "I" changing their name to DEPIANO.

In September 1918, they had moved to Paterson and lived 70 Butler Street. Domenico R. Sr. was a Dyers Helper at Gadies Silk Dye Company on River Street. They had four more children: Dominic R., Jr. (b. 1915), William (b. unk) Marie (b. 1918), Adeline (b. 1920) and Angelina (b. unk).

Domenic Sr. once again registered for the draft 25 April 1942 (age 59). He worked at Printex Silk Dye Company, and he and Rose still lived at 70 Butler Street. Domenic Sr. died in 1961, and Rose lived until 1970.

Using ancestry.com, I have turned the 1920 and 1930 census for Paterson every way but lose and cannot find a census listing for Dominic, Rose, or any combination of the kids: Leonard, Dominic, Jr., William, Marie, Adeline and Angelina.

What am I missing here?

If you could put me in touch with a genealogist for hire, I would be most grateful. In our city, we can go to the street, then find the address. I found a Butler Street in Passaic, by hunting and pecking, however there was not a full street listing.

<http://content.ancestry.com/Browse/view.aspx?dbid=6224&path=New+Jersey.Passaic.Paterson.24.38&sid=&gskw=&cr=1>

Thanking you in advance for the gift of your time and reply.

Submitted by: Jacqueline C. DAFFRON email: raggedypal@aol.com

**3. COOKAROO:** Seek origin & information on the COOKAROO family. Nicholas COOKAROO. Born abt. 1751 in NJ. Nicholas died in Saddle River Twsp., Bergen Co., NJ, August, 1815; 64y. Nicholas, m. Peterye VAN BLARCOM. They had the following children: (1) Rachel, b. 1766, m. 1790, Henry PERRIN. (2) Jannetje, b. abt 1768, bpt. Mar 13, 1768, Paramus Ref Ch, Paramus, Bergen Co., NJ. (3) Elizabeth, b. abt 1770, m. May 27, 1798, Johannes JACOBUS. (4) Joseph "Josie" b. abt 1772, m. May 15, 1796, Selley (Sarah) VREREXE (FREDERICKS, Joseph and Sarah had a number of children who were bpt. at Pompton Plains Ref. Church. (5) Hendrick (Henry) (1775-1865), m. Elisabeth BAYARD (BOGERT?). (6) Areyaenthe (Harriet). b. May 1, 1781 in NJ, bpt. May 20, 1781 in Old Dutch Church, Totowa, Paterson, NJ. (7) Nicholas, b. 1788, m. Anna JACOBUS, their son Abraham, m. Adeline BELL and went by the surname COCHRANE. (8) Hannah (1788-1870), m. abt 1810, Cornelius I. POST, they lived in Preakness (Wayne), NJ. (9) Margaret (Polly), b. Feb 17, 1796, NJ, bpt. Mar 2, 1796 in Old Dutch Church, Totowa, Paterson, NJ. m. Oct 23, 1839, John VAN HOUTEN. Other spellings of this surname found in church, wills and census records are: Cookaroo, Coocharow, Cockero, Cookreau(x), Cokoro, Cockoro, Cocoroo, Cocoro, Cocoru, Cocuro, Conoro, Cochran, Cuchenan, Kocoro, Kookeroe, Kuckaroo, Kockarold. The COOKAROO families lived in the Paramus, Bergen Co., Paterson & Preakness (Wayne), Passaic Co. and Pompton Plains & Boonton, Morris Co. areas of NJ.

Submitted by: Bob Hazekamp email: rhazekampwegmanassociates.com

The following article appeared in the "Clifton Journal," Friday, November 30, 2007

## COUNTY AWARDED FIRST FOR EXCELLENCE

PATERSON – The County of Passaic had been awarded first place in the category of "Public Access to Historical Records (pre-1925)" in the PARIS Awards for Excellence program.

Nina Mitchell Wells, New Jersey Secretary of State and Karl Niederer, director of DARM (New Jersey Division of Archives and Records Management), presented the awards in the New Jersey General Assembly Chambers.

Passaic County used a grant of \$791,340 to preserve, conserve, and reformat records held by the County clerk, surrogate, and sheriff. The county imaged historical records including naturalizations, name changes, estate files, and criminal identification records, dating back to the county's founding in 1837.

Approximately 2,500,000 images of these records are now available electronically, with more than a dozen public access terminals located in the offices of the County surrogate and clerk.

The County Surrogates office imaged and microfilmed probate and estate records dating from 1837, as part of this project, and the historical records have been retired from public use, protecting them from unnecessary handling. The former index card system has been retired and index information is now available via computer.

The County clerk's office has imaged and microfilmed records of name changes and naturalization records from 1837 through 1987. The original bound volumes of these records are now retired from public use and the information is available electronically via computer.

The recipients of the award to Passaic County are Karen Brown, County clerk, William Bate, County Surrogate, Jerry Speziale, County sheriff, and Fran Purciello, project manager.

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