

## ***RESEARCH NOTES – HARRY JAMES BAKER***

### **8 SEP 1916 BIRTH**

Source: Registration of birth document held by Wendy Baker from Harry's effects

Name: Harry James Baker

Date of Birth: 8 September 1916

Entry No. 185

Bk. No. 41

District: Camberwell (England)

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### **28 JAN 1917 BAPTISM**

Source: Certificate held by Wendy Baker from Harry's effects

BAKER, Harry James

Baptism Certificate: (Page 26 No. 202)

Dated 10th October 1951.

True copy of baptism of Harry James Thomas Baker in the Register of Baptisms for Parish of Camberwell.

Baptism solemnized in Parish of Camberwell in Diocese of Southwark, County of London in the Year 1917.

Date of birth: 8th September 1916

Baptized: 28th January 1917.

Child's Name: Harry James Thomas.

Parents' Names: Harry Samuel and Florence Isabel

Surname: Baker

Abode: 6 Selborne Rd.

Father's profession: Soldier.

Sacrament: A.C. Goldfinch, curate.

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### **APR 1930 SCHOOL AWARD**

Source: Certificate, together with watercolour paintbox, held by Valerie Bubner (nee Baker) from Harry's effects.

“London County Council – The Downham Central School – Awarded to Harry Baker for Proficiency in Art – April 1930. Signed: J. H. Burden, Head Teacher”

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### **1930-1932 SCHOOL ART**

Source: Downham Central School Magazine held by Wendy Baker from Harry's effects

Various artworks of Harry's (woodcuts) published in school magazines

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### **1931 SCHOOL PREFECT**

Source: Downham Central School Magazine held by Wendy Baker from Harry's effects

Photograph of Harry Baker as Prefect.

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### **10 OCT 1934 APPRENTICESHIP**

Source: Copy of Certificate held by Wendy Baker from Harry's effects.

This document shows that Harry served two years as an unindentured apprentice and three years indentured to J. Stone & Company Limited, working in the Heavy Machine Shop, the

Heavy Fitting Shop, the Tool Room Planning Department (including 12 months on the Board), and in the Tool Room. It was signed by A.J.S. Brown (Works Manager) and J. Prestige (Director).

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#### 1940 TECHNOLOGICAL CERTIFICATE

Source: Certificate held by Wendy Baker from Harry's effects.

“City & Guilds of London Institute – Department of Technology – This is to certify that Harry James Baker has passed the final examination in Mechanical Engineers’ Estimates & Specifications in the First Class and having satisfied the Institute of his knowledge of allied branches of Science or Art, has been awarded a Full Technological Certificate. Signed W. French, Superintendent, 1940. No. 79”

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#### 26 FEB 1941 ANTI-GAS CERTIFICATE

Source: Certificate held by Wendy Baker from Harry's effects

“Metropolitan Borough of Lewisham, Town Hall, Catford S.E.

This is to certify that H. J. Baker of 60 Brangbourne Rd SE6 has completed a course of Anti-Gas Training held under the auspices of the Council of the Metropolitan Borough of Lewisham and has acquired sufficient knowledge of anti-gas measures to act as an air raid warden.

Nature of course attended – full course.

Signed: E.A. Jordan (instructor) and John T. Duff (Course Clerk)

Date: 26 Feb 1941”

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#### 26 FEB 1941 AIR RAID WARDEN

Source: Certificate held by Wendy Baker from Harry's effects.

“Metropolitan Borough of Lewisham – AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS – This is to certify H. J. Baker 60, Brangbourne Rd Bromley has been duly appointed as an Air Raid Warden. This is his authority to carry out the duties laid upon wardens by the Lewisham Borough Council. Signed – John T. Duff. Date of issue of card 2 July 1941. Date of appointment of warden 26 Feb 1941. Signature of Harry, J. Baker.”

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#### 11 SEP 1943 MARRIAGE

Source: Certificate held by Wendy Baker from Harry's effects

BAKER, Harry James and SPOTSWOOD, Mabel Doris

Source Reference for Marriage:

Marriage: Certified Copy of Entry of Marriage. (Crown Copyright)

Application No. 234584.

Cert. No. MA392083

True copy of entry in certified copy of Register of Marriages in Registration District of Lewisham. Given at Register Office, Somerset House London on 21st March 1957.

Entry No: 114

Married: 11th September 1943

Name: Harry James Baker

Age: 27

Condition: Bachelor

Profession: Planning Engineer

Address: 60 Brangbourne Rd Bromley

Father's Name: Harry Samuel Baker (Deceased)  
Profession of father: H.M. Forces  
Name: Mabel Doris Spotswood  
Age: 32  
Profession: WAAF  
Address: 57 Brangbourne Rd, Bromley  
Father: Charles Aubrey Spotswood  
Profession of father: Commercial Traveller.  
Marriage solemnized at The Parish Church in the Parish of St. Johns Southend Lewisham in the County of London (Church of England after Banns by me Rev. Charles Youngman)  
Witnesses: Helen M. Spotswood (bride's mother)  
William Soole (groom's step-father)

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#### 14 FEB 1944 FIRST AID CERTIFICATE

Source: Certificate held by Wendy Baker from Harry's effects.  
British Red Cross Society, First Aid Certificate No.A493255 awarded to H. J. Baker

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#### 1944 PHONE DIRECTORY ENTRY

Source Information: Ancestry.com.British Phone Books, 1880-1984 (database on-line)record for Harry J Baker (Directory title: London Surnames A-K, Publication Year 1944)  
Record URL: <http://search.Ancestry.com.au/cgi-bin/sse.dll?h=46118864&db=BT&indiv=1>  
"Baker Harry J, 57 Brangbourne rd Bromley ... HITHr Gn 2136"

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#### 7 AUG 1948 ARRIVAL AT OUTER HARBOR

(Note: This is particularly relevant - Dave Dallwitz in 1960-63 was by coincidence Wendy Clark's art teacher (Wendy later married Harry Baker's son John James Baker on 6 Feb 1971)  
The Mail (Adelaide, SA : 1912 - 1954), Saturday 7 August 1948, page 3  
National Library of Australia <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article55897344>  
"Concert at Wharf in Jazz. Passengers in the Orion were given an impromptu jazz concert band when the ship berthed at Outer Harbor this morning. Dave Dallwitz's Southern Jazz Group lined up on the wharf and played a welcome to Graeme Bell's Australian Jazz Band, which has been touring Europe for the past 12 months and returned in the Orion. Later Bell's band brought their instruments on deck and joined in the concert, while passengers lined the rails and clapped appreciation. Bell's band, returning to Melbourne, went overseas to attend the World Youth Festival in Prague - Later it toured Holland, Belgium, France, and England. 'Matilda' a draw - Australian jazz combinations compared favourably with those overseas, but our symphony orchestras were not as good, said Mr. Bell. Most European countries preferred classical music, but the Australians— particularly when they played 'Waltzing Matilda' — attracted large audiences. The band, now under contract to the A.B.C., had brought back about 50 new jazz numbers, Mr. Bell said. Two of the seven members have returned with full-grown beards. They are Roger Bell, the leader's brother, and Lou Silberei."

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#### 21 APR 1969 AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE FOR NON-DESTRUCTIVE TESTING

Source: Certificate held by Wendy Baker from Harry's effects

“This is to certify that Harry J. Baker was elected Foundation Member of the Australian Institute for Non-Destructive Testing on the 21<sup>st</sup> April 1969. The Seal of the Institute affixed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March 1976. Signed by Federal President, Federal Councillor and the Hon. Secretary.

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#### 22 MAY 1974 NATURALISATION

Source: Certificate held by Wendy Baker from Harry's effects

BAKER, Harry James

Evidentiary Certificate of Australian Citizenship No. 103445

Australian citizen from 22nd May, 1974, ditto as above, dated at Adelaide 23rd September, 1974.

Height 5 ft. 8 inches. Colour of eyes; Blue: Colour of hair; Brown

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#### 1 JUL 2004 NATIONAL TRUST

Source: Certificate held by Wendy Baker from Harry's effects

Harry J Baker received a Certificate of Distinguished Service from the National Trust SA (Victor Harbor Branch) dated 1 July 2004.

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#### 31 MAR 2006 DEATH

Source: Certificate held by Wendy Baker from Harry's effects

BAKER, Harry James

Death Certificate (B.D.&M. Registration Act 1996) South Australia

Registration Number 20165374

Date of Registration: 10th May 2006

Date of Death: 31st March 2006

Place: Ross Robertson Memorial Care Centre Victor Harbor

Children of Deceased:

John James (1944)

Francis William (1946)

Pamela Ann (1951) (Deceased)

Andrew Peter (1953)

Father's Name: Harry Samuel Baker

Mother's Maiden Name: Florence Isabel Sykes

Cause of death:       Septicaemia (1 week)  
                          Infected Sacral Ulcer (months)  
                          Hypertension (years)  
                          Ischaemic Heart Disease (years)  
                          Chronic Renal Failure (years)

Cremation: 11th April 2006

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#### 11 APR 2006 CREMATION

Harry Baker died 31 Mar 2006 and his funeral service was Monday 10 Apr 2006. He was cremated on 11 Apr 2006 at Centennial Park. His ashes were interred in the rose garden at St Augustine's Victor Harbor, near those of his wife Mabel, at a small private ceremony with his three sons John, Frank and Andrew and Harry's friend Rev Dean Barker; however some were scattered by his eldest son John to the sea he loved at Horseshoe Bay Port Elliot

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