

BAKER, JACOB

Birth

February 12, 1805 in Howard,
Center Co., Pennsylvania

Death

November 04, 1887 in Linn
Twp., Warren Co., Iowa

Cause of Death

Cemetery Lot

Buried on Lot 82
Lot was purchased by Jacob Baker Estate on November 10, 1887.

Father

Joseph Baker

Mother

Mary Smith

Marriage

Jacob Baker to Sarah Mains in Pennsylvania in 1827. Sarah died in 1874 and was buried in Howard Cemetery in Howard, Centre Co., Pennsylvania.

Census

1810 –

1820 –

1830 – Howard Twp., Centre Co., Pennsylvania; Page 426

Baker, Jacob

1 male under 5

1 male between 20 thru 29

1 female between 20 thru 29

1840 – Howard Twp., Center Co., PA; Page 150; film #141

Baker, Jacob

2 males under 5

2 males between 5-10



1 male between 10-15
 1 male between 30-40
 1 female between 5-10
 1 female between 30-40

1850 – Howard Twp., Centre Co., PA; Page 180; August 10, 1850
 Dwelling 124; Family 124

Baker, Jacob	45	Justice of Peace	PA
		Real Estate, \$700	
Sarah	42		PA
Sirus	19		PA
Amanda	17		PA
John	15		PA
Joseph	13		PA
Charles	11		PA
Mary	09		PA
Ellen	07		PA
Mitchell	02		PA

1860 – Howard Twp., Centre Co., PA; Post Office, Howard; Page 26; June 8, 1860
 Dwelling 166; Family 168

Baker, Jac	53	Justice of Peace	PA
		Real estate \$8000	
		Personal property \$400	
Sarah	50		PA
Amanda	28		PA
Charles	20		PA
Mary	16		PA
Ellen	14		PA
Smith	13		PA
Mitchell	12		PA

1870 – Howard Twp., Centre Co., PA; Page 548; June 29, 1870
 Dwelling 25; Family 25

Baker, Jacob	65	Justice of Peace	PA
		Real estate \$4650	
		Personal property \$5400	
Sarah M.	63		PA
Thompson M.	22		PA
Amanda E.	37		PA

1880 – Howard Borough, Centre Co., PA; ED 218; Page 79A; June 3, 1880
 Dwelling 34; Family 38

Baker, Jacob	75	WD - Justice of Peace	PA	PA	PA
Mitchell	32	Son - Laborer	PA	PA	PA
Cora	24	Dau-in-law	PA	PA	PA

Irena	04	daughter	PA	PA	PA
Amand	49	daughter	PA	PA	PA

1885 – There was no census for Linn Twp., Warren Co., Iowa in 1885

Iowa, Wills and Probate Records, 1758 – 1997

Warren County

Will Record, Vol A-D, 1865-1902

Probate Date: April 8, 1881

In the name of God, Amen I Jacob Baker of Linn Township Warren County Iowa, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner following to wit:

First – It is my will and I do order that all my just debts and funeral expenses be duly paid and satisfied.

Item – I authorize and empower my executors hereinafter named or the survivor of them to sell at either public or private sale, as to them may seem best for the interests of m estate my real estate in Pike County Illinois and also pother Real Estate of which I may die seized; and to sign seal and deliver all such Deeds and conveyances as may be required to vest good and effectual title or titles in the purchases.

Item – I give and bequeath to my Uncle Christian Smith of the State of Indiana-if living, or to his children if dead-the sum of Three Hundred Dollars, to be paid in one year after my decease.

In my old account book commenced in the year 1843 I have opened advancements accounts with my surviving children and on page 150 have charged my son Hiram Baker with Four Thousand Dollars (\$4000) of an advancement, which I give and bequeath to my said son Hiram Baker; my said son Hiram being indebted to me for balance on sundry notes and a mortgage which if not paid before my death, I require him to pay to my executors.

I have also advanced to my daughter Mary B. Muffly intermarried with J. W. Muffly sundry sums of money - - (Jacob Baker) and Real Estate amounting to Four thousand Dollars (\$4000) see advancement Book Page 151 to P 166 which I give and bequeath to my said daughter Mary B. Muffly.

I have also advanced to my son Thompson M. Baer see advancement Book Page 165 as far receipt the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4000) which I give and bequeath to my said son Thompson M. Baker.

I have also advanced to my daughter Ellen S. Croft intermarried with Thomas Croft sundry sums of money and Real Estate in Howard Borough PA – amounting to Three Thousand and fifty nine and 55/00 dollars (\$3059.55) see advancement Book Pages 163 – which I give and bequeath to my said daughter Ellen S. Croft.

I have advanced to my daughter Amanda Baker, who is an invalid and has no family and now resides with her brother T. M. Baker the sum of Three Hundred Dollars, which I give and bequeath to her I have also advanced One Thousand Dollars (\$1000) to her brother T. M. Baker to lodge, board and take personal care of.

I have subscribed my name and affixed my seal this 8th day of April A.D. 1881

Jacob Baker

Signed sealed published and declared by the testator above named as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have hereunto at his request subscribed our names in his presence and in the presence of each other as witnesses hereto.

Wm. H. Swan
Jno W. Knight
John E. Baker.

State of Iowa
Warren County

I, J. H. Derrough Clerk of the District Court of said County hereby certify that on the 11th day of January A.D. 1888 the annexed instrument, purporting to be the last Will of Jacob Baker decedent, late of Warren County, was upon the hearing thereof by the said court duly allowed and admitted to probate according to law as the last Will of Jacob Baker deceased the execution of the same having been duly proven according to law; and it was further ordered that letters testamentary issue to the executor named therein and that in accordance therewith Hiram Baker, R. G. Arnold and John Kern executors named in said will was appointed to carry the provisions thereof into effect. In Witness Whereof I have herein to set my hand and caused the seal of said court to be affixed this 11th day of January A.D. 1888.

John H. Derrough
Clerk of the District Court

Obituary

[Indianola Weekly Herald, Thursday, November 10, 1887]

In the Pleasant Ridge news items: Jacob Baker, father of Hiram and Mitchell Baker, died last Friday night. He was born in Center Co. Penn., and was eighty two years old at the time of his death. The funeral services were held at The Ridge Church, Sunday, and laid to rest in the cemetery adjoining.

Following is an obituary that was taken from Ancestry:

[Des Moines Register, November 10, 1887]

The Death of Jacob Baker

The death of Jacob Baker, Esq., of Warren County, announced in Sunday's Register, marks the close of a long and most exemplary life. Mr. Baker, or as he was better known to a very large circle of friends at his old home, Esquire Baker, was born at Howard, Penn., February 12, 1805. He was married in 1827 to Sarah Mains, who died in 1874. His family consisted of six sons and three daughters, of whom two sons and all of the daughters survive. Three of the sons died in early manhood and one, Charles, gave his life for his country on the battle field of Antietam. Mr. Baker was a man of spotless integrity, careful and conscientious in business, conservative in his habits, and of more than ordinary intellectual ability. For many years he was the trusted legal and business adviser of an extensive circle of neighbors, although not a lawyer and receiving no

fees for his advice. So unquestioned was his worth in this regard, that for forty-two consecutive years he held the office of Justice of the Peace in his native village, holding an unexpired commission at the time of his removal to Iowa. He lived forty-five years in the house he built soon after his marriage. In 1869 he visited Des Moines and while here, transferred a portion of his estate to Iowa by the purchase of a considerable farm in Linn Township, Warren County, now divided, and owned and occupied by his sons Hiram and T. M. Baker. After the death of his wife, being left without family, save an invalid daughter, all his other children being married, and all save one daughter, Mrs. Ella S. Croft of Lewisburg, being residents of Iowa, he, at the earnest solicitation of these latter, determined to break his old home and sever the associations of a lifetime in order that he might have the ministrations of his children in his last years. He therefore closed up his affairs so far as possible and in 1880 came to this State and has for the seven years past had a comfortable home with his youngest son, T. M. Baker, who with his excellent wife, have been constant in faithful and kindly ministrations which his age and feebleness required. The change of residence had no perceptible effect upon his health, indeed he seemed not to have any disease, but with advancing age his physical strength and mental faculties gradually declined until the machinery seeming to be worn out he quietly passed away surrounded by his children and grandchildren. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for about thirty years. His professions were modest as his life was consistent, and during his later years his interest in religion and his personal piety became constantly more marked, and it was observed that during the last months of his life, while his mind sometimes wandered and became cloudy on ordinary matters he was always clear and strong in his religious thought and experience. His funeral at Pleasant Ridge church on Sunday, November 6th, was conducted by his pastor, Rev. L. Jean, and was attended by a very large concourse of neighbors and friends.

In the Norwalk news items: Jacob Baker, of Pleasant Ridge, was buried in the Pleasant Ridge cemetery last Sunday. He was father of Hiram Baker; age, 84 years.

History of WarrenCounty – 1879; Linn Twp., Warren Co., IA; page 735

Baker, Jacob, farmer, Sec. 17; P. O. Norwalk, Iowa

There is extensive Will and Probate records that can be found on Ancestry about Jacob Baker.