

2023 *CHP* Officers

*Happy 99<sup>th</sup> Birthday*

At CHP's January 2023 meeting, the following members were elected as this year's officers:

- Chairperson..... Walter Seitz
- Vice Chairperson... Thomas A. Jones, Jr.
- Recording Sec..... Jeanne Schoellkopf
- Corresponding Sec.... Peg McMahon
- Treasurer..... Patricia Lillie

The Clayton Historic Preservation wishes **Edmund Gurlin Field** a happy 99<sup>th</sup> birthday, celebrated this past January 18<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Field is one of the longest active serving members of CHP. Mr. Field, CHS Class of 1942, moved to Clayton at the age of 6 from Barnsboro, NJ. CHP relies on Mr. Field's memories of his long life in Clayton as background for many stories published here in the newsletter. Best wishes and good health!!

After the past years of forced closure, the **Clayton Historic Preservation** has renewed its commitment to our mission statement. CHP collects personal papers, local business and organization records, photographs, early maps, genealogies, church histories, news of interest and artifacts relating to Clayton's long and rich history. If you have any such items you wish to donate please contact us (see contact info on bottom of opposite column). CHP is always looking for Clayton's new and old history stories to share.



Every Monday and Friday, CHP posts early Clayton history lessons on Facebook.com/ClaytonHistoric. So please follow us. Also, CHP has an exhibit of historic memorabilia in our display case at Clayton Borough Hall, 125 N. Delsea Drive.

The Clayton Historic Museum is open every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month from 11 AM to 1 PM. Drop by to see our everchanging displays.

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Museum located at:  
29 East Ave., Clayton, NJ 08312

*New History for Haupt Field, 2023*



Clayton Public School District is excited to announce that beginning January 2023, the District will break ground on our Haupt Field Stadium project. The stadium renovations include ADA accessible bleachers, all-purpose turf field, a new stadium parking lot and a secondary fan entrance off New Street. Estimated completion time for the project is June 02, 2023.

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The land known as HAUPT FIELD, East Academy & North New Streets, was sold to the Clayton BOE on February 11, 1921 by the Estate of John Mayhew Moore, of Moore Brothers Glass Works, for the sum of \$1,200.00. CHS's original football field ran north to south until in the mid-1930s, when the WPA (Works Progress Administration, 1935-1943) graded the field and turned it into its present orientation, east to west. It was used for all outdoor sports and PE classes. In the early days, students walked from the Aura Road & West Academy Street school to the field. Around 1936-1937, the BOA put out bids for fencing around the field. Soon after, a canvas tarp was purchased to hang from the fence so people would have to come in to watch the games instead of looking through the fences. The tarp was put up and taken down for every game. The official opening for the COMMUNITY ATHLETIC FIELD was held on October 10, 1936 with a football game against Pitman. In the mid-1940s the field was renamed for Nana Haupt.



PHOTO: Clayton High School's football team with "Pop" Kramer, top row, left. See Cedar Green Cemetery as background when the original field ran north to south. Circa 1920.



PHOTO: Little League at Haupt Field, undated.

Shortly after World War II, two different committees were formed for two projects. The 1<sup>st</sup> committee formed was the World War II Memorial Field House Fund.



ABOVE: Postcard of World War I Memorial.



PHOTO: August 1, 1947, Clayton veterans (L to R) Oliver Shinker, Lewis Cheeseman and John Schotz examiner memorial marker.

The memorial field houses were for the use of the boys and girls of Clayton and Franklinville. Construction started in the Spring of 1946. Each field house had a locker room, shower room, ticket booth and refreshment counter. The \$12,000.00 memorial field house was dedicated on August 3, 1947. The Clayton Athletic Club, made up of Clayton alumni and veterans, formed the 2<sup>nd</sup> committee in the Spring of 1947 for lights on the field. Donations of materials, time and money allowed the lights to be installed by the fall of 1947.

A "Bring Back the Lights at Haupt Field" committee was formed in 2011 to raise money needed for new lighting in order to restore night games. This project was completed in 2015.

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*Membership*

Please JOIN US. Become a supporting member and receive our quarterly newsletter in the mail. Please complete the application below and mail your check to : CHP, PO Box 29, Clayton, NJ 08312

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIPS

Individual	\$12.00
Family	\$20.00
Benefactor	\$25.00
Lifetime	\$100.00

BUSINESS Annual \$50.00

BUSINESS LIFETIME \$250.00

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PHOTO: Haupt Field, July 2022.

HAUPT FIELD was named for Nancy Elizabeth "Nana" HAUPT (1863-1947) who served as a teacher and school supervisor for the Clayton Schools from 1902 until 1946.



*Funeral Homes*

In the 19th century, there were no funeral homes, and most undertakers made furniture or cabinets. They expanded their lines to include caskets and wooden coffins. Then these entrepreneurs offered to “undertake” services for the grieving families, hence the term Undertaker. They would place the body in a casket, dig the grave, and refill it again (or supervise that activity), and perhaps place a marker. In early America, home funerals were the practice everywhere, and each community had a group of women who came in to help with the (laying out of the dead). Visitation was held in the front parlor followed by a procession to the church and cemetery. Ever since, home parlors have been largely replaced by funeral homes.

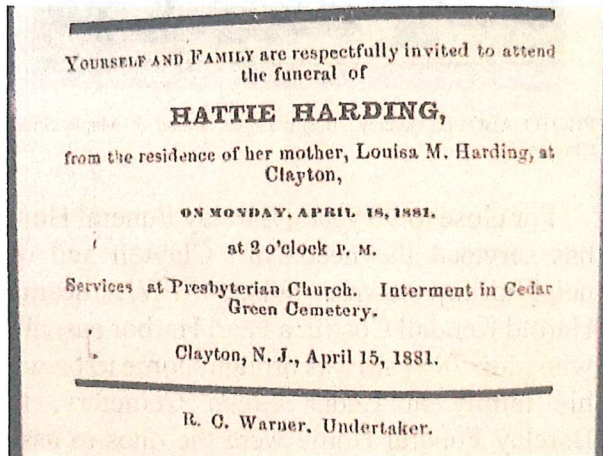


PHOTO ABOVE: 1881 funeral announcement for Hattie Harding. From J. W. Glick's Volume II.

Caring for your own dead began to change dramatically during the Civil War. Soldiers were dying on the battlefield, and their families would want them sent home for burial. This is when the practice of embalming, for shipping bodies over a long distance, first began to take place. During the same era, the family graveyard was slowly moving towards today's more park like setting of the local cemetery. Also, the U.S. established a number of national military cemeteries, where members of the armed forces were and continue to be buried.

June Wescoat Glick's series on Fisler Town, then Fislerville (Clayton), Volume II , shows that, as early as 1881, Clayton's first recorded funeral director was R. C. Warner, Sr. (1828-1902) with warehouse and office on Main Street. Together with his son, Robert C. Warner, Jr. (1871-1898) they operated the funeral business until Robert Jr. passed in 1898 followed by Robert Sr. passing in 1902.

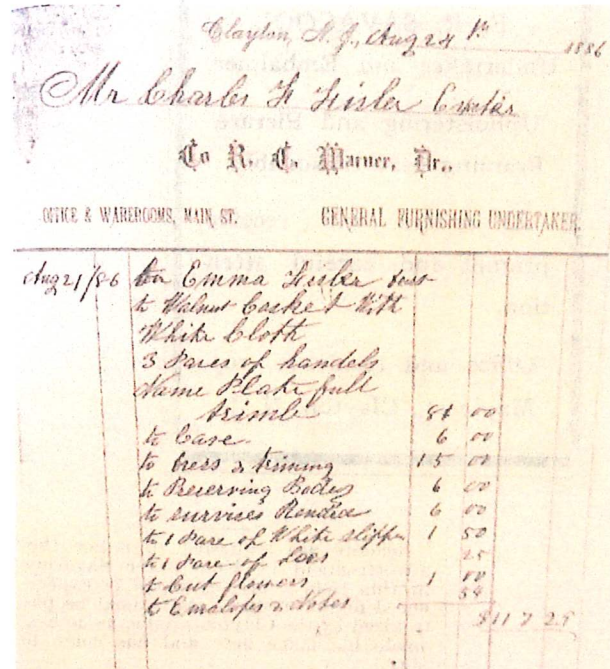


PHOTO ABOVE: 1886 funeral expenses for Emma Fisler. From J. W. Glick's Volume II.

Below is a copy of a 1902 advertisement for James Preston Potter taking over the Warner business. Mr. Potter (1874-1926) was Clayton Mayor for several terms in the 1910s and 1920s. He had many business interests.

**J. PRESTON POTTER**  
 FUNERAL DIRECTOR and  
 EMBALMER

Successor to LEAHY & POTTER

Graduate embalmer from the Champaign College of Embalming of Philadelphia

I make a specialty of undertaking and believe I can give you the best satisfaction for the reason that I have everything modern and up-to-date, both in the embalming process and general work.

I am prepared to give you the best service at the lowest prices. Satisfaction guaranteed.

Any call answered night or day.

At R. C. Warner's old stand, Central avenue, Clayton.

The latest and most improved casket-lowering device used at every funeral

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Next appears Mr. F. R. Savacool around 1908, with his residence and office at 107 Maple Street. When Mr. Savacool passes in the 1930s, Mrs. Elizabeth S. Savacool moves to 516 Central (now Delsea Drive) Avenue and continues the business.

**F. R. SAVACOOOL,**  
Undertaker and Embalmer.

Upholstering and Picture  
Framing done reasonably.

All orders will receive  
prompt and careful atten-  
tion.

Office and residence, 107  
Maple st., Clayton, N. J.

Readers are requested to notice the advertisement of Undertaker Savacool in this issue. Mr. Savacool is experienced in the business and should be patronized by the Clayton people, as he has made his home here and has come to stay.

Barclay Funeral Home was established in 1934 by Lois E. & William C. Barclay, Sr. In 1960, William C. Barclay Jr joined the staff and became a licensed Funeral Director in 1963. The business was purchased in 1975 by Mildred T. and William C. Barclay, Jr. from his parents. Since that time, it has been owned and operated by them. In 1996 their son William C. Barclay, III became a licensed Funeral Director and the third generation of directors. The business has always been a family business serving families of all denomination.



PHOTO ABOVE: Barclay Funeral Home, Broad & Maple Streets, Clayton, NJ.

For close to 90 years, Barclay Funeral Home has serviced the needs of Clayton and our neighboring towns. When WWII seaman Harold Kendall Costill, a Pearl Harbor casualty, who after 78 years was brought home to be with his family at Cedar Green Cemetery, the Barclay Funeral Home were the ones to assist the family and community navigate this event.

The building on Maple and Broad Streets which houses the business was once a temperance hotel for employees of Moore Bros. Glass Works. This type of hotel aimed to provide people with the various amenities of a standard hotel, except the alcohol.

**CLAYTON HISTORIC PRESERVATION**  
holds their monthly meeting every 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Thursday, 7 PM at the Museum, 29 East Ave.  
Please join us.

**FUNERAL DIRECTOR**  
and **EMBALMER**

**WM. C. BARCLAY**  
FUNERAL SERVICE

229 MAPLE STREET CLAYTON, N. J.  
GLASSBORO 822

**THIS CHRISTMAS**  
Give Something Practical

A pair of glasses or a new frame  
will solve the question for you.

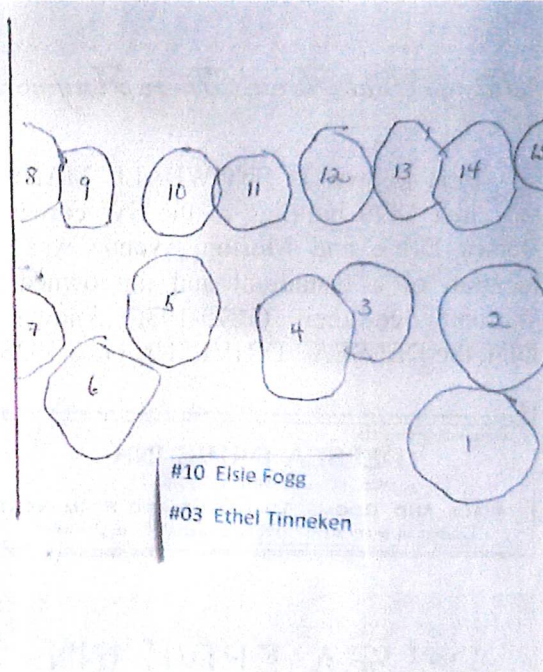
**John Dilks**  
**OPTOMETRIST**

Phone, 68-77      **GLASSBORO**  
Glassboro office open every day.  
Open Tuesday and Saturday  
evenings from 7 to 9:30.

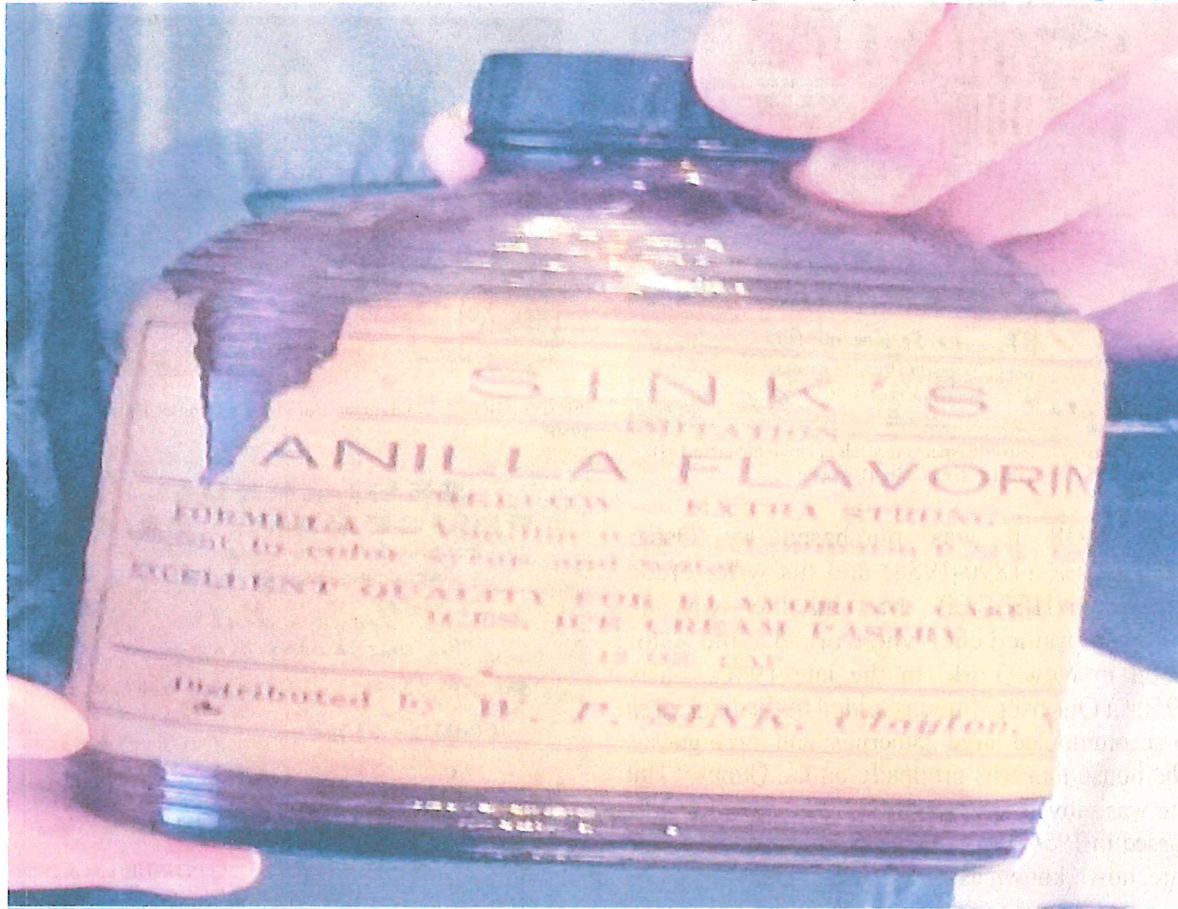
**MRS. F. R. SAVACOOOL**  
Funeral Director  
Delsea Drive at 11th and 12th Sts.  
Clayton, N. J. Phone Glassboro 958

PHOTOS ABOVE From The Clayton Press, two 1908 ads introducing Savacool Funeral and two 1936 ads featuring competitors Savacool and Wm. C. Barclay Funeral Service.

*Questions & Answers*



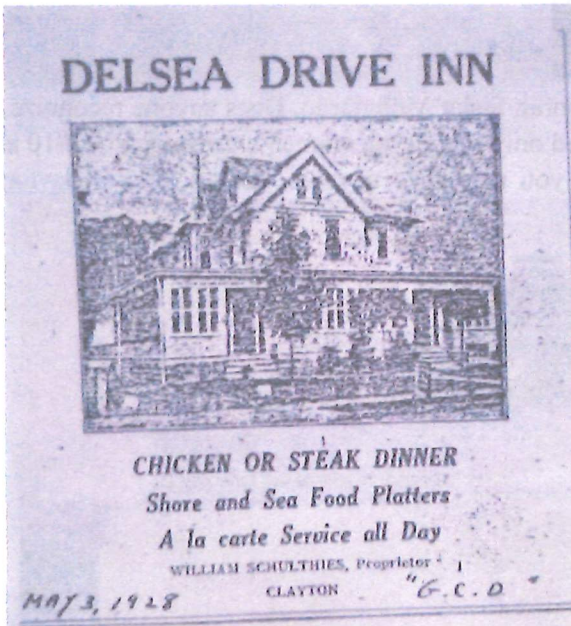
QUESTION: The above photo was submitted by Deborah Fisler Mongiardo. Does anyone recognize these lovely ladies? The photo appears to be taken in the 1920s and only two of the women are recognized: #10 as Elsie Fogg and #03 as Ethel Tinneken. Please let us know if you recognize anyone. Email [CHP@ClaytonHistoric.org](mailto:CHP@ClaytonHistoric.org)



ANSWER: In CHP's May 2022 newsletter, we asked if anyone remembered SINK'S from Clayton, NJ. Thank you Jeff Field who discovered in the recently released 1950 US Census, that William Sink, who lived in the 100 block of E. Center Street with his wife Sara, listed his occupation as "Extract salesman."

*Things That Aren't There Anymore*

First known as SNOWBALL MANOR, the circa 1890 building at the SW corner of Delsea Drive and Morton Avenue was the location of a restaurant and inn owned by William Schultheis (1875-1935) known as DDI, the DELSEA DRIVE INN circa 1928.



PHOTOS ABOVE: Advertisements for Delsea Drive Inn circa 1928 from the newspaper Gloucester County Democrat.

In 1938 it was purchased by Oscar INHELDER (1890-1954) and his wife, Freda Blattler INHELDER. Mr. Inhelder was an European trained chef who worked at the Astor Hotel in New York. In the late 1940s, early 1950s a Quonset Hut was added to the back area to accommodate large gatherings and more guests. The house that was originally on the Quonset Hut site was moved to Pearl Street. When Mr. Inhelder passed in 1954, the name changed under his wife's care, now known as FREDA'S HUT.



PHOTO ABOVE: Waitress staff of Oscar's Quonset Hut, circa early 1950s.

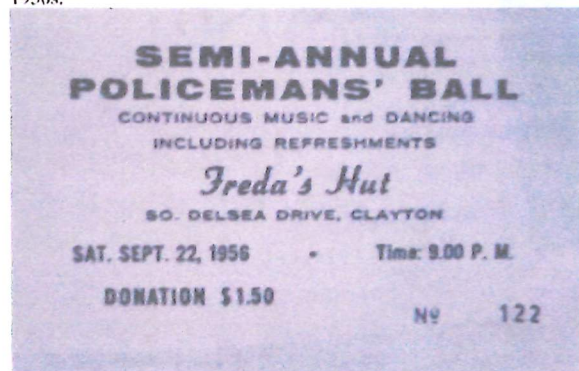


PHOTO ABOVE: 1956 ticket for Policemans' Ball at Freda's Hut.



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PHOTO ABOVE: Sedgwick's Delsea Drive Inn, Delsea Drive and Morton Avenue, Clayton, NJ

The restaurant soon changed hands, and in 1958, the restaurant opened as SEDGWICK'S DELSEA DRIVE INN. Owned by William Sedgwick Sr. and William Sedgwick Jr., the father and son team made new additions to the place adding three banquet rooms to accommodate banquets and weddings.

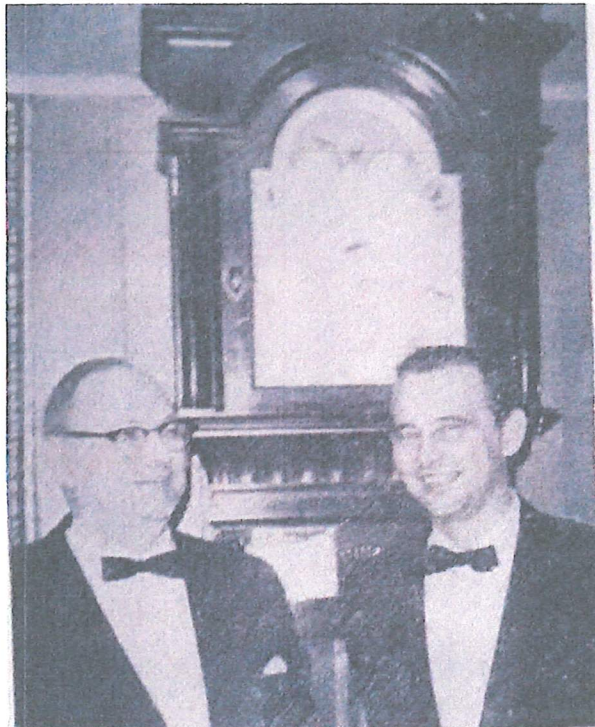


PHOTO ABOVE: (L to R) William Sedgwick Sr. and Jr. featured in front of their antique clock dating back to the time of Louis VI of France..

One of the most striking feature was a collection of fine art that enhanced the rooms. SEDGWICK'S had a fire in April of 1961 causing over \$50,000.00 in damages. They reopened soon after and their popularity with local organizations such as the

Kiwanis, Boy Scouts Award ceremonies, Policeman's Ball and etc. allowed them to thrive until they closed in 1976.

Since SEDGWICK'S closure in 1976 to 1980, it opened briefly as LUKE's TAVERN, soon to close. The next owner changed the name to EDWARD'S CARRIAGE HOUSE. This enterprises also did not last long, closing in 1981. The buildings remained vacant until 1984 when 32 year old Peter Dissin, a Parisian Cordon Bleu trained chef, reopened the restaurant renaming it SEDGEWICK'S, a slight change to the name spelling. Although wanting a similar name for customer recognition, he changed the décor to an eclectic style with one dining room featuring suspended colorful, stained-glass panels, intricate antique Venetian glass sculptures and a 110-gallon saltwater fish tank. This business closed by 1988.



PHOTO ABOVE: 1984 opening of SEDGEWICK'S.

Finally, in 1988 the restaurant reopened as IL GUARDINO (The Garden). A fire in February 1990 and then another a few months later in April 1990 forced IL GUARDINO to close and never reopen.



PHOTO ABOVE: Fire which destroyed Quonset Hut and Restaurant.

Advertisement

# NICK'S PIZZERIA AND STEAKHOUSE, INC.

4-D NO. DELSEA DRIVE  
CLAYTON, N. J.

PHONE: 881-3222

"EAT IN, TAKE OUT"

"WE DELIVER"

~~~~THANK YOU for supporting our business advertisers~~~~

PHONE: 856.881.3040

FAX: 856.881.0365

208 MAPLE STREET

CLAYTON, NJ 08312

## BARCLAY FUNERAL HOME

WILLIAM C. BARCLAY, III

N.J. LIC. NO. 4232

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N.J. LIC. NO. 2766

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