

BASS-GREENWOOD

Bernard Bass and Matilda (Greenwood) in Baychester Baas lived in the 1920s at **2337 Palmer Avenue**.¹

Bernard Baas was born on October 12, 1868 in Germany, the son of German citizens **John Baas** and **Katrina Witt**. He immigrated to New York around 1884, and became a naturalized citizen in 1891.² In February 1891 he had a son, **John Bernard Baas**, from his first wife, name unknown. That first wife must have died and left him with the infant, because on June 15, 1892³ he married his second wife, **Matilda Greenwood**, who raised baby John.

Matilda Greenwood was born in April 1867 in Worcestershire, England, the daughter of English parents **John Greenwood** and **Mary (maiden name unknown) Greenwood**.⁴ Matilda immigrated about 1888 to New York.

After marriage in 1892 Bernard, Matilda and baby John moved around to various locations in the Bronx, New York before we find Bernard Bass in a 1924 Voter Registration form, living at 2337 Palmer Avenue. In the 1925 New York State census, he and his wife are still living at 2337 Palmer Avenue.⁵ Bernard's son John had married and was living elsewhere.

By 1930 they had moved out of Baychester to a larger house in the Bronx where they took on several roomers.⁶ Bernard spent his adult life as a Stationary Engineer. A stationary engineer is a technically trained person who operates, troubleshoots, and oversees industrial machinery and equipment that provides energy in various forms

¹ "United States Census, 1920", database with images, FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MJP6-1K8> : 2 February 2021), Bernard Baas, 1920.

² "New York, County Naturalization Records, 1791-1980," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QPQZ-P381> : 2 March 2021), Bernard Baas, 1891; citing Naturalization, New York, United States, citing multiple County Clerk offices of New York; FHL microfilm 005374084.

³ "New York Marriages, 1686-1980", database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:F644-VYL> : 21 January 2020), Bernard Baas, 1892.

⁴ "England and Wales Census, 1871", database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VBZN-YGF> : 19 February 2021), Matilda Greenwood in entry for John Greenwood, 1871.

⁵ "New York State Census, 1925," database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:KSM1-LCC> : 8 November 2014), Bernard Baas, New York, A.D. 06, E.D. 12, Bronx, New York, United States; records extracted by Ancestry and images digitized by FamilySearch; citing p. 11, line 29, New York State Archives, Albany.

⁶ "United States Census, 1930," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:X7DB-75R> : accessed 12 May 2021), Bernard Bass, Bronx (Districts 751-972), Bronx, New York, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) ED 811, sheet 4A, line 34, family 143, NARA microfilm publication T626 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 2002), roll 1476; FHL microfilm 2,341,211.

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Bernard Bass died on December 12, 1931. He was cremated at Fresh Pond Crematory in Queens, New York.⁷

After Bernard's death, Matilda married a second time to **William Farquhar**, nine years her junior. William moved into Matilda (and deceased Bernard's) house at 1136 Calhoun Avenue, and by 1940 Matilda's stepson John Baas was living with them, having separated from his wife and children.⁸ William Farquhar died in 1944.⁹

No additional information is known about Matilda (Greenwood) Baas Farquhar, nor about Bernard Baas' son John Bernard Baas.

⁷ "New York, New York City Municipal Deaths, 1795-1949", database, FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:2WGZ-T4M> : 3 June 2020), Bernard Baas, 1931.

⁸ "United States Census, 1940," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:K3TG-MLW> : 7 January 2021), Matilda Farquhar in household of William Farquhar, The Bronx, New York City, New York, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) 3-992, sheet 5A, line 18, family 83, Sixteenth Census of the United States, 1940, NARA digital publication T627. Records of the Bureau of the Census, 1790 - 2007, RG 29. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 2012, roll 2486.

⁹ "New York, New York City Municipal Deaths, 1795-1949", database, FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:2WLC-RCK> : 3 June 2020), William Farquhar, 1944.