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Owen Frances Murphy and his wife **Antoinette Pekarek** owned a house in Baychester, Bronx, New York at **2311 Palmer Avenue**.¹ Owen purchased the house, and only lived there two years before his death in 1932.² His wife continued to reside in Baychester, but by 1940 she moved to another house in Baychester one block away at **2302 Boller Avenue**.³

Prior to moving to Baychester, Owen and his family lived in Manhattan, New York, moving from apartment to apartment, as was the norm in the early 1900s. He supported his family as an iron worker in the building industry.⁴

Owen Murphy was born in 1870 in New York City, the son of Irish immigrants **John and Mary Murphy**.⁵ He died on June 8, 1932 in the Bronx, New York, and was buried in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Hawthorne, Westchester, New York.⁶

Antoinette Pekarek was born in 1880 in Austria, and immigrated from Austria in 1882, daughter of Austrian parents.⁷ She died on June 4, 1950 in the Bronx, New York, and was buried with her husband at Gate of Heaven Cemetery.⁸

Owen and Antoinette married around 1896, probably in Manhattan, New York. They had nine children, six who reached adulthood, and three who died in infancy. Only some of their

¹ "United States Census, 1930," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/X767-L8H> : accessed 25 July 2018), Owen Murphy, Bronx (Districts 751-972), Bronx, New York, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) ED 864, sheet 4A, line 11, family , NARA microfilm publication T626 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 2002), roll 1480; FHL microfilm 2,341,215.

² "New York, New York City Municipal Deaths, 1795-1949," database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:2WG8-BHR> : 10 February 2018), Owen Murphy, 08 Jun 1932; citing Death, Bronx, New York, New York, United States, New York Municipal Archives, New York; FHL microfilm 2,155,706.

³ "United States Census, 1940," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/KQM8-FTR> : accessed 4 August 2018), Antoinette Murphy, Assembly District 6, Bronx, New York City, Bronx, New York, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) 3-788, sheet 2B, line 80, family 47, 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 2480.

⁴ "United States Census, 1920," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/MJB1-482> : accessed 27 July 2018), Owen Murphy, Manhattan Assembly District 16, New York, New York, United States; citing ED 1176, sheet 9B, line 51, family 195, NARA microfilm publication T625 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1992), roll 1216; FHL microfilm 1,821,216.

⁵ "United States Census, 1870," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:M8NL-9MY> : 12 April 2016), Owen Murphy in household of John Murphy, New York, United States; citing p. 5, family 30, NARA microfilm publication M593 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.); FHL microfilm 552,503.

⁶ Find A Grave Memorial 153729995

⁷ "United States Census, 1920," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/MJB1-482> : accessed 27 July 2018), Owen Murphy, Manhattan Assembly District 16, New York, New York, United States; citing ED 1176, sheet 9B, line 51, family 195, NARA microfilm publication T625 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1992), roll 1216; FHL microfilm 1,821,216.

⁸ Find A Grave Memorial 148705083

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children lived in Baychester in the 1930s. Their children are: **John James Murphy** (1897-1976); **May (Murphy) Hewitt** (1899-1962); **Owen Murphy** (1901-1902); **Frank Murphy** (1903-?); **Fannie Murphy** (1904-1904); **Annie Murphy** (1906-1907); **James Joseph Murphy** (1909-1966); **Florence (Murphy) Basler** (1915-1990); and **Irene Murphy** (1920-1920).

CHILDREN WHO LIVED IN BAYCHESTER:

John James Murphy, Sr. was born on July 30 1897 in Manhattan, New York.⁹ He married **Margaret Golden** in 1918.¹⁰ Their biographies are listed separately as they lived in Baychester in the 1930s in a different house at **2216 DeReimer Avenue**.

Mary (Murphy) Hewitt was born in 1899 in Manhattan, New York. She married **Edward Hewitt** in 1919¹¹. By 1920 Mary and Edward Hewitt had their first child, **Thomas Hewitt**, who was born in New York. In 1922 they had twin boys, born on March 26, 1922; one died on the same day¹², and the second died a week later on April 3, 1922¹³. The death of the twins took their toll on the marriage. **Edward Hewitt** remarried in 1924. When we find **Mary Hewitt** in 1930 she still states she is still married. Unfortunately, son Thomas had died in 1929¹⁴, so Mary had moved back in with her parents, without a husband or any of her three children, working as a mangler in a laundromat¹¹. What happened to Mary after 1930 is unknown.

Francis "Frank" Murphy was born about 1903 in New York. He worked as an automobile mechanic. He is not found after the 1930 census. Death and possible burial location are not known.

⁹ "New York, New York City Births, 1846-1909," database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:2W3Q-6PQ> : 11 February 2018), John Murphy, 30 Jul 1897; citing Manhattan, New York, New York, United States, reference cn 32536 New York Municipal Archives, New York; FHL microfilm 1,322,357.

¹⁰ "New York, New York City Marriage Records, 1829-1940," database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:24QY-CFS> : 10 February 2018), John Murphy and Margaret Golden, 24 Apr 1918; citing Marriage, Manhattan, New York, New York, United States, New York City Municipal Archives, New York; FHL microfilm 1,643,034.

¹¹ "United States Census, 1930," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/X767-L8H> : accessed 25 July 2018), Owen Murphy, Bronx (Districts 751-972), Bronx, New York, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) ED 864, sheet 4A, line 11, family , NARA microfilm publication T626 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 2002), roll 1480; FHL microfilm 2,341,215.

¹² "New York, New York City Municipal Deaths, 1795-1949," database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/2WBY-GSM> : 10 February 2018), May Murphy in entry for Hewett, 03 Apr 1922; citing Death, Manhattan, New York, New York, United States, New York Municipal Archives, New York; FHL microfilm 2,028,043.

¹³ "New York, New York City Municipal Deaths, 1795-1949," database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/2WBY-K1N> : 10 February 2018), May Murphy in entry for Hewett, 26 Mar 1922; citing Death, Manhattan, New York, New York, United States, New York Municipal Archives, New York; FHL microfilm 2,028,042.

¹⁴ "New York, New York City Municipal Deaths, 1795-1949," database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/2WLB-M2K> : 10 February 2018), Thomas Hewitt, 04 Jul 1929; citing Death, Bronx, New York, New York, United States, New York Municipal Archives, New York; FHL microfilm 2,148,828.

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James Joseph Murphy was born on December 9, 1909 in Manhattan, New York. In 1930 he was single and living with his parents and siblings in Baychester, working as a chauffeur for a trucking company¹¹. In the mid-1930s he married **Clara Ella Sophia Filkins**, born May 7, 1915 in Albany County, New York. They moved to Hempstead, Nassau County, New York, and had five children. James died November 9, 1966, on his 51st birthday, and is buried in Rockville Cemetery, Nassau, New York¹⁵. His wife Clara died on September 8, 1990 at age 75, and is also buried in Rockville Cemetery¹⁶.

Florence (Murphy) Basler was born on February 27, 1915 in Manhattan, New York. In 1940 she was living with her mother in Baychester, listed as a single woman. However, she had a son named **Walter Basler**, who was born in 1940. We later find Florence is married to **Albert E. Basler**, father of her son Walter. No marriage record has been found. Albert E. Basler is not found in the 1940 census. Florence died on February 21, 1990¹⁷. Her husband **Albert E. Basler**, was born October 22, 1900 and died April 13, 1980¹⁸. Her son **Walter Basler** was born July 9, 1940 and died June 3, 1998¹⁹. All three are buried in the same cemetery: Beechwood Memorial Cemetery, Princess Anne, Somerset County, Maryland.

¹⁵ Find A Grave Memorial# 146278178

¹⁶ Find A Grave Memorial# 146278510

¹⁷ Find A Grave Memorial# 160497652

¹⁸ Find A Grave Memorial# 160497675

¹⁹ Find A Grave Memorial# 160497594