

Crossed Sea to Newark in 1862

Surrounded by friends and flowers, Mrs. Barbara Becker sat in her favorite armchair at the window of her home at 119 Hunterdon street yesterday and recalled how she had



Mrs. Barbara Becker

crossed the Atlantic 77 years ago on an early steam liner. The occasion for her reminiscences was her 100th birthday anniversary.

She was born in Germany. After her parents died her brothers and sisters, already in America, sent for her. At 13, unaccompanied, she made the three-week trip to the United States. She has lived in Newark since, 49 years at her present address.

Mrs. Becker's husband Nicholas operated a shoe shop in the Hill section until his death 29 years ago. For the last six years a grandson, Henry Winkler, has been living with her. Of her nine children, two daughters are still alive. They are Mrs. Lillian Loder of Newark and Mrs. Ella Handschuh of Irvington. There are eight other grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Reads without Glasses

Mrs. Becker is able to read newspapers without glasses. She sweeps the sidewalk in front of her home daily, and does small chores around

the home. Occasionally she visits the nearby stores. Yesterday she was up at 6 A. M. to do some ironing in preparation for the birthday party. Except for a slight illness three years ago, she hasn't required the services of a physician for 30 years.

She likes the radio and auto trips, but her favorite pastime is to sit at the front window to wave to passing neighbors. They express the hope she'll be there for her 100th birthday.

Self Defense

Recreation Supervisor Boy Was 'Belligerent'

Charged with assaulting a 10-year-old boy at Hawthorne Avenue School recreation center, he is supervisor, Max Yaney, employee of the school division 10 years, yet on the Board of Education in self-defense.

Yaney said that the boy, Zalski of 61, had taken a football. When Yaney intervened, he declared, Rozanski said the boy was belligerent. The board of education...