Baxter Heritage

Leader Negro Left Mark on City

Miller Baxter, born and educated in Philadelphia, came as a youth to Newark to teach and later became the first Negro principal in the city public school system.

married former Pauline Mars of Brooklyn, who conducted a successful catering business in New York. They had five children, four of whom are now deceased.

One son, the late Dr. J. Leroy Baxter, was a dental surgeon with a practicee in Newark and declared: "I am determined not Orange for more than 40 years, to die until I see another Negro He also completed three terms in 1929 as a Republican assemin 1929 as a Republican assemblyman in the Legislature and served four terms as president of the Newark branch of the NAACP, among many other activities.

Mrs. Fenderson, who died in 1962, didn't live to see her wish come true, but two years after her death, a Negro principal, Dr. E. Alma Flagg, was appointed to head the Hawking tivities.

NAACP Founder

Mrs. Grace Baxter Fenderson, daughter of the Negro educator and a graduate of the old Newark Normal School, was one of the first regular teachers in the homestead at 15 Elm St. city's school system.

in later years as president of with his wife, Ethel, in Orange.

the chapter and chairman of its executive committee. She was also a vice president of the national body of the Negro organi-

zation.

Mrs. Fenderson was a leader in the NAACP's campaign for the appointment of Negro principals and vice principals by the Newark Board of Education. At an NAACP dinner in 1959, she

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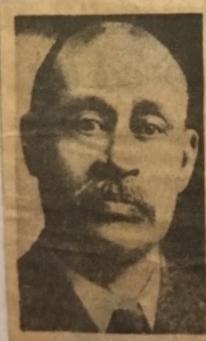
"Newarkers of today have only to look back to the struggles and hardships of those Newarkers of yesterday to realize that ,in spite of race, creed, color or origin, they

achieved."

-Grace Baxter Fenderson.

pointed to head the Hawkins Street School

James Baxter's surviving She was a founder in 1914 of child, Ernest, 78, operates a the Newark NAACP and served dental laboratory, and lives



JAMES M. BAXTER First Negro Principal



DR. E. ALMA FLAGG Current Principal

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