

## **Inventory to Families, Farms, and Houses in the Township of Fairfield (formerly Caldwell Township until 1963) and Surrounding Area Families, 1800s - present**

### **Descriptive Summary**

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**Dates:** 1800s - present

**Quantity:** 2 linear ft. (5 manuscript boxes)

**Language:** English

**Repository:** Fairfield Free Public Library. Local History Archive.

### **History of the Families of Township of Fairfield**

More information:

DeBaun, Roscoe W. *Country Life in Fairfield, New Jersey, from 1887-1909*. (1957) (Essex County, N.J.) 102 pages.

Poekel, Charles A. Jr. *West Essex, Essex Fells, Fairfield, North Caldwell and Roseland* (Images of America: New Jersey) (1999). Arcadia Publishing. 128 pages.

### **Subjects**

### **Detailed Description of the Records/Container List**

#### **Box1**

Box Folder

1 1 **Van Ness Homestead**

- Newspaper articles (1970s-2000s) related to the historical nature of the home, township acquisition, preservation, and Historical Committee
- Fairfield's 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala November 13, 1998 program
- Photo (no date) of Van Ness homestead
- Photos (approximately 25) of Van Ness home pre-construction 1988

1 2 **Van Ness House Fairfield Historical Committee Event Photographs**

Approximately 50 photos from the first (December 19, 1999) and second annual (December 19, 2000) Christmas Open House. People photographed include: Mary Scangarello, Mary Lebeda, Rose Del Priore, Doris Hyatt, Lisa Pasternak, Charles Vanyo, Jacqueline Gioiso, Harold Peer, Helen Kolcz, Mildred Ballweg, Dr. Paul Scollo

1 3 **Fairfield Historical Committee Correspondence 2000-2005**

Correspondence to and from Charlie Vanyo, Director of Human Services about the Fairfield Historical Committee

1 4 **Descendants of Hendrick Van Ness, Born 1578**

Compiled by Glen Pierce, this 15 page document follows the Van Ness lineage through the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

1 5 **The Ancestors and Descendants of Simon Van Ness and Hester Delamater**

By David M. Riker, Mechanicsburg, PA in 1981-1984 (206 pages), bound by Philip Epifano. The genealogy concerns some of the ancestors and descendants of Simon Van Ness and his wife Hester DeLamater. They lived at Horseneck, Essex County, New Jersey, in the early part of the eighteenth century.

**Box 2**

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2 1 **Bush Family**

- Descendants of Hendrick A. Bosch (Bush) compiled by Glen Pierce (9 pages)
- Bush Heritage of Fairfield and Pompton Lakes, NJ, compiled 3/1/1982 William Young Pryor and Robert Bush (2 copies)

2 2 **De Baun Family**

- Descendants of Peter De Baun (compiled by Glen Pierce)
- Warranty Deed of Jacob De Baun and Charles De Baun, October 13, 1892 (photocopy)
- Eleanor Shubert Album (Lucy) 1905 – 1910 autographs and poems

2 3 **Dey Family**

- Descendants of Dirk Jans Siecken Dey (compiled by Glen Pierce)
- Photograph of Jessie Dey as a toddler (Howd, Paterson, NJ)

2 4 **Millison Family**

- This WAS Fairfield Column by Mrs. Morris Collerd on the Millison House (293 Horseneck Road)
- Jephtha Williams Homestead descendants

2 5 **Schmitt Farm**

- Edgar Schmitt's Perennial Farm 1953 Photograph
- Business Card 1947 ("All roads for Caldwell Twp. Lead to Schmitt's Farm") located on Fairfield Road

2 6 **Speer Family**

- Descendants of John Hendricks Spier (compiled by Glen Pierce)

2 7 **Van Dessel Family**

- Correspondence with David Van Dessel
- Photo of Van Dessel plowing fields on Hollywood Ave (1960s), now site of Fairfield Free Public Library
- History of the Van Dessel Family Farms from David Van Dessel

2 8 **Lebeda Family**

- Photos of farm animals 224 Old Sand Road
- "End of the Growing Season," *Sunday Star-Ledger*, June 17, 2001
- Lebeda's Boots

2 9 **Francavilla/Fairfield Farms**

Charles, Tony, Ralph, and John Francavilla (photos from 1992)

2 10 **Various Deeds, Mortgages 1870-1899 [*Gift of Aaron and Marie Combee Family*]**

- Mortgage of Michael Lotz to Charles Apel, 1874
- Mortgage of Charles Apel to Abby Crane, 1879
- Mortgage, 1871, and Bond, 1870, of Henry J. Speer to Sarah Ann Speer
- Executor's Deed Margaret Campbell, Executor, of John Campbell, deceased, to Charles Apel, 1890
- Deed of Charles Apel to Fredricka Apel, 1899
- Deed of John D. Harrison, Sheriff, to Charles Apel, 1879

**Box 3**

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3 1 **Hoitsma's Bakery Journal [*Gift of Aaron and Marie Combee Family*]**

Ledger detailing money in and out for items including rolls, eggs, milk, yeast, paper, labor, etc.

3 2 **Cash Ledger 1952-1998 [*Gift of Aaron and Marie Combee Family*]**

Intake and expenditures for various farm supplies, including eggs, rent, feed, personal expenses

3 3 **Marie Florence Combee Personal Belongings for the United States Citizens Defense Corps [*Gift of Aaron and Marie Combee Family*]**

Certification card for the member of Health and First Aid, an emergency card for inside windshield (1942), arm bands, and American Red Cross First Aid Text-Book (1937)

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| 3 | 4 | <p><b>Aaron and Marie Combee Awards/Certificates [<i>Gift of Aaron and Marie Combee Family</i>]</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certificate of Service awarded to Aaron Combee for Long Service in Organized Agriculture through your County Board having served as: A member of the executive committee for over 25 years and as secretary of the board from 1945-1946. Presented by the Essex County Board of Agriculture 1969.</li> <li>• Plaque presented to Marie Combee, Grand Marshal in 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the township, presented by Fairfield Recreation, July 1998</li> </ul> |
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**Box 4**

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| 4 | 1 | <p><b>Miscellaneous papers and correspondence related to Combee Farm [<i>Gift of Aaron and Marie Combee Family</i>]</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Essex County Board of Agriculture correspondence (1932-1967, annual dinner programs (1942-1946)</li> <li>• Orange Farmers' Market Cooperative Association correspondence, by-laws, attorney material, certificate of indebtedness, aluminum paten seal (1929-1943)</li> <li>• North Jersey Cooperative Egg Auction Association bills, correspondence, letters, 1971-1977</li> </ul>  |
| 4 | 2 | <p><b>Miscellaneous receipts, tax bills, liens, permits, surveys, and correspondence related to Combee Farm [<i>Gift of Aaron and Marie Combee Family</i>]</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Caldwell Township tax bills 1910-1940s</li> <li>• Application for Valuation, Assessment and Taxation of Land Under the Farmland Assessment Act of 1964</li> <li>• Surveys of Combee property, 1967</li> </ul>   |
| 4 | 3 | <p><b>Farm Auction October 22, 1977 [<i>Gift of Aaron and Marie Combee Family</i>]</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (5) 8x10 Photographs of farm auction, Saturday, October 22 at the Combee Farm, 221 Hollywood Avenue, Fairfield. "Farm sold, we will sell the remaining contents of barns and outbuildings. Lots of hand tools, farm tools, and implements, some old furniture, baskets, barrels, chains, rope, old license plates, wagon wheels, many small and interesting old things."</li> <li>• Essex Brand Combee Brothers Horse Radish with Vinegar Finest Quality labels</li> <li>• Assorted newspaper clipping related to Combee Tract</li> </ul> |

- 4      4      **Land Acquisition Wildlife Preserves and Route 80** [*Gift of Aaron and Marie Combee Family*]  
Various correspondence, agreements, legal papers 1960s

**Box 5**

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- 5      1      **Combee Family Items** [*Gift of Aaron and Marie Combee Family*]
- Assorted arrowheads found on the Combee Tract
  - Mounted arrowheads found on the Combee Farm, by John Kievit, Hawthorne, NJ, 1951
  - Mounted photograph of the Combee home
  - Framed photograph of the Combee farm in winter, from Naida & Pete, To Marie & Aaron, August 1977
  - Benjamin Combee Property Map / Aaron Combee Maps of Farm