



# Ye Old Tye News

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## Special points of interest:

- Dover's name-change from Old Tye occurred around 1796.
- **A special town meeting on the Hurd Estate is scheduled for July 12th at Town Hall. Call for more information at (973) 366-2200.**



Truck crashes into Dover's oldest house on N. Sussex St.

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## Historical Society Fights To Save Hurd Estate From Development

DOVER-One of the oldest farm houses within the city limits of Dover is the Hurd Farmhouse which dates back to before 1850. The Hurd family came to Dover shortly after 1722 to work the Jackson Forge across the street at today's Hurd Park. The Hurds are credited with giving Dover its name change from "Old Tye" around 1796. John W. Hurd, the last living descendent of the Hurd family, donated the land across the street from this farmhouse to the Town of Dover for the creation of Hurd Park.

By Charles Platt (1914)  
From a history of the Stiles family in Kentucky and Missouri with a sketch of New Jersey by LaFayette Stiles Pence, 1896:

where John W. Hurd died. The first house on this lot was a log cabin. Then a long, double house was built. The house where John Hurd died (Hurd Farmhouse) was built in the back of this one and so close to the house that planks were laid across from the rear of the old house to the front of the new one. The furniture was moved across them. Then the old house was torn down. (Stated by Miss M. F. Rose as she heard it from John W. Hurd himself.)"

On February 6, 1911, John W. Hurd, noted for his '49 Calif. Gold Rush adventure, donated land to the Town of Dover for a Park of 6



The Hurd Farmhouse today at 301 W. Blackwell



The Hurd Farmhouse c 1890 in what was then known as the Baker Flats along Princeton & Baker Streets

acres, facing West Blackwell Street. (cont. p. 7)

## Dover's Oldest circa 1830 House Struck By a Truck

DOVER-Truly a shocking day in Dover when a speeding truck lost control and crashed into the side of the historic c 1830 Lindsley House at the corner of Rt. 46 & Sussex St. The house is on the Registry of Historic Sites and has been the focal point of countless photos and captured in an Oil Painting by Bea Cook. One of the first houses constructed when Blackwell & McFarlan started selling property lots prior to the Morris Canal in 1826.



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*Annual Membership dues:*

Family - \$20, Individual - \$12,

Senior Citizen

(62 and older) - \$8

Junior Member—\$6

Sustaining Member - \$50

Life (one-time payment) - \$250

*The Dover Area Historical Society is a 501 C-3 not-for-profit organization.*

*All donations are tax deductible!***Dover Cadets Plan “Official” September Reunion**

DOVER-November 16, 2004, the Dover Area Historical Society hosted the first reunion of the Dover Cadets, at the Moose Lodge on Sammis Ave. Not only did everyone have a great time, shared alot of laughs and memories, but made the newspapers the next day. Looking over photographs, keeping beat to the drums and a few solos from the bugles brought much delight, not only to the past members, but also to all those who attended. Everyone wished they

were part of this very special group and the great times they all had together.

If you missed that reunion, get ready for a super Dover Cadets Reunion, scheduled for Sept. 17, 2005. Under the direction of Bill Sieglen, the reunion to be held at the American Legion Hall, will feature a buffet dinner, cocktail hour and a NJDCA Corps Exhibit.

This event will truly be something special. Deadline for making

reservations is August 15, 2005. For more information, hurry and call Bill at (908) 359-5120. Cost is \$35 per person.



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**Dover Cadets**

The photo to the left is a 1938 shot taken from the gym/auditorium of the Northside School where they rehearsed for many years. This photo shows the original corps which would make them the charter members. The photo to the right on board a bus trip to Atlantic City (before Casinos) one of many trips taken by the corps when they played for various organizations such as the Elks and Fire Depart. See if you can locate Ed Reich in this photo.



Compliments of Frank D'Auria, Denville



## Great Day For a Yard Sale and Train Rides in Dover

DOVER-Sunday, June 12, 2005 was a busy day in downtown Dover. Not only was the flea market in full swing, but the historical society hosted its 3rd Annual Townwide Yard Sale and the Tri-State Railroad Historical Society brought to town 5 cabooses for the day to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Canal Boat-Train Wreck. Visitors from miles around came to town for the occasion and dozens of train enthusiasts and photographers were on hand to witness and photograph this great event. Plans are now underway to return the train to Dover in late October or early November when the fall foliage makes a photographers wish come true. The Townwide Yard Sales will be held two more times this year on July 10th and August 28th. Call for reservations at (973) 366-0629.



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Photos by Rick Kelly

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SUNDAY \* JULY 10TH \* 12 NOON

3rd Annual Root Beer Social &  
Townwide Yard Sale  
Dover Flea Market  
Call (973) 361-6205

### TUES \* JULY 19TH \* 7:30 PM

Annual Picnic at the Inglis Homestead  
Bring A Covered Dish  
Call (973) 366-0629 R.S.V.P.

### TUES. \* AUG 16TH \* 6:30 PM

Historical Society Meeting  
Call (973) 366-0629

### SUNDAY \* AUG 28TH \* ALL DAY

North Jersey Tomato Fest. &  
Townwide Yard Sale  
DOVER FLEA MARKET  
(973) 361-3525

### TUES. \* SEPT. 13TH \* 7:30 PM

History Of Trains—Lackawanna RR  
By Bob Bahrs  
BAKER THEATER  
(973) 361-6205

### SAT. \* OCT. 8TH \* 7:00 PM

Joseph Kekuku Guitar Fest.  
ORCHARD ST. CEMETERY  
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(973) 361-6205

### TUES. \* OCT. 18TH \* 7:30 PM

Historical Society Meeting  
Call (973) 366-0629

### SUN. \* OCT 23RD \* 1—10 PM

50s Record Hop & Classic Car Show  
1250-WMTR Golden Gup D.J.  
Dance Contests \* Food \* Fun  
BAKER THEATER  
Call (973) 361-3525

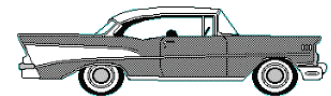
### TUES. \* NOV. 15TH \* 7:30 PM

Historical Society Meeting  
Call (973) 366-0629

(PROGRAMS & LOCATIONS  
SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

## 50's Record Hop and Car Show Coming To The Baker

DOVER-Do you remember Dover in the 50s? Newberry's Soda Fountain, Dick's Diner, The Speedway, Sack's, Lad & Lassie, the Dover Record Shop and the Drive-In, Woolworth's 5&10 cents store, Shuler Tires, Tip Top Shoes, Stewart's Root Beer, Beckman's? How about cruising up Blackwell Street to Bassett Highway and making a U-Turn at Foodfair? Over even those Sat. matinees at the Baker? All those memories will be coming back with a 50's Record Hop at the Baker Theater on Sunday October 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Goodfellas Car Club of Rockaway will be lining up along Blackwell Street



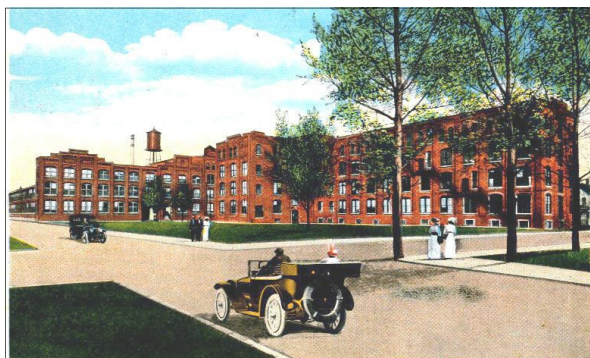
in front of the Baker and presenting a Classic Car Show starting at 1 pm. The flea market will be open all day with plenty of shopping and food. At 6 pm the Baker opens its doors with a 50's Record Hop that will knock your socks off. DJ "The Golden Gup" of 1250-WMTR will be spinning the records. Live, on-stage, performers such as Elvis, Paul & Paula and others will steal your heart away. Contests. Most Original 50's Look Contest (Dress, Hair, etc.), Oldest Teenage Couple Contest, Youngest Couple Contest (including the young at heart), a few door prizes and a ton of 50's memories. Cost is \$10 a person, but hurry, tickets are limited and will be going fast. For more information call (973) 361-4821 ask for Alice.

## East Dover's Germantown was "a Quaint Place"

By Elfriede (Hahn) Revesz. 1995.

DOVER-"Germantown in Dover would never have been in existence if it were not for the Guenther Hosiery Mill facing Elm Street filling two city blocks with five buildings. This stately brick building was built around 1902 by Paul Guenther and fitted with machinery made in Saxony, Germany. Operators, knitters, and machinists who were familiar with the silk stocking knitting machines were brought to Dover from Saxony to set up and start operating here.

Manufacturing of silk hosiery was started in France, but the high degree of efficiency machines were developed in Germany. Many people in my home town, Thalheim, Saxony, including my grandfather had in 1880 small machines at home in which two stockings at a time were produced. With improved machinery and the collecting of a number of machines under one roof, many factories were established in Thalheim. The town's population was about 10,000. Many of the trained workers who grew up with the industry were later Guenther's source of labor in the United States.



Apparently, a man much concerned with the contentment of his employees, Mr. Guenther provided "company houses" along King, Clark, and Berry Streets for the immigrant workers who years later bought the houses they occupied.. Mr. Guenther insured that the dwellings were ample, and made available at reasonable rents. The first immigrants, after becoming settled, vouched at the bank for those following, who then would pay off the cost of the trip. Many men came alone and later sent for their families. (cont. next section)

### Germantown (cont.)

After Guenther, the Hosiery here and in Wharton kept changing owners; Onex-Pointex, Gotham, and then DuPont, the company that perfected nylon thread manufacturing. DuPont moved the knitting operation to the South where labor was much cheaper.

A number of former silk workers returned to the mill when in 1943 McGregor established operators there knitting sweaters, etc.. They manufactured army field jackets. Manufacturers around this time were in dire need of personnel and began bringing in Puerto Ricans from Aguada. McGregor eventually closed and moved out in the late 70's.

Many old American Doverites have told me many times of how nice and quaint it was in Germantown. Later on there were a lot of other Americans and immigrants working in the factory, learning the trade too. Second generation Italians, and English too. The trades people were also Jewish, Germans, and Greeks".

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## Bea Cook's Mansion House Painting

by Jim Johnson

DOVER-This painting is a view of the Mansion House on the southeast corner of Blackwell & Sussex Streets. The building to the right housed attorney Mr. Neighbor on the 2nd floor. The bottom floor was occupied by Kilgor & White Drug Store. The Mansion House had 3 owners, one being Albert Richards, brother to Mayor George Richards and the last owner was a Mr. Jolly. Thomas Edison was a frequent guest of the Mansion House along with 5 former presidents of the United States. The famous hotel was torn down to make way for a Woolworth Department Store. This painting was one of many Dover scenes by the late Bea Cook. Her son Lowell, today lives in Wycolf, N.J.





# Puerto Ricans Migrated To Dover in the 40s

DOVER-The presence of Aguadans in Dover goes back to 1948, when a group of seven families moved here for work at the nearby Mount Hope Mine. Once they were settled, they helped family and friends find jobs in the area, at the National Hose Co., Picatinny Arsenal and the Alan Wood Mining Co. Others found work at the Picture Frame Factory, McGregor's and on the many farms in Sussex and Warren Counties.

Over the years, as more and more Aguadans settled along the eight blocks of Blackwell St. between Morris and Salem Streets, the area became known as "the Spanish barrio." Soon the downtown began to change face as new businesses opened, stores, restaurants, a credit union and a Spanish-language church.

Most of the first arrivals settled in New York. But that began to change in the early 1950s, when the Puerto Rican Department of Labor struck a bargain with the Garden State Service Association to lure unemployed

islanders to work on the farms of New Jersey.

For many migrants, the adjustment to life in New Jersey was difficult. Not only did many face barriers of language and culture, but they also encountered discrimination in education, housing and hiring.

A local radio station, WRAN, introduced a 90-minute show on Sunday nights devoted to Puerto Rican music. A community newspaper, La Voz, hit the streets. The first Puerto Rican restaurant, El Coqui, served up pasteles (meat turnovers) and mofongo (a plantain concoction).

Mayor Julio Cesar Roman,

who left office in January 2001 after serving as mayor of Aguada for 28 years, says the town has been completely transformed because of the ties with New Jersey. "It's interesting," he says. "Aguada may have changed Dover, but over the years Dover changed Aguada, too."



Part of the "Spanish barrio" along Bergen Street. Many of the older buildings were torn down during Dover's Urban Renewal program in the

## Photo Gallery of the Annual Joseph Kekuku Hawaiian Steel Guitar Festival in Dover



Photo to the left is the memorial service conducted at the gravesite of Joseph Kekuku at the Orchard Street Cemetery officiated by the Rev. David Meyers of the First Memorial Presbyterian Church. Lower left photo shows a Hawaiian service performed. To the top right, musicians perform in memory of Joseph Kekuku. To the lower right, Hawaiian Hula dancers add color and delight to the festival.

**From Lorene Ruymar of Steel Guitar Assoc.**

"Hi, all you HSGA types. I've been talking to the people in Dover, N.J. about their plans to hold a festival in honor of Joseph Kekuku, inventor of the steel guitar, who is buried in their cemetery. Those who are flying in should plan on arriving at the Newark airport on Friday, October 7. Then together we'll take a limo to our hotel, a one-hour drive.

On Monday, October 10, we depart. Those who flew to Dover will catch a bus to Joliet."

(Photos courtesy of Rick Kelly)



## 2nd Annual Joseph Kekuku Hawaiian Steel Guitar Festival

DOVER-The Dover Renaissance, Inc. and the Dover Area Historical Society along with the Hawaiian Steel Guitar Association will present the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Joseph Kekuku Hawaiian Steel Guitar Festival on October 8, 2005.

This year's festival will be held at the historic 1906-vaudeville theater, The Baker Theater at 41 West Blackwell Street in Dover. The festival will begin at 4:00 pm on October 8<sup>th</sup>, with a memorial service at the grave of Mr. Kekuku in the Orchard Street Cemetery. From 6 to 8 pm there will be a social hour and light buffet held inside the theater with music provided by steel guitar players.

At 8 pm, an evening of Hawaiian and Steel Guitar music and entertainment along with Hawaiian Dancing and Chanting will be

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## Joseph Kekuku Festival

held inside the main stage auditorium of the Baker. Steel Guitar musicians from around the country will be performing in the memory of Joseph Kekuku. There will be photos, displays and demonstrations of Hawaiian life from the islands.

The funds raised from this event will be used to purchase a monument to honor the memory of Mr. Kekuku. Joseph Kekuku was born in La'ie, Hawaii in 1874 and later in life lived in Dover. He invented the Hawaiian Steel Guitar at a very young age and traveled around the world demonstrating this pleasing sound. It is believed that Mr. Kekuku was on the vaudeville circuit in the late 1920s when he came to Dover to perform at the Baker.

For some reason, Mr. Kekuku decided to settle down in Dover and gave

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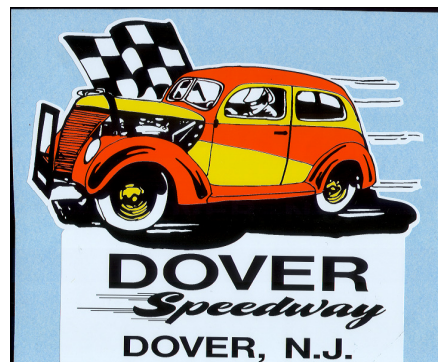
He passed away while residing at 88 Prospect Street in Dover with funeral services held in the First Presbyterian Church of Dover and interment at the Orchard Street Cemetery.

**Reserved tickets are available at \$25, each for the social hour, buffet and entertainment program. \$10 for the entertainment program only with balcony seating.**

Lodging and travel arrangements are being prepared for out-of-state visitors through the Hawaiian Steel Guitar Association's New Jersey branch. Call Barbara Garth at (973) 729-5158. For performer's music arrangements call Mike Esposito at (973) 879-8113. For ticket reservations call Connie Foster at (973) 366-0996. For general information contact George Laurie at (973) 361-6205.

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## Italians Left Historic Mark On Dover

DOVER-Research so far shows some of the earliest Italian immigrants came to Dover in the 1890's for better opportunities and employment than what they had in southern Italy near Naples. Many early immigrants worked for the railroad while others brought their trades with them such as architecture and painting. Two examples of early Italian work can be found in the Neo-Classical and Spanish Colonial style homes built in Dover by Louis Deona at the turn of the century and the mural inside the Baker Theater painted by the grandfather of former Alderman Pat Donofrio. Early Italian immigrants recall the hardships they faced and the hard work and long hours needed to survive. Most of the early immigrants lived in the East Dover neighborhoods of Belmont and Richards avenues called "Little Italy". That area of East Dover was often noted for its numerous vegetable gardens of tomatoes, onions, peppers, etc. As the melting pot in America grew bigger and bigger so did it grow in Dover to where today many of the Italian groups have blended into the mainstream of Dover's social and political life. As research continues to show, Dover's entire 275-year history is based on a variety of nationalities from the Irish digging the Morris Canal and mining to today's military research work being done at Picatinny Arsenal.

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## Hurd Estate (cont.)

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All the Dover Hurds are supposed to be descends of John and Priscilla Alden. John was the son of Jacob Hurd, who ran the Hurd House Tavern on Blackwell Street, and the great, great grandson of Moses Hurd, who came from New Hampshire and became the associate of John Jackson in his forge in 1722. Hurd Park was formally dedicated on October 12, 1911, while John Mulligan was mayor. The ceremonies

included a recitation by Miss Orlena McDavit, of a sonnet written by Charles D. Platt, a teacher and later principle of Dover High School, under Miss Charlotte G. Tempy. The park contains several winding creeks and an island having an oak tree planted by the Dover Women's Club. In the center of the park is a Greek-style pavilion having fluted columns, and a circular gazebo-like center with a red-tiled roof. Today, the park is very popular to western Morris County for wedding photos, graduations and prom photos. The park holds several annual events including the Memorial Day services. (Photo—Hundreds

of Dover residents turn out for the dedication of Hurd Park on Oct. 12, 1912.





# History of Dover's Jewish Community

By Arthur Spear

DOVER-One of the first Jewish residents in Dover was Leopold D. Schwartz who was born in Bohemia in 1839 and came to the United States in 1859. Peddling was his livelihood, his route being in Northern New Jersey. He became a resident of Dover in 1869. He was an enterprising young man with an interest in building. He bought a patent in laying concrete pavements from which he was able to realize a very fine financial return. Some years later, he opened a liquor store and went into the business of buying hides and tanning them.

With a pioneer Jew already settled in Dover, it was normal that more would soon follow. Dover was fast becoming a center of industrial expansion, thanks in part to L.D. Schwartz who was instrumental in encouraging factory owners to settle here. Many of the storekeepers who began as peddlers seeking to establish themselves in Dover, set up shops such as ladies garments, hardware, tobacco, haberdasheries, etc.



Dover Jewish Center on Orchard Street

The first Jewish organization in Dover was the Dover Hebrew Society organized in 1882 with 10 members. In 1897, the Dover Hebrew Literary Society was organized with 10 charter members. In September 1899, the group purchased one and a quarter acres of ground for a cemetery for which they paid \$250. In 1884, the small Jewish community had its first Chanukah festival. Mr. Henry Heiman an outstanding Jewish individual and president of the Dover Board of Education, explained to the children the meaning and significance of Chanukah.

The first Synagogue service in Dover was in 1883, sponsored by the Dover Hebrew Society. Ever since World War I, the Jewish people of Dover felt the need to erect a building to accommodate young and old for their religious, educational, recreational and social needs. There was much opposition from many people in the community and a shortage of money, but despite all the obstacles, by 1934 enough money was raised to begin construction. On May 10, 1936, the Dover Jewish Center was finally dedicated.

## History OfThe Dover Drive-In Theater's Short Existence

DOVER-When the Dover Drive-In Movie Theater opened for the first time on September 12, 1958 it was said to be the first ever to be built above-the-ground-level in the middle of a downtown city and the first ever to introduce a wireless speaker system. Walter Reed Jr., president of the Walter Reede Theaters Circuit and owners and operators of the Dover Drive-In, made the announcement to the news media on September 8.

Located in the new Dover Shopping Center in the heart of downtown Dover, the theater

was located on the top deck of a double-decked parking area. During the day it served as a parking area for the Shopping Center and during the evening, as a drive-in movie theater.

The new speaker system incorporated the use of a wireless induction system that eliminated the need for the conventional speaker posts and any direct wire connections for the transmission of sound to the automobiles. (cont.)



### (DOVER DRIVE-IN CONT.)

The mammoth theater screen was constructed off of the parking deck and towered more than 80 feet in the air and more than 100 feet wide. It was capable of showing wide-screen projection.

The ribbon cutting ceremonies began at 8:00 pm on Friday, September 12, 1958. About 490 cars filled the 550 spaces available for the grand opening event. The opening was attended by town officials, local business owners and people associated with the theater trade who all attended a reception at the Dutton Hotel at 9 pm.

Then the problems began. The picture on the screen was faded. A red tint glared onto the face of the screen coming from the glow of the nearby neon signs that hung on the sides of the buildings of the nearby shopping center. When asked to dim or turn off their lights during the movie, store owners maintained that the signs needed to remain lite, for it was a major source of their advertising efforts to bring public attention to the place of business. As the word got out of the poor quality of projection on the screen, business began to suffer for lack of attendance





## Dover's Legend Of Soft Drinks

DOVER- In the decades following the American Revolution, Dover, like most of Morris County and the rest of the country, was wild and lewd. According to Munsell's History of Morris County (1882) "The war had a demoralizing effect upon officers and men. The restraints of religion had become irksome, infidelity had made rapid progress and intemperance had greatly increased. Distilleries were found established in all parts of the county and drunkenness prevailed to an extraordinary extent and among all classes of people."

Around this time (c 1830) a gentleman by the name of William Young arrived in Dover with his family from Brooklyn, New York and set up Dover's first bakery shop. Mr. Young soon became very concerned about the state of affairs in town and along with a local banker, Thomas Segur, they soon started "The Sons of Temperance." This was a non-profit organization to help those to swear off alcoholic beverages. The movement

became so popular that by c 1840, Dover was known as the "Temperance Banner Town of New Jersey."

As an alternative to the alcoholic beverage known as Apple Jack, Young would brew root beer which he stored in stone bottles and would sell to local residents. He soon opened Dover first Root Beer Soda store next to his bakery shop on Dickerson Street.

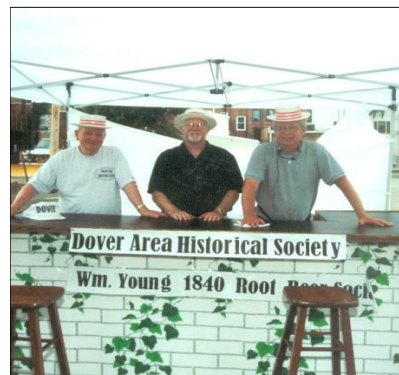
According to Charles Platt's Dover History (1914) "Jennie Young remembers being in her father's store, perhaps drinking some of her father's root beer, and seeing a bookcase with a sign containing the initials of the "Son's of Temperance" (SofT). Legend has it that it was from this inscription that she started referring to her father's root beer as "Soft Drinks" and thus coined the popular phrase."

In memory of this legend, the Dover Area Historical Society will be hosting its Third Annual Root Beer Social on Sunday,

July 10<sup>th</sup> from 12-noon until 4:00 pm on Dickerson Street.

Each 12 oz. cup of ice cold Root Beer is \$1.50 and for .50 cents more, you can get a scoop of vanilla ice cream added thus creating the popular ice cream soda.

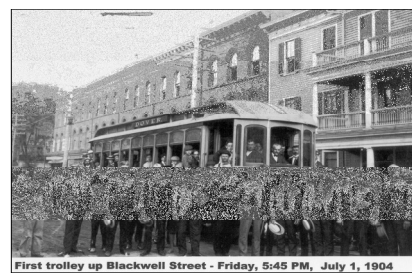
For more information, call 973-366-0629 or 973-361-6205.



Root Beer bartenders l. to r. Stan Schoonmaker, Rick Kelly & George Laurie ready to serve you on July 10 with a smile.

## History of Trains & Trolleys in Dover and New Jersey at the Baker

The History of Trains will be the topic of a special program scheduled for the Baker Theater on Tuesday September 13th starting at 7:30 pm. Bob Bahrs, railroad historian and avid railroad photographer will present a two-part series on the railroad, both statewide and its affects on Dover. Dozens of historic Dover photos will be displayed along with information on the Central & Lackawanna Railroads. Proceeds from the show will benefit the museum house restoration efforts. \$5 donation at the door. Call 973-361-6205 for info..



### Scenes Of Old Dover

Possibly the Harris Family out for a Sunday drive along Fairview Ave. Notice the dirt street with the stone gutter. Sidewalks and curbing were usually slate. The Silvestro Taxi Service is pictured to the right. This photo shows their headquarters. Can you identify the location?



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**6:00 PM Cocktail Hour/Buffer**

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• **Classic Cars by Goodfellas Car Club of Rockaway (1:00 – 4:00 PM)**  
Cars will be lined up along W. Blackwell Street, which is blocked off to traffic and police  
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• **50's Record Hop inside the Baker Theater starting at 6:00 PM.**

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