

**BAILIFF AND BAKER INFORMATION IN LETTER FROM CLARENCE JONES OF
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On the Orange County tax list of 1779, I find **JOHN, JOSEPH, and ROBERT BAKER** and **THOMAS CATE** but no **BAILIFF**. However, in 1800 I find where the State of North Carolina deeded land to **THOMAS BAILIFF**. That may have been land confiscated from Tories after the Revolution. Also I would think it would indicate that **BAILIFF** was a loyal American.

There is no doubt that the **BAKERS** were **PRESBYTERIAN** and **SCOTTISH**. **ROBERT BAKER** was an elder in the **NEW HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** [1756] in 1765. Those who came to Orange County, which was very large in the early days, mostly **came from Scotland and Ireland [Scots-Irish]** and they came to the **port of Philadelphia**. Then by the **Great Wagon Road** to Virginia and to Orange County, N.C. And of course they were Presbyterian and **they established four churches in 1752-1761 in the Hillsborough Area**. Now, **THOMAS BAILIFF'S** land was in a nest of them, there was marriage with the **BAKERS**, and probably came from the same general place in the Old County.

As for **THOMAS CATE**, who bought land from Lord Granville in 1759 in Orange County, I do not find any connection with the Presbyterians. Maybe with the Irish.

Were the Bailiff's Quaker? There were many Quakers in Old Orange, but I do not find any **BAILIFF'S** among them.

In 1782, the state transferred land to both **ROBERT** and **THOMAS BAKER**. That would indicate that they were loyal to America in the Revolution. There were many Tories around here during the war years, but most of them took their leave when they saw the British Army going down the grade. Some went to the West Indies, and others places and the State took their land and it was given to those who were faithful to the homeland. It seems that a few were pardoned and kept their land.

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