

T A Y L O R.

In August, 1923, I spent a week in the British Museum collecting all the data that could be obtained of the Taylors in England. I found in the 16th century marriages, various ways of spelling the name - there was Taylor, Tayelor, Tayler, Tayleur, Tayliar, Taylior, Taylyer. The largest number of names was spelled Taylor, and the next largest Tayler. Earlier than the 16th century there were many peculiar ways of spelling the names.

To go back to the beginning of the family in England, I procured a Reader's ticket, upon the recommendation of the American Express Company, and after much red tape was admitted to search in the manuscript room. Here I found the Taylor family written by Mr Hasted, and from him I shall quote: "The first English name is said to have been Baron Taillefer, who came over with William the Conqueror in 1066 and led the charges at Hastings on the 14th of October, 1066, going into the battle singing the old war songs of Roland. Wace, the old Anglo Norman poet, writes this about him in French:

Taillefer qui moult bien Chantoit,
Sur un cheval qui tot alloit,
Devant eux alloit Chantoit
De kalamange et Roland
Et D'Oliver et des Vassels
Quomonrurent a Rouscevalles

For minstrel Taillefer's gallant death at Hastings his descendants were given large landed possessions in Kent. They became

the Earls of Pennington. From him we come to Hanger Talefer (note the change in spelling), descendant of Baron Taillefer, who held lands in the County of Kent in 1256, from whom we come to John Taylor, of Homestall in Shadockhurst in County of Kent, living in the time of Edward III. He left sons, William John,

William Taylor of Shadockhurst, living in the time of Richard II, Henry IV and Henry V, co-heir with his brother John, as appears by several ancient deeds, was succeeded by his brother. John Taylor of Shadockhurst, who died about the fifth year of the reign of Edward IV, and was succeeded by his son, William Taylor.

William Taylor married Joane, daughter of Henry Gilbard of Shadockhurst. His will was proved April 20th, 1493. He was succeeded by John Taylor of Shadockhurst in the time of Richard III and Henry VII. John Taylor married Margaret, sole heir of Humphrey de Fairsted of Shadockhurst, son and heir who died in 1525, leaving a daughter only, Joane, who married Robert Lucy of Woodchurch.

The second John Taylor of Shadockhurst married Thomasine, daughter of John Isaac of Sevington and by her, who died in 1551, he left at his decease in 1550 William Taylor of Romeney, who married Mary, daughter of Richard Taylor of Cranbrokes. They are thought to be the parents of Richard Taylor, who married Dorothy and who came to the "Neck of land" in Virginia 1608 in the good ship "Mary and Margaret."

The seat of the Taylor family is at Pennington House in the county of Southhampton, near Lymington Harts.

The arms of Taylor of Pennington are:

Ermine, a lion rampant guardant azure'on
 a chief embattlement gu a fluer-de-lis
 or between two bears' heads coupled erect argents
 Crest - a dexter arm embowed in Armour, the hand in a
 gauntlet grasping a javelin all ppr. pendant from the
 wrist by a ribbon, Ax. and resting on a wreath of that
 colour, an escoucheon gu thereon a bear's head couped
 erect argent.

Motto.

Consequitur quodcumque petit.

(He obtains whatever he seeks.)

This is the insignia of their rank of the English nobility.

We now come to the pioneers in the New World.

From Virginia Records 6,7,8,9 concerning Richard Taylor.

In 1678-9 the will of Richard Taylor of Rappahannock County,
 Virginia, (which was formerly Lancaster County) dated March 22,
 1678-9 probated 1679, names his sons, Richard, Simon, daughter
 Constance, wife Sarah.

His son Simon's will is given, "Ref" Our Early English
 Ancestors, p. 203. In the will of Simon Taylor, Aug. 18, 1728,
 of Richmond County, Parish of North Farnham, he gives his son,
 John Taylor, the old William plantation from which he recently
 moved, to Thomas the Septimus plantation, mentioned daughter,
 Sarah Jasper or Gasper and grand-daughter, Elizabeth Jasper or
 Gasper.

The next generation of the Taylers is found in the Register of Farnham Parish, Richmond County, Va. Among many births and deaths is the family of John Taylor and Hannah Harrison.

Simon, son of John and Hannah Tayler, born March 2nd, 1728.

Harrison, alluded to as Harrison (1), was born August 11th, 1735.

Elizabeth (dau) of John and Hannah Taylor, born September 26, 1731.

This John is the father of Harrison Taylor (1) who died without a will, leaving his large estate to Simon, according to the English laws of that time in Virginia.

Simon was of much consideration by his wealth and influence and married Anna Maria Hite, a daughter of Joist Hite, who owned large possessions of land known as the Northern Neck of Virginia, and also in the Shenandoah Valley.

Miss Julia Hite Gallaher, the Genealogist, who furnished some of the early Taylor data in Virginia says: "The James Taylor who came to Virginia in 1635 settled first in Caroline Co. Virginia is of the same line in England as our ancestors."

John Taylor, who came in the "Swan" 1610 was evidently a brother of Richard Taylor, who came to Virginia in 1608 and whose wife, Dorothy, came in the "London Merchant" May, 1620, with daughter Mary, aged three months, and servant, Christopher Brown. The husbands often returned to England to pay visits to their families, who came later to Virginia.

In the census of 1624 his name (Richard's) was given and in 1626 he lived in Charles City and owned 200 acres of land.

John, who came in the "Swan" to Virginia in 1610 who was living at Elizabeth City 1624-25. Rebecca Tayler, age 22, came in the ship "Margaret and John". Her name appears next to John Taylor in the census and she was evidently his wife. John, it is evident had previous to the massacre lived at Berkely Hundreds.

From Richard Taylor and John Taylor descended all the Taylors of Lancaster and Rappahannock Counties, Virginia, and they are many. We do not know which one is the ancestor of Richard Taylor, whose will was probated in 1689, but in all probability it was Richard.

The data concerning the removal of Harrison Taylor's branch of the Taylor family of Virginia, to Ohio County, Kentucky, was procured at the County Clerk's Office at Winchester, Virginia, in the month of August, 1907, by the publisher of these sketches, accompanied by Miss Martha S. Harbison, Shelbyville, Kentucky, also interested in and descended from the Taylor family. We visited the famous old Taylor stone water mill built by Harrison (1) Taylor in 1760, on Back Creek, eight miles from Winchester, Virginia, on the great road leading from Winchester to Romney, West Virginia, thence to Parkersburg, West Virginia. This road was traveled by a great number of the immigrants to Kentucky.

From Cartnell's History. The Shenandoah Valley, p.479.

Back Creek Valley (Harrison Taylor's home) was given the

name of the post office in that vicinity by the Post Office Department mere than one hundred and fifty years ago. Mr William R. Smith says, "In my earliest recollection the post office was kept by Gen. Lockhart. In going and returning from school we had to pass by his house and would get the mail. I remember having paid 10 cents in coin to get a letter mailed." The name of the post-office has been changed. It is now called "Gore". Mr Smith says, "I have to feel sorry every time I write the name and wish it had remained Back Creek Valley."

In 1777 Harrison Taylor bought land of Jermiah Smith on Back Creek. Again in 1787 Harrison Taylor bought land lying on Back Creek on the great road leading from Winchester to Romney, West Virginia. Later when the location of the northwestern Turnpike was surveyed it was changed at the crossing of the creek, running it more to the west, leaving the mill to the south.

This mill did the grinding for that community and for all the surrounding country for many miles. Harrison Taylor was known as "Honest Old Taylor at the Mill". He married Jane Curlet, daughter of Nicholas Curlet and sister of Frances Curlet, who married George Smith.

Later Harrison Taylor sold his property in Virginia and moved to Ohio County, Kentucky. Harrison Taylor came from the East to Winchester, Virginia, when it was a frontier village. His parents were of Welch and English origin. At the present time Mr Charles W. Parish owns the old mill and farm and Mr Ott Kerns operates

the mill.

At this old Harrison Taylor mill were found the old grinders, buhr stone of flint 4 feet in diameter near the entrance of the mill, which was then (1907) owned and operated by a Mr Parish as a modern steam roller mill. On a loose boulder near the mill was carved "Taylor 1780". This section of Frederick County abounds in picturesque and beautiful scenery with North Mountain near and the hard road (macadam) winding around the mountain, showing great engineering skill. This is the region of the wonderful apple blossoms, made famous at Winchester, Virginia, by an annual pageant.

The old home of Harrison Taylor, built in 1765, stands a part of the original structure, as two rooms, one above the other, to which has been added a new structure to the right as one approaches the place. The old cedar trees stand in the avenue leading to the house. Mr Parish, the present owner of the place (1907) very hospitably invited us to dine with him, which afforded us the opportunity to see the interior of the two old rooms of the Taylor home. We found the massive doors and hinges, the old locks, broad boards in the floors and tiny window panes all intact. The present occupant and owner of the old Taylor home told us that he had paid \$100.00 per acre for the place, but would not sell it at this price.

My grandfather, Harrison D. Taylor, in his History says that the early Taylors, with all their sons and daughters married and left their Virginia Homes in the latter part of the eighteenth and the beginning of the nineteenth century and came to Ohio County

Kentucky. See "Ohio County, Ky., in the Olden Days" for further history of the Taylor family in Ohio County.

As Harrison Taylor (1) and his son, Thomas Taylor, married in the same family of Curlets, niece and aunt respectively, we searched diligently for some record of the Curlets at Winchester, Virginia, and the most that we could find was a few marriages and old deeds, unimportant and not bearing on how they came to this country nor when they came.

The name was spelled Curlet, also with two ts, Curlett.

Mr. William R. Smith, deceased, who lived in Winchester, Va., at the time of our visit there 1907, was a member of a pioneer family who lived on adjoining farms to the Taylors in Back Creek Valley and his ancestors also married into the Curlet family. He related to us many things dealing with their characteristics as a family which are confirmed by what my grandfather, Harrison D. Taylor, has said regarding their mental ability. They were teachers and eminent in learning in Virginia and England.

Nicholas Curlet, son of William Curlet and Jean, his wife, was born Oct. 2nd, 1739, married Margaret Flaugherty. Nicholas Curlet and Margaret Flaugherty were married Dec. 4, 1764.

Issue:-

Thomas Curlet born Sept. 18, 1765.
 Frances Curlet, born March 30, 1767.
 William Curlet
 Margaret Curlet, born Sept. 5, 1772.

Members of this family as well as the Taylors were

Episcopalians.

These dates were taken from an old Prayer Book and Hymnal combined. It has the record given on one page and Nicholas Curlet's name written a number of times in the book, and in two places the name of Nicholas Taylor (his grandson) written once thus, "Nicholas Taylor, son of Margaret and Thomas Taylor", and again thus, "The grandson of Nicholas Curlet."

Margaret Curlet married Thomas Taylor Nov. 24, 1793.

Jane Curlet, Margaret's aunt, married Harrison Taylor (1) hence Thos. Taylor and Margaret Curlet were first cousins.

In the Clerk's office at Winchester, Virginia, the County Seat of Frederick County, in Deed Book 26, p.350, year 1798, may be seen land conveyances made by the Taylors before removing to Kentucky.

Notes on early deeds - Marriage licenses - Harrison Taylor (1) and Jane, his wife, sold to Caleb Seall 109 acres on Back Creek on the west side of North Mountain adjoining Robert Lochart and conveyed by Joseph Wilkerson March 1st, 1764.

Another tract, 119 acres, surveyed by George Washington bought of Thomas, Lord Fairfax, 29th day of August, 1777, adjoining Richard Taylor's survey, all for the sum of \$900 (nine hundred dollars) The County Clerk remarked that was a large sum for that day. The next deed in the same book is between Richard Taylor, son of Harrison(1) and Dorcas, his wife, in the County of Frederick, and Caleb Seall, year 1798 land lying on Back Creek granted Richard Taylor by Commonwealth of Virginia 221 acres 10th day of October, 1798, for

services in Revolutionary War, as may fully appear by reference to Virginia land office, Richmond Va.

In the same book appears on p.331, William Taylor and Jane, his wife, of Hampshire County, Virginia, sell to Johnathan Lovett for two hundred pounds 262 acres in 1799, land on Back Creek adjoining Harrison Taylor's, granted said William Taylor by Commonwealth of Virginia in 1796.

Marriage license of Richard Taylor and Dorcas Tarleton
March 1st, 1796.

William Taylor and Jane Clutter, 1793.

Notes continued - Taylor.

Simon Taylor, son of John and Hannah Harrison, born March 11th, 1728. Married Anna Maria Hite 1758 or 9. Issue: John, James, Simon, Rebecca Lee, Elizabeth Hite and Mary Ann. Simon Taylor died 1789 - Hampshire Co., West Virginia. Will probated at Romney, West Virginia. Simon Taylor was of a company of foot soldiers commanded by Capt. Lewis Stephens, Frederick County, Virginia, 1755 to 1761 - Court martial records p.64. Spottsylvania Co Records - Simon Taylor's will was dated 1784 and proved 1786, Romney, Hampshire Co. West Va.

Richard Taylor (II) October 3, 1673, took up 1000 acres on the south side of James River on Black Water Creek, Charles City County, Virginia. Richard's (II) will was probated in 1679.

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Julia Hite Gallaher notes.

Julieh Hite Gallaher, the Southern Genealogist for "Colonial Families" and who was employed to obtain the Taylor family data of Harrison Taylor's forebears and who has spent years and hundreds of dollars studying the genealogy of the three families of Taylors in Virginia, says: "Besides Richard and John Taylor, who came over from England, there was Colonel James Taylor in Caroline County, Va., who came from England in 1635. From this branch sprang five Presidents of the United States, viz, Madison, Taylor, William Henry Harrison, Tyler, Benjamin Harrison. These three families were related. Miss Gallaher gave the dates of John and Hannah's family, also the dates of the wills of John's father and grandfather, Richard.

The line is: 1st, Richard married Dorothy - came to America 1608.

Generations thus:

- 2nd. Richard married Sarah, will probated 1679 Rappahannock Co
- 3rd. Simon married Elizabeth, will probated 1728, Richmond Co
- 4th. Simon married Hannah Harrison, 1726, left no will.

John Taylor and Hannah Harrison's children:

1. Simon Taylor born March 11, 1728.
2. Elizabeth Taylor, born Sept. 26, 1731.
3. Harrison Taylor, born Aug. 14, 1735.
4. Richard Taylor, born Feb. 28, 1742.

From Virginia Co Records - Volume 6.

Generation (5) Harrison Taylor (1) Jean Curlet - Children:

1. Richard born Dec. 10, 1760, lived to his 84th year.
2. Elizabeth " Apr. 30, 1762.
3. Thomas " Feb. 24, 1764.
4. Harrison " Dec. 31, 1766.
5. William " Jan. 22, 1768.

- 6. John " Nov. 27, 1769.
- 7. Septimus " Feb. 22, 1773.
- 8. Hannah " Jan. 27, 1775.
- 9. Simon " Aug. 26, 1777.
- 10. James " Nov. 22, 1779.
- 11. Margaret " Nov. 15, 1781.
- 12. Joseph " Mch. 9, 1784.

Generation (6)

Richard Taylor, born Dec. 10th, 1760, died Dec. 9th, 1843.

Married (1st) Sarah Cornet, daughter of Thomas Cornet and Marjory, his wife, June, 1782. Sarah Cornet was born 31st of July 1760 and departed this life Feb. 7th, 1795.

Children:

- 1. Katy-Ann born Mch. 28, 1783 - married (1st) Coleman. (2) Ashby.
- 2. Sarah Ann (Sallie) born July 20, 1784, married Philip Falheron.
- 3. Jean Cornet, born Feb. 8, 1786.
- 4. Margaret " Dec. 16, 1787.
- 5. Harrison " Oct. 11, 1789.
- 6. Thomas " Oct. 17, 1791.
- 7. Sarah (?) " Feb. 8, 1794.

Children: Second marriage - Richard Taylor married Dorcas.

Thomas March 1st, 1796.

- 8. Susannah, daughter of Richard Taylor and Dorcas, his wife, was born July 20th, 1789 (1799)?
- 9. William Taylor, son of Richard Taylor and Dorcas Taylor, born Nov. 2nd, 1800, died Oct. 1801.
- 10. Henrietta, daughter of Richard Taylor and Dorcas his wife, born Aug. 5, 1802.
- 11 - John Taylor, son of Richard Taylor and Dorcas, his wife, was born Feb. 8th, 1805.
- 12. Blackston, son of Richard Taylor and Dorcas, his wife, was born Dec. 20, 1806.
- Twins (13. Mason, son of Richard Taylor and Dorcas, his wife
born Oct. 1st, 1809.
- (14. Clarissa, daughter of Richard Taylor and Dorcas,
his wife, born Oct. 1st, 1809.

Grandchildren of Richard Taylor:

John Taylor, son of Mason & Clarissa, his wife, born Oct. 14, 1831.
Harrison Blacksten, son of Mason & Clarissa, his wife, born 14th

day of November, 1833.

Susan Adline, daughter of Mason & Clarissa, his wife, born 17th day of November, 1835.

John W. Taylor, and Laura D. Stevens married Nov. 10th, 1853.

John W. Taylor was born Oct. 14, 1831.

Laura D. Taylor, his wife, was born Sept. 24, 1831.

Clara W. Taylor, daughter of John W. Taylor and Laura D. Taylor, his wife, was born Sept. 30th, 1854.

Lizzie and Lelah, daughters of John W. & Laura D. Taylor
January 31st, 1858.

Pendleton B. Taylor was born Sept. 24, 1861.

Henry M. Taylor was born May 28, 1864.

John B. Taylor, born Feb. 11, 1867.

Ellen Crow Taylor was born Aug. 15th, 1869.

Herace Leslie Taylor was born May 14th, 1872.

Lizzie Taylor died Mar. 2, 1865.

Susan A. Taylor died Mar. 17, 1865.

Harber B. Taylor and Octavia Chinn married Sept. 21st, 1854.

Harber B. Taylor was born Nov. 13, 1833, and Octavia, his wife
was born April 11, 1857.

Richard T. Taylor, and Lucy Stevens were married Oct. 2, 1859.

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Appendix.

In addition to the foregoing data I wish to append the following facts:

John Taylor, Esquire, T. R. S. of Lyssons, Jamaica, was created Baronet Sept. 1778. His son and successor, Sir Simon Richard Taylor, died in May 1815. His property as well as the estate of his uncle, Simon Taylor, Esq. of Jamaica devolved on his sister and the baronetcy became extinct.

This sister, Anna Susanne Taylor, married George Watson Esquire, and they assumed by royal license, June 19th, 1815, the addition surname and arms of Taylor.

Their estate was at Eastlake Park near Devises Westbury, England. Their son, Simon Watson Taylor, was for many years

a member of Parliament.

(Signed) Mary Taylor Logan.