

1850 Perry County, Illinois, Census

Godfrey Taylor,	age 32, born TN
Celestine	30
Evan T.	12
Louisa E.	10
Greenberry	4
Catherine	1

1860 Camden County, Missouri, Census

Godfred M. Taylor,	age 43, born TN
Sibly S.	42 TN
Greenberry	11 IL
Eleeta C.	10 IL
Amanda M.	6 MO
Eunice L.	3 MO
Helen	9/12 MO

1870 Camden County, Missouri, Census

G. M. Taylor,	51 TN
Lavina Emeline	36 MO
Emma	15 MO
Tabitha Helen	11 MO
Rosana	4 MO
Drury	March 4/12 MO

Ussery, (children of Anuel & Lavina Ussery)

John F.	16 MO
Jesse P.	15 MO
Juliet J.	12 MO
Martha J.	10 MO
William A.	9 MO
Luther Anniel	6 MO

1880 Dallas County, Missouri, Census

Dwelling 97-98

Fred Taylor,	63	TN	-	-	
Emeline	44	TN	-	-	Wife
Rosey	13	MO	TN	TN	Daughter
Drury	10	MO	TN	TN	Son
Elnory	7	MO	TN	TN	Daughter
Ussery, William	19	MO	MO	TN	Stepson
Luther	16	MO	MO	TN	Stepson

Dwelling 98-99

Lee (Leander) Taylor	23	IL	TN	IL	Works on farm
Margaret	24	MO	-	MO	Wife
William	1	MO	IL	MO	Son
Guthrey, Frank	13	MO	-	MO	Brother-in-law
Mary	10	MO	-	MO	Sister -in-law

Dwelling 99-100

Frank Osborn	38	MO	VA	VA	Farmer
Mary (2nd sp.)	24	KY	KY	KY	Wife
Steven	16	MO	MO	TN	Son, farming
Sarah	15	MO	MO	TN	Daughter
Lucy	7	MO	MO	KY	Daughter
Henry	5	MO	MO	KY	Son
Mary	4	MO	MO	KY	Daughter
Martha	1	MO	MO	KY	Daughter

Dwelling 100-101			
Sarah Taylor	41	IL	GE TN Widow
(sp. of Marion - Suffering from liver disease)			
Cordelia	14	IL	IL IL Daughter
John	12	IL	IL IL Son
Oliver	8	IL	IL IL Son
William	5	AR	IL IL Son
Godfrey	3	MO	IL IL Son
Dwelling 94-95			
Marion Bryant	23	MO	TN TN
Malinda (Osborn)	18	MO	- - Wife
William	2	MO	MO MO Son
Mary	4/12. Jan	MO	MO MO Daughter
Dwelling 96-97			
William Shadric	26	MO	- KY
Jane (Ussery)	22	MO	MO MO Wife
Monroe	1	MO	MO MO Son
Dwelling 95-96			
Wright, Harvey	58	TN	- -
Nancy	60	TN	NC TN Wife
Dwelling 93-94			
John Callison	38	TN	- TN Farmer
Louisa (Wright)	33	KY	- - Wife
Evert	10	MO	TN KY Son
Etty	2	MO	TN KY Daughter
Dwelling 101-102			
John K. Taylor	34	MO	TN IL Farmer
Rachel	33	MO	- - Wife
Mary	16	MO	MO MO Daughter
Viola	11	MO	MO MO Daughter
James	10	MO	MO MO Son
Ferdinand	7	MO	MO MO Son
Effey	4	MO	MO MO Daughter
Barzelia	4/12-Jan	MO	MO MO Son

The above Barzelia is Silas B. on the 1900 census, aged 20. Also on that census John K. had another son, Charles H., aged 15 and two grandchildren living with him: Julia, aged 10 and Rosa aged 3, both born in Missouri.

John K. is John T. Taylor's son as is Mills Drury Taylor. From the same census, Dallas County, MO, 1880:

Dwelling 289-290 (Jasper Township)			
Mills Taylor	38	IL	- - Farmer
Jodena	21	MO	KY MO Wife (2nd)
John	15	MO	IL - Son
Nancy	15	MO	IL - Daughter
Rachel	12	MO	IL - Daughter
Charley	10	MO	IL - Son
Samuel	8	MO	IL - Son
Missouri	3/12-Feb	MO	IL MO Daughter

Mills first wife was Amanda Marlow who died April 2, 1875, giving birth to Amanda Vinnie. Also missing on the census was their son, Thomas. Missouri was Mills and Jodena's daughter. They

also had a son, Benjamin born in 1882. Mills later married Mary Pope and had children Jesse and Howard. For more information on these two families see the chapter on John (War of 1812) Taylor.

MARION DUANE TAYLOR

From the information that has been made available to us we assume that Marion Duane Taylor was one of Drury Taylor's younger sons. He was born in Tennessee, February 21, 1832. He was in Illinois by 1850 although as yet we have not found any census records to prove this. One report says he was in Perry County, another in Union County. I would assume that he moved to Illinois with his parents or other relatives and most likely would be found with them or near them on the 1850 census but to date we have not found him. There is a history that says he moved from Illinois to Missouri in 1872. However there is a Marion Taylor that can be found on the Ste. Genevieve County census of Missouri in 1860 that could possibly be him. Ste. Genevieve County borders Illinois. Only Randolph County separates it from Perry County where Godfrey Taylor was found in 1860.

The following article is from information that Jake Bains had and was sent to me by Mary Stanley. Mr. Bains used the spelling Dwayne for Marion Duane Taylor.

"Marion's wife, Sarah Taylor known as "Aunt Sally Ann" was a midwife and ERB (herb) doctor. When a baby was to be born she always went a week before due date and stayed. She was a light eater, eating only 1 egg and 1/2 biscuit for breakfast. She entertained the children by telling ghost stories.

"Her husband, Dwayne, shot and killed a man in Illinois, reason unknown. He went to Arkansas to hide. Later joined Sarah in Missouri but according to the 1880 census they had a child born in Arkansas (in 1874). Sarah lived to be very old, age unknown.

"Dwayne Taylor moved to Illinois, some where I got the name Bullknob, Illinois, Union County. Note - Dwayne may be a cousin to brothers Mills and John K. Taylor." [Mills and John K. are the sons of John T. Taylor, grandsons of John (War of 1812) Taylor.]

Sarah delivered Mary Stanley's grandmother, Ethel May Taylor Wood McNeil Murray, daughter of Mills Taylor. Ethel was born November 19, 1889.

And then from O'Neil R. Tucker's book, The First Seventy-five Years, 1915 - 1990.

"I was ushered into this world by a mid-wife, Sarah A. Taylor. My dad went on horseback to bring her to the little log house. My brother, Ova says he remembers the occasion very vividly when Dad came with Sarah Ann. She was lovingly called Granny Taylor at that time. Marion and Sarah Ann Taylor migrated from New York

to Illinois or Kentukcky. They were of German descent and Sarah's maiden name was Rosenburger. She was Aunt Liz-Scrivener's mother. Sarah Adams' grandmother, and Les, Lena and Err Adams' great-grandmother. I can remember her very clearly. After I got older, she lived with her daughter, Aunt Liz Scrivener, and her granddaughter, Sarah Adams. My remembrance is that she lived upstairs and smoked a clay pipe.

"On December 6, 1921 Granny Taylor was the midwife who ushered my brother, Ralph, into this life as well as she did me."

Sarah died in 1927 when she was eighty-nine years old. On the 1880 census Sarah listed her birthplace as Illinois, her father's as Germany, and her mother's as Tennessee. Again on the 1900 census her birthplace was given as Illinois. There is also a Mormon library entry on one of her children that lists her maiden name as Simmons.

In trying to second guess what all this means it would seem that her father immigrated from Germany, came to Illinois and raised his family there. It was there that she met and married Marion Duane Taylor who had been born in Tennessee according to his son Leander Taylor and moved to Illinois prior to 1850.

Mary Stanley of Tulsa, Oklahoma, sent the information that I have used in compiling the following family tree of Marion Duane Taylor and his wife, Sarah Ann.

Marion Duane Taylor, b. Feb. 21, 1832, TN - d. between 1877 and 1880, bur. Turner Cemetery, Dallas Co., MO
m. ca 1850's to Sarah A. Rosenburger, b. Jan 4 1838 - d 1927
children: 7, Sarah Elizabeth, Leander, Corde, John, Oliver, William, and Godfrey.

1. Sarah Elizabeth Taylor, b. Jan 13, 1856, IL
d. Feb. 27, 1952, bur. Kirk Chapel Cemetery, Dallas Co.
1st sp. John Marion Minson, d. before 1877
ch: 1. Pheobe Minson, b. Jun 14, 1872 - d. Aug. 2, 1967
m. October 7, 1888, to Zachariah L. West
b. 1866 - d. 1957, bur. Kirk Chapel Dallas Co
ch: 1. Mose West, b. 1909
sp. Ethel Harmon
ch: 1. Darrell Von West, b. 1932
sp. Vivian Stickley
ch: 1. Ricky DeVon West, b. 1953
sp. Rose Hill
ch: 1. Heather L. West, b. 1973

2nd sp. Nathan (Bud) Scrivener, b. 1858
children: 1

A. Sarah Frances Scrivener, b. Dec. 8, 1877
d. July 9, 1960, bur. Kirl Chapel, Dallas Co., MO
sp. John F. Adams
children: 4, Les, Audie, Lena, and Err
1. Wiley Lester (Les) Adams, b. Feb. 8, 1900

- d. August 6, 1996, bur. G of M, Buffalo, MO
 - m. October 11, 1935, to Margaret F. Hunt
 - children: 3
 - a. Robert Dale Adams
 - b. Shirley Ann Adams
 - sp. Harvey Umstead, lives Olathe, KS
 - c. Margaret Faye Adams, lives Boliver, MO
 - 2. Audie Adams, daughter
 - 3. Lena Adams
 - sp. _____ Selsor
 - 4. Err Adams
2. Leander (Lee) Taylor, b. Mar. 19, 1857, IL
- d. Feb. 2, 1943, Lee came to Missouri in 1872 from Illinois, bur. Sunrise Cemetery, Creek Co., OK
 - 1st m. Nov. 25, 1877, to Margaret Guthrie, b. 1856
 - She may have married Milton M. Dugan, Feb 22, 1885
 - children: 3
 - A. William (Whistlin Bill) Taylor, b. Nov 27, 1878
 - Ira, Laclede Co., MO - d. ? 1916
 - sp. Susan (Sude) Hanks, b. ca. 1886 - A Sude Taylor of Eldridge married Irvin Bennett, b. 1889 of Lebanon on May 7, 1931
 - children: 6
 - (1) Minnie Taylor
 - sp. Evertt Eoff
 - (2) Mary Susan Taylor, d. at age 33
 - sp. _____ Mills
 - (3) Lester Taylor
 - sp. Jule Eoff, Evertt was her twin
 - (4) Oscar Taylor, lives in Eldorado, KS
 - sp. Emma _____
 - (5) Albert or Abner Orin (Orie) Taylor
 - (6) Mary Taylor, Rt. 3, Box 60 B, Lebanon, MO 65536 in 1995
 - sp. _____ Switzer
 - B. Josephine (Josa) Taylor, b. April, 188?, (Stella on 1900 census which also states that she and John were both born in April of 1882. The school record states she was born in 1881, he in 1883.
 - sp. Franklin Paine
 - C. John Lyman Taylor, b. April, 188?
 - 2nd m. for Leander Taylor, Nov. 22, 1885, to Elizabeth (Eliza) Stidham, b. Sept. 11, 1856 or 1861
 - d. Dec. 28, 1934 - "It was said that Eliza was the devil's own grandmother because she was so mean."
 - children: 6, 5 living by 1900
 - A. Etta Ann or Etie Melvina Taylor, b. Sept.. 1885
 - sp. Charlie Shadrick, lived in Chelsea, OK
 - B. Henry J. Taylor, b. July, 1889
 - m. Dec. 29, 1911 to Jane Taylor, b. 1890
 - She was from Leadmine, MO
 - C. Frank Taylor, b. June, 1892 - d. 1931

- bur. Sunrise Cemetery, Kellyville, OK
 sp. Elizabeth
 children: number unknown
 (1) Frank V. Taylor, d. 1930, bur. beside father
 D. Ova L. Taylor, b. August, 1898
 E. Jesse William Taylor, b. 19__
3. Cordelia (Corde) Taylor, b. July 16, 1865, IL
 d. Ap 16, 1963, bur. Kirk Chapel Cem. Dallas Co., MO
 m. Nov. 4, 1882, to Abraham Lincoln Barclay
4. John Lamon Taylor, b. May 15, 1868, IL
 m. Aug 30, 1892 to Nancy Jane Stidham, b. Sept. 11, 1875
 children: probably 11 - LDS records not clear
 A. Irvin Henry Taylor, b. Dec. 19, 1893
 sp. Felcia Bench
 B. Sarah May Taylor, b. December 27, 1895
 sp. John Lee, b. 1895
 C. Charlie Ralph Taylor, b. July 24, 1898
 D. Laura Pearl Taylor, b. October 23, 1900
 E. ?
 sp. ?
 F. William Burton Taylor, b. February 21, 1905
 sp. Edith Fern Fosters
 G. Daisy Leona Taylor, b. May 30, 1907
 m. 3 times ??
 H. ?
 sp. ?
 I. Bonnie Ruth Taylor, b. June 22, 1912
 J. Loyd George Taylor, b. May 24, 1916
 m. 3 times ??
 K. ?
 m. 2 times ??
5. Oliver Taylor, b. June 2, 1872, IL - d. May 29, 1949
 m. Dec. 20th, 1891 to Sarah Fannie Box
 b. June 28, 1873 or 1877 - d. October 21, 1961
 children: 4
 A. Thomas F. Taylor, b. March, 1893
 B. Sarah C. Taylor, b. April, 1897
 C. Mary M. Taylor, b. March 30, 1900 - d. Dec. 24, 1991
 bur. Plad Cemetery, Dallas Co., MO
 sp. Clyde Guthrie, b. Sept. 18, 1894 - d. May 27, 1944
 children: 8
 (1) Frances Guthrie, deceased
 (2) Mollie Guthrie, lived in Indiana
 (3) Lonnie Guthrie, killed in 1950 in Windyville
 b. July 26, 1920 - d. May 1, 1950
 served in USAF during WWII
 (4) Jewell Guthrie, b. May 30, 1924
 d. Oct. 4, 1978, bur. Plad Cemetery
 m. May 2, 1942 to Ralph Bailly
 b. May 2, 1922 - d. May 28, 1978
 children: 1, James Glen Bailey
 b. Sep 22, 1946 - d. Nov 21, 1946

- (5) Don Guthrie
sp. Jessie Payne
- (6) Jossie Guthrie, b. February 13, 1931
1st sp. Frank Reed
2nd m. Nov. 24, 1954 to Walter Webster
b. August 11, 1927 - d. Feb. 12, 1990
- (7) Wilma Guthrie
- (8) Ferba Faye Guthrie, b. June 10, 1935
d. November 28, 1988
m. April 26, 1952 to James E. Appleberry
b. January 24, 1928
- D. Willis Taylor, b. 1898
sp. Lula Shadwick, b. Aug. 23, 1905
d. November 27, 1968
children: 1. Robert Guy Taylor, b. Jan. 13, 1927
d. Ap. 9, 1927, bur. Scrivener
Cemetery, Dallas County, MO
- E. Rodda Taylor, d. in Washington
- F. Bethel Taylor
6. William F. Taylor, b. 1874, Ark. - d. 1897
bur. Buffalo City Cemetery
7. Godfrey (Fred or Fret) Marlin (or McLain) Taylor
b. April 1877, MO
sp. Anna Cordelia Jones or Sarale A. Ann Jones
children:
A. Bert Lee Taylor, b. January 26, 1909

Records concerning Marion Duane Taylor and family

1860 Ste. Genevieve County, Illinois Census. (this may or may not
be the same Marion Duane Taylor)

Taylor, Marion	27	IL
Sarah A.	22	IL
Elizabeth	4	IL
Adolphus	2	IL

1880 Dallas County, Missouri, Census
Dwelling 98-99

Lee (Leander) Taylor,	23	IL	TN	IL	Works on farm
Margaret	24	MO	-	MO	Wife
William	1	MO	IL	MO	Son
Guthrey, Frank	13	MO	-	MO	Brother-in-law
Mary	10	MO	-	MO	Sister-in-law

Dwelling 100-101

Sarah Taylor	41	IL	GE	TN	Widow, suffering from liver disease (widow of Marion Duane Taylor)
Cordelia	14	IL	IL	IL	Daughter
John	12	IL	IL	IL	Son
Oliver	8	IL	IL	IL	Son

William	5	IL	IL	IL	Son
Godfrey	3	IL	IL	IL	Son

1900 Dallas County, Missouri, Census - Miller Township

Taylor, Oliver	June, 1872	27, MO
Sarah F.	- 1877	23, MO
Thomas F.	March, 1893	7, MO
Sarah C.	April, 1897	3, MO
Mary M.	March, 1900	3/12 MO

Taylor, Sarah.	- 1838	62, IL	- Unk - Unk
Godfrey	April, 1877	23, MO	single

Taylor Memories

After all my travels to various Taylor stomping grounds a few hardy souls have decided to pay me a visit for which I'm extremely grateful. One such couple was Neal and Lois Taylor, a wonderful couple who I've gotten to know well. However this particular incident happened on their first visit to our home.

One of my friends thought I needed a house cat (because she didn't) and brought it out to our place. The cat was named Angel and I guess as cats go she was okay. However I'm not a great cat fancier but she quickly made herself at home. She had not been spayed but she never had kittens so I really wasn't too concerned. However one summer she finally became in a 'family way' and did nothing but complain about her condition. Needless to say I wasn't too sympathetic to her plight usually saying something like, "Tough, you got yourself into this condtion, now get yourself out of it."

Shortly after their arrival Lois was sittting on our coach putting up with Neal's and my going over our latest research. I eventually started for the kitchen and here sat Angel glaring at me. She begin her usual complaining. I answered my usual 'Tough', and went into the kitchen. She stalked off, jumped up in Lois' lap and promptly started giving birth to her kittens. Me embarrassed?? You'd better believe!!!

Margaret C. King

I am including a little information on the King family. I feel that somehow they are tied into the Taylor family but I do not know how. Margaret King was the daughter of Nancy King but we do not know her father's first name. He died sometime between 1840 and 1850. Nancy King was living in Camden County, Missouri, in 1850 with six children and a woman who was probably her mother-in-law, Sarah King, who was in her seventies. In 1860 Nancy is found on the Osage Township, Camden County census with two sons, Jonathon and Hamilton. It is difficult to determine which birth year is correct for Nancy King. On the 1850 census she listed 1804; the 1860 census, 1810; and her gravestone states she was born on September 12, 1802 and died September 6, 1868.

Margaret King was married twice, first to J. W. Ballard and secondly to John Kent, who was born in 1831 in Tennessee. There was a John Kent living in Smith County according to the 1840 census. Also John T. Taylor, son of John (War of 1812) Taylor, named one of his sons John Kent Taylor.

Margaret King took in Amanda Vinnie Taylor, and raised her when her mother died. Amanda Vinnie was the youngest daughter of Mills Drury Taylor and his first wife, Amanda M. Marlowe Taylor. Vinnie's mother died when she was born. Mills was the son of John T. Taylor. The following information is from Mary Stanley, a great, great, granddaughter of Mills Drury Taylor.

Nancy H. King, b. 1802, TN - d. 1868, TN
sp. Unknown, probable mother, Sarah King, b. 1778, TN
children: number unknown, 6 on the 1850 Camden Co. census
1. Julia King, b. 1832, MO
* 2. Margaret King, b. 1834, MO
3. Jonathon King, b. 1835, MO
4. Hamilton King, b. 1838, MO
5. Susan King, twin, b. 1840 MO
6. Nancy King, twin, b. 1840, MO

* Margaret C. King, b. December 27, 1834, Missouri (both parents born in Tennessee.)
1st m. July 3, 1851, Laclede, Co., MO to J. W. Ballard (probably James W.), b. March 21, 1833 - d. March 29, 1856
children: 3
1. William H. Ballard, b. Sept. 6, 1852 - d. Aug. 5, 1874
2. James W. Ballard, b. 1854
m. November 1, 1875 to Alice Wright, b. 1856, daughter of Harvey Wright
children: 3
A. John H. Ballard, b. 1878
B. Nancy H. Ballard, b. 1880
C. Elma Ballard, b. September 6, 1887
m. 1898 to Jesse Thomas Hunt
3. John K. Ballard, b. August 5, 1858
m. December 12, 1875 to Emily Louis Tailor
b. Aug. 13, 1856 - d. Dec. 30, 1936, Dallas Co. MO

2nd m. ca. 1858 to John Kent, b. 1830, TN according to census; gravestone b. January 5, 1821 - d. April 26, 1874 children: 3 (1900 census indicated Margaret had 4 children living at that time)

1. Nancy H. Kent, b. November 10, 1858

2. Frantz Sigle Kent, b. March 18, 1861

1st m. March 16, 1890 to Vida Mary Pope, stepdaughter of Mills Taylor, b Jan 18, 1872 - d Feb 13, 1894

bur. Old Pisgah Cemetery

children: at least 4

A. Floyd Kent, b. February, 1891

B. May Kent, b. March, 1892

C. Valley Kent, b. February, 1894

sp. Jessie Hunt, daughter of Jesse Tom Hunt

2nd m. before 1900 to Mary Milligan, b. Jan., 1875

3rd m. 1904 to Nancy Brice (1/16 Cherokee)

children: at least 3

1. Margaret Kent, b. 1905

2. Agnes Kent, b. 1907

3. Lou E. Kent, b. 1910

step-children: 5

1. Ona M. Brice, b. 1894

2. Charles F. Brice, b. 1896

3. Ada E. Brice, b. 1908

4. Samuel T. Brice, b. 1900

5. Sherman Brice, b. 1903

3. Simeon Kent, b. 1863

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1870 Laclede County, Missouri, Census, Hooker Twp.

#159/153	John Kent	40	TN
	Margaret C.	36	MO
	Nancy H.	11	MO
	Frantz S.	8	MO
	Simeon	7	MO

#160/154	William Ballard	17	MO	(Margaret's sons)
	James W.	16	MO	
	John K.	14	MO	

1880 Laclede Co., Missouri, Hooker Twp. Taken June 2, 1880

Margaret C. Kent	46	MO	TN	TN	Farmer
Simeon	17	MO	TN	MO	School
Amanda Taylor	5	MO	MO	MO	Boarder
James W. Ballard	26	MO	TN	MO	Farmhand
Alice A.	24	IL	TN	TN	dau-in-law
John H.	2	MO	MO	IL	g'son
Nancy H.	5/12	MO	MO	IL	g'dau

1900 Laclede County, Missouri, Census

Sigle Kent	Mar 1861	39	MO	MO	MO
Mary	Jan 1875	25	MO	KT	KT
Floyd	Feb 1891	9	MO	MO	MO

May	Mar 1892	8	MO	MO	MO
Vally	Feb 1894	6	MO	MO	MO
Margaret Kent	Dec 1834	65	MO	TN	TN

(widow, 6 children, 4. living)

1910 Cherokee County, Oklahoma, Census Tahlequah Twp.

Sigle Kent	49	MO	3rd marriage
Nancy	35	OK	1/16 Cherokee
Floyd	19	MO	
May	18	MO	
Valley	16	MO	
Margaret	5	OK	1/32 Cherokee
Agnes	3	OK	"
Lou E. (daughter)	6/12	OK	"
Ona M. Brice	16	OK	" Step-dau
Charles F.	14	OK	" Step-son
Ada E.	12	OK	" Step-dau
Samuel T.	10	OK	" Step-son
Sherman	7	OK	" Step-son

Taylor Memories

While we were in DeKalb County, Tennessee, Neal and Lois Taylor, Marjorie Robinson and I were out driving around the country side searching for Taylors and enjoying the sights that are so different from the landscape of North Dakota and Iowa. It was also Marjie's and my first trip to Tennessee so we were excited. We had been told how delicious the wild blackberries were so Neal attempted to find a clump for us. In doing so we turned on a road that really was not made for low slung cars. We, the passengers, all got out while Neal attempted to find a place to turn around and get us back on better roads. While out stretching our legs and walking around we ran into a somewhat grumpy man who wondered what we were doing. He said he was checking his hog fence, which we couldn't see. We had the distinct impression we were not to go further and quickly turned back. When we got back to the car Lois asked us if we hadn't smelled something -- she had; a still, not too far distant from where we had been.

Nancy Wright

Mary Stanley sent me some rather complete census records of where her Taylors lived. In studying them I also discovered some of Drury Taylor's children and grandchildren. Also living among these Taylor families was a Nancy Wright. Again this family seems to be related to the Taylors but I have not been able to figure out how. There is the possibility that this Nancy could be a daughter of Drury Taylor. I am including the information I do have on this family in the hopes that it will help some one else, sometime.

On the 1860 census of Hickory County, Missouri, a Nancy Wright, age forty is found. She was born in Kentucky and living with her husband, John N. Wright, aged thirty-eight and born in Kentucky. They had seven children, the three eldest born in Kentucky, the other four in Missouri.

From the Laclede County, Missouri, Census we find a Henry and Nancy Wright living in the household of William Crow and his seven children. There was no wife listed. Mary Stanley believes that this Henry and the Harvey Wright found on the 1880 census to be the same person. She also believes that Almeda Wright, their daughter who was living with them in 1870, was probably the Alice Wright who married James W. Ballard in Dallas County at the home of Mr. Wright on November 1, 1875. James Ballard was the son of Margaret C. King Ballard Kent. (From the 1880 Laclede County, MO census it lists Alice A. Ballard as twenty-four years of age and born in Illinois. That would make her birth year 1856, four years younger than Almeda who was listed as eighteen on the 1870 census and born in Tennessee.)

On the 1880 census of Dallas County, Missouri, we again find a Nancy Wright, aged sixty, born in Tennessee as was her mother. Her father was listed as being born in North Carolina. She is living with a Harvey Wright, aged fifty-eight.

Nancy _____, b. 1820 from census record
sp. John Wright, b. 1822, KY from 1860 census or
children: number unknown, at least 7
1. Mary M. Wright, b. 1846, KY
2. Louisa J. (Lucy) Wright, b. 1847, KY
sp. John Callison, b. 1842, TN
children: 2 by 1880
a. Evert Wright, b. 1870
b. Etty Wright, b. 1878
3. Sarah E. Wright, b. 1849, KY
4. John R. Wright, b. 1854, MO
5. Thomas Wright, b. 1856, MO
6. Nancy S. Wright, b. 1857, MO
7. Laura E. Wright, b. 1858, MO

Nancy _____, b. 1820, TN
 sp. Harvey or Henry Wright, b. 1822, TN
 children: number unknown, at least 1
 1. Almeda Wright, b. 1852, TN

1860 Census of Hickory County, Missouri

Wright, John N.	38, KY
Nancy	40, KY
Mary M.	14, KY
Lucy J.	13, KY
Sarah E.	12, KY
John R.	6, MO
Thomas	4, MO
Nancy S.	3, MO
Laura E.	1, MO

1870 Census of Laclede County, Missouri
 #370/370 Lebanon Township

Crow, William	35, TN
Reuben	12, MO
Susan O.	11, MO
John O.	8, MO
Harriet	7, MO
James	5, MO
Henry	3, MO
Charles	2, MO
Wright, Henry	49, TN
Nancy	50, TN
Almeda	18, TN

1880 Census of Dallas County, Missouri
 # 95 - 96 Miller Township

Wright, Harvey	58, TN	Parents birthplace unknown
Nancy	60, TN	NC TN

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Callison, John	38, TN	--	TN
Louisa	33, KY	--	--
Everet	10, MO	TN	KY
Etty	2, MO	TN	KY

JAMES TAYLOR, Sr.

James Taylor, Sr. b. 1790, GA - d. Feb. 20, 1871
Springerton, White County, IL
1st m. ca. 1815, to Rachel Rose, b. 1790 PA - d. 1850's
children: 6, all born in Vanderburgh County, IN
1. son, b. ca. 1816 - d. 1820's
2. William A. Taylor, b. 1817 - d. 1862
 sp. Malinda Lloyd
3. daughter, b. ca. 1820
4. Lucinda Taylor, b. 1825 - d. ca. 1860
 sp. William Blackburn
5. Delila Taylor, b. 1829 - d. 1872
 sp. Elisha McDowell
6. James Taylor, Jr., b. 1830 - d. 1863
 2 spouses, Martha Swanson and Lydia Upton
2nd m. March 22, 1860 to Ede Elizabeth Rose
 b. 1804, TN - d. 1874

This is the man that for years we have referred to as James (War of 1812) Taylor. It is much easier to say it is James Taylor, Sr. but I'm afraid for those of us that have spent so much time researching him and his family he will always remain in our minds as James, War of 1812.

Since Legends I have received a picture of one of James Taylor, Sr.'s granddaughters, Sophia Jane Taylor. She was the daughter of James' youngest son, James, Jr. and his first wife, Martha Swanson. I also recieved a more complete family tree of her family and I suspect much more accurate than the one found in the Legends book.

It seems that many of the Taylors had a penchant for marrying cousins and Sophia Jane followed this tradition.

As I have stated before, James, Sr. married twice, sisters, Rachel and Elizabeth Rose. There is a mistake on Rachel Rose's birthplace in Legends, it should have been Erie County, PA, not GA. James' nephew Samuel, Jr. married another sister, Mahala. There was also another Rose sister, Nancy, who married Albert W. Douglas. Sophia Jane's mother died before James, Jr. left for the Civil War. After his death during that war she went to live with Nancy Rose Douglas, her great aunt. She later married Nancy's grandson Cornelius Douglas. He and Sophia were second cousins.

I recieved the following letter from Donald E. Douglas, a descendant. It was written January 24, 1993.

"Dear Mrs. Taylor;

"I have been reserching our family tree and have found out that we are related by my great grandmother, Sophia Jane Taylor, who was James Taylor and Martha Swanson's daughter. It was quite a bit of luck locating Great Great Grandfather Taylor. I had been checking around the library at Princeton and hadn't been able to find out too much and heard one day about a library in Evansville, Indiana, the Willard Library, that was supposed to have quite an extensive collection. The librarian asked me what books I would need so I told her I was looking up the family tree for Taylor and the book she gave me was your book on the William Taylor family history. I am sending you copies of our famly tree and a copy of a couple of photographs. As you can see and know that I am still missing names and dates of our ancestors. If you can fill me in on any of the missing gaps, I would appreciate it, especially on Great Great Grandfather's wife Martha Swanson or any others."

"Respectfully yours,"

"Donald E. Douglas
Rt. 1, Box 204
Princetin, IN 47670 - 9801"

As stated before Nancy Rose and both of James Taylor, Sr.'s wives were sisters. I am including a partial family tree of her family since it concerns Sophia Jane Taylor.

Nancy Rose, b. May 2, 1808, TN - d. Feb 15, 1883, Gibson Co.

m. December 21, 1826, to Albert Warren Douglas

b. April 18, 1808, Mulenburg Co., KY

d. September 9, 1893, Posey Co., IN

son of John Douglas (d. 1815) and Lydia

Ridedale or Rigdal, b. 1775 - d. 1850

He remarried Nov. 30, 1884, to Mahala Burns

children: at least 9 (They are listed in Legends)

1. Lorenzo Dow Douglas, b. August 15, 1828, Gibson Co.

d. September 27, 1915, Gibson County, IN

m. March 28, 1850, to Nancy Gudgel

b. December 19, 1831 - d. March 25, 1893

children: at least 8 (listed in Legends)

a. Cornelius (Neal) Douglas, b. January 25, 1851

d. July 19, 1924, Francisco, IN

m. March 23, 1891, to SOPHIA JANE TAYLOR

b. December 27, 1852, Oakland City, IN

d. October 30, 1926, Francisco, IN

children: 10

(1) Effa Douglas, b. August 14, 1872

d. June 26, 1897 (never married)

(2) Della Douglas, b. March 23, 1875

d. February 27, 1906

sp. George O'Neal

- (3) Andrew Douglas, b. March 28, 1876
d. October 25, 1876
- (4) Emma F. Douglas, b. Novmeber 19, 1878
d. September 17, 1902
sp. Charles King
- (5) Nancy E. Douglas, b. August 4, 1880
d. October 6, 1964
sp. Luther Annis
- (6) Edith Douglas, b. February 4, 1883
d. August 25, 1933
sp. James Marvel
- (7) Olive P. Douglas, b. April, 1885
d. July 13, 1932
sp. Virgil Fletcher
- (8) Sadie Douglas, b. March 2, 1887
d. August 26, 1974
1st sp. Spencer Banks
2nd sp. _____ Foster
- (9) Noble Clarence (Neal) Douglas
b. June 11, 1890 - d. October 29, 1918
lived 5 miles east of Princeton, IN in
Center Twp. Died of pneumonia at 28,
bur. IOOF Cemetery in Francisco, IN
sp. Mary E. Reas, b. April 27, 1893
d. July 12, 1971
children: 5
 - (a) John Douglas, b. July 28, 1908
d. Oct 1, 1972
sp. Jeaneva Ellen Atnip
b. July 13, 1913, Florida
children: number unknown
 - 1. Donald Eugene Douglas
b. June 22, 1933, Princeton IN
m. May 17, 1956
to Doris Mae Sinkes
b. May 24, 1935, IL
 - (b) Callie M. Douglas, b. March 1, 1911
 - (c) Paul Douglas, b. Mary 17, 1913
 - (d) Ruth Douglas, b. August 6, 1915
sp. Joe Myer
 - (e) Mabel J. Douglas, b. August 8, 1918
sp. _____ Lloyd
- (10) Norman Douglas, b. July 27, 1892
d. May 8, 1977
sp. Clara McElhiney

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The following contains a little more information on the Joseph Rose family which was found on pages 197 - 198 of Legends.

Joseph Rose, b. ca. 1768, PA - d. Jan. 15, 1844, White Co., IL
m. 1786 to Elizabeth Evans, b. 1771 - d. by May 1853. She
was the daughter of Daniel Evans of Cumberland County, PA.

Joseph was living in Sullivan County, TN by 1797. He served in the War of 1812 from Smith County, TN from Nov. 1813 to June, 1814.

children: number unknown

1. Rachel Rose, b. 1790 d. 1850's, sp. James Taylor, Sr.
2. Daniel Rose, b. ?
3. Jesse Rose, Sr., b. ?
4. Mahala Rose, b. 1800 - d. Mar.. 27, 1882, sp. Sam Taylor
5. Joshua Rose, b. 1803, sp. Mary Wyatt
6. Elizabeth Rose, b 1804 - d 1/13/1874, sp James Taylor Sr.
7. William Rose, b. 1806 - d. 1848, sp. Alsey Oglesby
8. Nancy Rose, b. May 2, 1808, sp. A. W. Douglas

I have also received a little additional information concerning James Sr.'s daughter, Delila Taylor, her husband, Elisha McDowell, and their children. A complete family tree is found on page 191 of Taylor Legends.

Delila Taylor and Elisha McDowell's children:

1. Rachel McDowell, b. August, 1848, IN
m. 1868 to Travis McGehee, b. March, 1845, IL
children: 8, 7 living in 1900
 - a. Florence McGehee, b. 1868
 - b. Grant McGehee, b. 1870
 - c. Oscar McGehee, b. 1872
 - d. Elias McGehee, b. February 1873
m. 1899 to Mattie Rose, b. January, 1875
stepdaughter: Elva Rose, b. August, 1897
 - e. Otto McGehee, b. 1876 or 7
 - f. child that died young
 - g. Surviller McGehee, a daughter, b. 1882
 - h. Hattie McGehee, b. April, 1885
2. Daniel McDowell, b. May, 1849 - d. 1929
sp. Julia McGehee, b. Dec. 1845 - d. 1923
children: 7, 3 living in 1900
 - a. Orvilla McDowell, b. 1870
 - b. Charles F. McDowell, b. April, 1876
 - c. Elisha McDowell, b. 1878
 - d. John W. McDowell, b. November, 1880
3. Lucinda McDowell, b. March, 1852
m. Jan. 29, 1874, to Robert C. Vaught, b. Feb., 1852
children: 7, 4 living in 1900
 - a. Delbert Vaught, b. April, 1876
m. 1897 to Stella _____, b. October, 1878
children: number unknown, 2 by 1900
 - (1) Raymond Vaught, b. January, 1898
 - (2) Ralph Vaught, b. February, 1900
 - b. Clarence Vaught, b. 1879
 - c. Elmer Vaught, b. July, 1881
 - d. James T. Vaught, b. October, 1885

Minor corrections and additions from Taylor Legends

page 186 - B. Maria Catherine Taylor, b. 1841 - d. ca. 1881
sp. Augustus Smith remarried 1882

children: 4, the 4th was Otilla G. Smith, 1874
page 197 - a. James Rose, b. 1856
sp. Amy Taylor
page 199 - a. Lorenzo Dow Douglas, b. Aug 15, 1828 Gibson Co
sp. Nancy Gudgall, b. Dec. 19, 1831
d. Mar 25, 1863
1. Cornelius Douglas, born in Gibson Co., IN
b. January 25, 1851 - d. March 25, 1893
m. March 23, 1871, to Sophia Jane Taylor



Sophia Jane Taylor Douglas

David Taylor, 1779

- David Taylor, b. 1779 NC - d. August 18, 1854, DeKalb Co.
sp. unknown
children: 10 sons and 2 daughters
1. Henry Taylor, b. ca. 1801, GA - sp. Sarah Taylor
 2. Ezekial W. Taylor, b. 1803, GA - sp. Anna Taylor
 3. Benjamin T. W. Taylor, b. 1806, GA - 2 spouses
Nancy _____ and Catherine Cooper
 4. Jacob P. Taylor, b. 1807, TN - sp. Mary _____
 5. William E. Taylor, b. 1810, TN - sp. Elizabeth Allen
 6. daughter, b. ca. 1811 - sp. Robert Garrett
 7. Barnabus (Barney) Taylor, b. 1813 - sp. Martha _____
 8. daughter, b. ca. 1815 - sp. Richard Garrett
 9. John C. (Butcher) Taylor, b. 1817
sp. Nancy Plunkett
 10. son, b. 1820
 11. David C. (Shakerhead) Taylor, b. 1823 - 2 spouses
Elizabeth White and Evaline White
 12. son, b. ca. 1825

David Taylor, 1779, was the son of Benjamin T. Taylor, Jr. They were among the first Taylors who came to what is now DeKalb County, Tennessee, taking up land in 1810. His father apparently settled on Sink Creek which was in Warren County. Benjamin T. died in 1814 or 1815. There were no probate records found concerning him or who the rest of his family might be.

On the 1830 Warren County Census there is another Benjamin T. Taylor listed. This one had four sons and two daughters still living with him. Since we know the elder Benjamin T. died by 1815 I can not help but wonder if this could have been a brother of David, 1779. David named one of his sons Benjamin T. W. Taylor. Perhaps the W. in his name was to distinguish him from his uncle. There is a plat of Benjamin T. Taylor's land in Warren County at the end of this chapter.

As has been stated previously it has been difficult to determine just who David's children were since most of them were not named in his will or estate settlement. We have never been able to determine the name of any of his daughters although everyone seems in agreement that one of them married Richard Garrett. However LaVelda Faull discovered an interesting lawsuit in the Smith County Loose Chancery Records that might give a clue as to what happened to the other daughter.

A partial copy of the bond, dated August, 1832, is as follows:
'David Stroud, John T. Taylor are held and firmly bound unto Robert Garrett, Hezekial Garrett and Peter Stroud in the penal sum of 500 dollars.....

his
Signed by David O Stroud, John T. Taylor, James Hendrickson,
mark
and Joseph C. Taylor.'

(Note - John T. Taylor and Joseph C. Taylor were sons of John and Nancy Sweeten Taylor; David Stroud later married one of John Taylor's daughters, Sarah, who had previously been married to Henry Taylor, a son of David Taylor, 1779. Peter Stroud was a nephew of David Stroud.)

The abstract also stated that David Stroud had known Robert Garrett when he was young and living in Burke County, North Carolina. The abstract goes into detail about some slaves of Stroud and a gray horse in addition to another one that belonged to Robert Garrett's father-in-law, David Taylor (1779). The photocopy of these abstracts is long and quite difficult to decipher. LaVelda copied some of the material in these court papers. It is as follows:

Smith County, Tennessee, Chancery Court Enrollments, 1831 - 1893, Roll #227

David Stroud vs. Robert Garrett and others.

David Stroud a citizen of Smith County and state aforesaid against Robert Garrett of the county and aforesaid, Hezekiah Garrett and Peter Stroud of the County of Burke and state of North Carolina... defendants, hereby complaining (David Stroud) that sometime in the month of July, 1831, (David Stroud) moved from the state of North Carolina to his present residence and brought with him three Negro slaves... being thus situated without land or stock (David Stroud) was desirous to convert the value of said Negroes into land and stock and after some inquiry found a track of land on the Caney Fork... the circumstances soon became known to many persons and particularly to Robert Garrett, one of the defendants who was the only person in that neighborhood with whom (David Stroud) had had any previous acquaintance... (David Stroud) had not seen him for many years and then he, Robert, was very young, but (David Stroud) was well acquainted with his parents and relations in North Carolina who were highly respected in that state and the friends of (David Stroud). He (Robert Garrett) proposed purchasing the Negroes above named, thereby enabling (David Stroud) to purchase land and stock... Robert sometime after the trade came to (David Stroud) and said that he could not pay for the Negroes, that he wished to cancel the contract... He was absent for some time and returned in company with Hezekiah Garrett and Peter Stroud, his codefendants. Peter Stroud is the nephew of (David Stroud)..Hezekiah told (David Stroud) that his brother Robert had designs against (David) and that as a brother he dare not betray him.... That if he (Hezekiah) could get the note to bring to Robert they would destroy it and he would give Hezekiah a certain grey horse that belonged to David Taylor, Robert's father-in-law and if Hezekiah would also give him aid in the matter he would also pay him another horse then belonging to David Taylor... Robert at several times sent word to (David Stroud) to come to his house and exchange papers and cancel the contract... Neither David Stroud nor Robert could read so Robert Garrett wished his wife to take the papers and see it... Peter Stroud came to (David Stroud) and said if (David Stroud) would go with him to

Robert Garretts that he (Peter Stroud) would see that no advantage was taken against him... (David Stroud) not suspecting the combination of fraud entered into between said Robert, Hezekiah and Peter, went with Peter to the house of Robert Garrett.... Robert agreed at the request of (David Stroud) to go to Esquire Hays and exchange the papers and cancel the contract as to the Negros... Robert stated that he did not believe (David Stroud) had the papers and he wished his wife to look over the papers... In the presece of the three Defendants the papers were handed to the wife of the said Robert who... when she was asked by her husband if that was it, she replied it was, Hezekiah Garrett immediately snatched the note out of her hand, stepped out of the house, and made off. (David Stroud) requested that Peter Stroud pursue him and get the note. Peter followed but both were absent about three days... Peter returned and said that Hezekiah and Peter went to the state of North Carolina taking with them David Taylor's gray horse....

#1548 - David Stroud vs. Robert Garrett et.al.

From LaVelda Faull: 'I read through the whole file and abstracted some of the interesting things. The things I got out of this case were that:

1. No one ever mentioned Robert Garrett's wife's name, they called her Mrs. Garrett or Garrett's wife
2. Robert Garrett and David Taylor engaged in cattle and hog drives to Alabama for 4 years
3. Robert Garrett made several trips to North Carolina
4. Robert Garrett, his brother Hezekiah Garrett, and Peter Stroud appear to have been guilty of trying to defraud David Stroud. They evidently hid out and then high-tailed it out of DeKalb County. They probably went back to North Carolina. Robert's wife probably went with him because she also was arrested.
5. Andrew Allen refers to David Stroud as Uncle David.
6. Hugh Smith was ordered to appear as a witness, but his deposition wasn't in the file.

August 11, 1832, Deposition of Richard McGinnis, age 50 years - I saw Robert and Hezekiah Garrett going toward Warren County. Hezekiah Garrett was riding the gray horse formerly the property of David Taylor who is the father-in-law of Robert Garrett.

August 22, 1832 - Joel Cheatham was one of those who were security for David Stroud.

October 29, 1832 - Richard McMinnis was summoned as a witness but was unable to attend, being sick.

May, 1833, Sheriff's note: Robert Garrett is not in this county and I am informed he has gone to North Carolina.

May 20, 1833 - Deposition of Andrew Allen, age 27 years - Sometime before the note was snatched, I fell in company with Hezekiah Garrett and he proposed to purchase my horse. I told him I would sell him a horse for money. He replied he had no money but was to get a horse from David Taylor and Robert Garrett for snatching or getting the note from Uncle David Stroud and he would give me a trade before he left the country....

QUESTION: Do you know that Robert Garrett, Peter Stroud and Hezekiah Garrett one or all of them gone from this country and that they are run away?

ANSWER: It is reported that they have runaway. I have not seen any of them in that section of the country since.

Evidently Robert Garrett asked Andrew Allen to testify in court for him because he says: I went to his house and told his wife I could not go to court.....

Deposition of Thomas Harper, age 31 years - A warrent was put into my hands as an officer... I went to Robert Garrett's house and took him and his wife... The other defendants in this cause had secreted themselves before Robert Garrett would permit me to enter the house. Robert stated that the other defendants were let out from the floor by said Robert's Negro woman.... Hezekiah Garrett drew his knife... I heard Robert Garrett call out to the other boys that Harper was going for a stronger guard and to clear themselves out....

Deposition of John Hays, 40 years old - I was called upon by Mr. Harper to help guard the defendants at which time Robert Garrett pointed up on a mountain and said Hezekiah Garrett and Peter Stroud or the boys were there and he had taken them a bottle of whiskey or two and he must go and take them some more....

Deposition of David Winfrey, 54 years old - Sometime in August 1832, Robert Garrett and his wife were brought before Esquire Cheatham and myself to be tried for robbery and other misdemeanors, that is for having robbed complainant (David Stroud) of a 675 dollar note, that while his wife Mrs. Garrett was reading it, Hezekiah Garrett snatched it out of her hand.

Another deposition of John Hayes - Garrett's wife said that she had sent or took Hezekiah Garrett and Peter Stroud some victuals and bed clothes and she would do the same again if they needed it.

Deposition of David Turner, 21 years - That Robert Garrett wanted him to slip some money into David Stroud's pocket... Robert said he would take the money and whiskey and go to Stroud's house at night and frame him.... fall down on the floor and pretend to be drunk and in the dead of night slip some money in a basket that was under the bed that Stroud kept his papers in and next morning go off and get a search warrant and search said Stroud's house and find the money and then said Stroud would give up the note he had for the Negroes...

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After reading these abstracts I can not help but wonder if Richard and Robert Garrett were brothers and had married sisters, the daughters of David Taylor, 1779. Richard's wife gave birth to her only child, Elizabeth Garrett, on June 3, 1832. It is believed she either died in childbirth or shortly after the birth of her baby. Some people believe that David Taylor, 1779 and his wife raised her, others that her uncle, Ezekial Taylor did. She later married Ezekial's son John Blanton Taylor.

LaVelda Faull also noted that she had checked the 1840 and 1850 census indexes for Robert Garrett and wife, Hezekiah Garrett, and Peter Stroud in Tennessee, Missouri, Kansas, and North Carolina but was not able to locate any of them.

Another interesting tidbit to this story is that two boys who were born in Missouri, Peter Garrett, born 1837, and Robert Garrett, born 1839, were living with William and Eliza Taylor in 1850 in DeKalb County, Tennessee, according to the census record. It is the only record that has been found concerning these boys. We are of the opinion that they may have Robert Garrett's children by David Taylor, 1779's daughter. This is also the last record that we have on William and his family. This William was a son of Joseph Taylor who was a son of William Taylor, Sr. and also a cousin of David Taylor, 1779.

From the 1830 census of Smith County, Tennessee, page 38.

- #3 Garrett, Robert, 10001 - 1001
- #5 Garrett, William, 1020001 - 111001

And from Thomas Gray Webb, County Historian of DeKalb County, Tennessee, after receiving the above information on Robert Garrett: "Like you, I am convinced that Robert Garrett was married to a daughter of David Taylor, 1779. She was probably a little older than the daughter who married Richard Garrett. They seem to have been living in the area around where Smith Fork joins the Caney Fork, which is still in Smith County. William Garrett could be the father of Robert. I believe that Robert Garrett and Richard Garrett are related, probably brothers, and at least cousins. And quite possibly the young Peter Garrett, b. 1837 and Robert Garrett, b. 1839 who appear in the DeKalb 1850 census are children of Robert and his wife, daughter of David Taylor, 1779."

Daughter of David Taylor, 1779, ____?____ Taylor, b. ca. 1811
sp. Robert Garrett, b. ca. 1801
children: number and names unknown, 2 by 1830 and perhaps
Peter and Robert
1. son, b. ca. 1828
2. daughter b. ca. 1830
3. Peter Garrett, b. 1837 in Missouri
4. Robert Garrett, b. 1839, Missouri

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I received a little note from Shirley Chaney about Barzilla Taylor that I thought was interesting. Barzilla was born in 1825 and died in 1905. He was the son of Henry Taylor and grandson of David Taylor, 1779. Barzilla had his tombstone made before he died and he used the stone while plowing his fields to help break up the dirt. When he died he was buried at Snow Hill Baptist Church Cemetery. The children, for some reason, put the stone, his marker, at Snow Hill Methodist Church Graveyard. Shirley said to credit this story to Willis Page.

It never ceases to amaze me at the extent of David Taylor, 1779's extended family. It is an extremely far-reaching family and I seem to continually hear from descendants that keep giving us a more detailed account of his grandchildren's lives and their extended families. There are extended family trees on Ezekial's son, One Arm Sonny; Butcher John's son, Lewis; Shakerhead Dave's son, William E.; William E.'s son Garrison; and an article written by a descendant of David Carroll Taylor who was also a son of William E. I am also including a letter I received from James J. Johnston of Fayetteville, Arkansas, and some articles he had concerning some of the Taylors that moved to Arkansas.

David, 1779's son, Ezekial W. Taylor, Sr., had a son by the same name that lost an arm in the Civil War. Because of this he was referred to as One Arm Sonny. I have received a more detailed family tree of one of his sons, Anderson Taylor, involving his daughter Jessie Elberta Taylor who married Grady Murphy. The information was furnished by Jo Bill Cook of Smithville, Tennessee. I am also enclosing a couple of her family sheets that she sent. There is more information on this family on page 123 of Trail.

Ezekial Taylor, Sr.

Robert Lee Murphy, married Mary Miller, had three children:

- A. Herschel Murphy, m. Gladys Hill, 4 children: Edsel Brown, Joe, and Genelle
- B. Fred Murphy, 2 children: Clarence and Arville
- C. Grady Murphy, m. Jessie Taylor, had 12 children

Grady Lee Murphy, b. August 23, 1905 - d. September 5, 1947

m. November 23, 1925, Old Hickory, TN

to Jesse Elberta Taylor, b. November 5, 1909

d. July 22, 1962

children: 12, Lee, Walter, Jo Bill, Kenneth, Glynn,

Lynn, Wanda, Peggy, Grady, Jerry, Patricia and Raymond

1. Lee Taylor Murphy, b. April 9, 1927

d. August 28, 1970

1st sp.. Lillian Lasater

children: 1 son

a. Johnnie Lee Murphy

m. Elaine _____

children: 2, Kerry and Chris

2nd sp. Joyce Marie Brown

children: 3

a. Dale Eugene Murphy

b. Terry Lee Murphy

c. Linda Faye Murphy

2. Walter Narvel Murphy, b. November 22, 1928

unmarried

3. Jo Bill Murphy, b. December 9, 1930

m. March 17, 1949

to Bratten Hale Cook, b. September 17, 1927

- children: 5
 - a. Gayden Lee Cook, b. June 25, 1951
 - d. October 23, 1982
 - m. September 12, 1972, to Nathan Richardson
 - no children
 - b. Bratten Hale Cook, II, b. September 9, 1952
 - m. July 28, 1973 to Judy Annette Drives
 - children: 3
 - 1. Megan Ashley Cook, b. October 2, 1979
 - 2. Bratten Hale Cook, III, b. March 1, 1981
 - 3. Andrew Stephen Drives Cook, b. Dec 5, 1983
 - c. Murphy Ann Cook, b. September 13, 1953
 - sp. Jeffery Buckner Ford
 - children: 3
 - 1. Patrick Dylan Brigham Ford
 - 2. Jesse Lee Ford
 - 3. Tucker Jennings Hale Ford
 - d. Jo Lynn Cook, b. November 27, 1958
 - sp. Brooks Franklin
 - no children
 - e. Patrick Stephen Cook
 - 1st sp. Larrie
 - children: 1 son
 - 1. Calvin Taylor Cook
 - 2nd sp. Patricia Harrison
 - no children
- 4. Kenneth Wayne Murphy, b. April 24, 1933
 - m. June 28, 1952, Yuma, AZ
 - to Joyce Marie Cox, b. May 12, 1933
 - children: 3
 - a. Kimberly Jo Murphy, b. July 9, 1957, CA
 - m. September 11, 1982
 - to Sam Fedele, b. August 22, 1959, NJ
 - children: 1
 - 1. Samantha Joy Fedele, b. September 8, 1989
 - b. Michael Wayne Murphy, b. September 2, 1959, CA
 - m. May 5, 1983, to Christine Carol Steinman
 - b. September 1, 1961
 - children: 2
 - 1. Tayler Amanda Murphy, b. October 2, 1985
 - 2. Chase Michael Murphy, b. November 13, 1990
 - 3. Melinda Joy Murphy, b. January 9, 1961, CA
 - m. May 17, 1986
 - to Bradley Wm. Kindness, b. May 31, 1962
 - children: 2
 - a. Cory James Kindness, b. Sept 17, 1987
 - b. Christopher Michael Kindness
 - b. February 16, 1990
 - 5. Glynn Donald Murphy, twin, b. May 16, 1935
 - m. April 4, 1959 to Peggy Hunt, b. Sept. 9, 1935
 - children: 2
 - a. Glynn Donald Murphy, Jr., b. January 4, 1960
 - d. June 2, 1984
 - b. Mitchell Hunt Murphy, b. September 24, 1962
 - m. September 4, 1987, Nashville, TN

- to Cindy Greene. b. August 21, 1961
children: 1
 - 1. Meghan Lane Murphy. b. April 10, 1988
- 6. Lynn Ronald Murphy. twin. b. May 16, 1935
m. June, 1956. Nashville, TN
to Dorothy Barnes Murphy. b. June 16, 1934
children: 3
 - a. Grady Lynn Murphy. b. October 23, 1957
d. October 24, 1957
 - b. Janet Murphy. b. November 17, 1959
m. August, 1977, to Scott Buttrey
children: 1
 - 1. Hunter Buttrey. b. January, 1987
 - c. Mitzi Michelle Murphy. b. May 14, 1968
- 7. Wanda Jean Murphy. b. December 9, 1936, TN
1st m. October 1, 1955, to James Carlos Bates
children: 4
 - a. Jamie Lee Bates. b. April 21, 1957
sp. — Lewis. lives in Nashville
 - b. Jerry Richard Bates. b. February 14, 1959
sp. Karen Renee Wilburn. live in Nashville
children: 1
 - 1. Lauren Renee Bates. b. May 30, 1991
 - c. Cristal Faye Bates. b. November 4, 1960
sp. — Jones. lives in Murfreesboro, TN
children: 2
 - 1. William Dustin Jones. b. Dec. 11, 1982
 - 2. Breah Janelle Jones. b. Jan. 3, 1986
 - d. Robyn Jean Bates. b. November 12, 1963
sp. William Russell Barrett
children: 2 (They live in Murfreesboro)
 - 1. Brittany Rae Barrett. b. July 31, 1987
 - 2. Taylor Reed Barrett. b. March 2, 1990
- 8. Peggy Juanita Murphy. b. May 8, 1939
1st m. August 27, 1956, to Bobby Smiley
children: 1
 - a. Bobby Eugene Smiley. b. May 27, 1957
1st sp. Pat Traglur
children: 1 daughter
 - 1. Amber Rae Smiley. b. January 7, 1979
 - 2nd sp. Susan Brown
children: 2
 - 1. Lauren Alexis Smiley. b. May 9, 1982
 - 2. Murphy Wayne Smiley. b. October 25, 1988
- 2nd m. April 21, 1960, to William Dennis
children: 1
 - a. Barton Wade Dennis. b. November 16, 1961
unmarried
 - 3rd m. May 8, 1972, to Wayne Patterson
no children
- 9. Grady Noel Murphy. b. January 31, 1943
1st sp. Dorothy Carter
children: 3
 - a. Grady Noel Murphy, Jr.
 - b. Donald Wayne Murphy

- c. Shana Marie Murphy
2nd sp. Darlene Reese
no children
- 10. Jerry Wade Murphy, b. April 18, 1944
1st m. ca. 1964 to Gail Sharpe
children: 1
a. Walter Brent Murphy, b. 1965
2nd m. 1970, to Faye Wallace
children: 1 daughter
a. Jessica RYanne Murphy, b. November, 1975
- 11. Patricia Faye Murphy, b. July 21, 1945
m. September 4, 1964, to Jerry Wayne Bain
b. July 8, 1942
children: 2
a. Bandi Michele Bain, b. November 18, 1967
m. April 11, 1987, to John Leonard Bratcher
children: 1
1. Jonathon Louis Bratcher, b. Dec. 7, 1989
b. Jerry (Jay) Wayne Bain, Jr., b. Oct. 16, 1969
m. April 15, 1989, to Angi Blystone
children: 1
1. Cayela Noel BAin, b. March 29, 1990
- 12. Raymond Cleatus Murphy, b. August 17, 1947
m. July 2, 1967, to Gladys Rasales
stepchildren: 1 stepson
a. Tony Rasales, b. May 4, 1961 - d. Mar. 12, 1983
children: 1 son
a. Raymond Murphy, b. October 1, 1968

Taylor Memories

After getting involved in the Taylor family genealogy I've been invited to several Taylor reunions in various parts of the United States. I would dearly have loved to have gone to all of them. (The Taylors are great cooks!!) I have attended several on occasion and found them extremely interesting. Life for the descendants of William Taylor, Sr. is very diverse. It is really fun to see how the various families live and to learn about a different way of life.

EZEKIAL WILDER TAYLOR, SR. MARRIED 1824 ANNA TAYLOR . SECOND COUSIN
 R. 11-5-1803 in GEORGIA (B) 2-25-1795 in ELBERT CO., GA.
 (D) 1864 (D) 9-18-1886

6 CHILDREN BORN TO THIS UNION_

LEVI R. TAYLOR (B) 8-24-1824 (D) 6-28-1906	DAUGHTER NAME UNKNOWN (B) 1825	JOHN C. TAYLOR (JOHN BLANTON) (B) 6-3-1825 (D) 4-26-1891
(M) RACHEL WHITE (5(children		(M) ELIZABETH (BETSY) GARRETT (7(CHILDREN

DAVID TAYLOR (B) 1828 (D) 1857	MARY (POLLY) TAYLOR (B) 1833 (D) 10-8-1848	EZEKIAL WILDER TAYLOR, (ONE ARM SONNY) (B) 12-25-1834 9D) 8-20-1921
(M) AMIE VIZINNIE MARTIN (vanished during Civil War-never heard from again) (3) children	(M) ALEXANDER NEALE (5) children	(our grandfathers

EZEKIAL, SR. MARRIED DAUGHTER OF JOHN TAYLOR, BELIEVED TO BE HIS SECOND COUSIN. BUILT LARGE GRIST MILL ON INDIAN CREEK, LATER KNOWN AS MILL BRANCH. SERVED IN CIVIL WAR, VO. 1 & CO. E-HELD PRISONER. EZEKIAL BECAME LARGE LAND OWNER- 171 acres sold 8-24-67

DEKALB CO. DEED BOOK D., PAGE 513-1-27-1853 E.W. TAYLOR SOLD TO JACKSON VANTREES FOR \$725.00, NEGRO WOMAN SLAVE, LOUISA AGE 25 OR 26. BOOK E, PAGE 268-OCTOBER 26, 1854, E. W. TAYLOR TO WILLIAM MC CLENDON FOR \$300.00, a small negro boy named WILLIAM RILEY ABOUT 2 YRS, OLD. BOOK E, PAGE 320, DECEMBER 3, 1855 E.W. TAYLOR TO WILLIAM MC CLENDON FOR \$700.00, a negro woman dark complection about 28 years old named LOUISA a slave for life, (Copied from deed books) THESE ARE ONLY RECORDS INVOLVING SLAVES IN THE TAYLOR FAMILY TO BE FOUND IN BOOKS. E, W, TAYLOR WAS SHERIFF OF ARE DURING THE ABOVE TRANSACTIONS EZEKIAL, SR, IS FOUND ON MANY RECORDS OF DEKALB COUNTY. HE SERVED AS CONSTABLE OR SHERIFF FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. HE DONATED THE LAND FOR INDIAN CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH & AND BECAME A CHAPTER MEMBER. OTHER TAYLORS SERVING IN CIVIL WAR WOULD LEAVE THEIR FAMILIES WITH EZEKIAL AND ANNA KNOWING THEY WOULD BE WELL TAKEN CARE OF, EZEKIAL WAS 61 IN 1865 WHEN RENEGADES STOPPED & ASKED FOR A DRINK OF WATER. HE DREW A BUCKET FOR THEM AND TOOK IT TO THEM WHILE THEY STILL SET ON THEIR HORSES. AFTER GIVING THEM WATER, HE TURNED TO TAKE BUCKET BACK TO WELL AND WAS HIT IN BACK OF HEAD_ BLOW CAUSED HIS DEATH. RECORD BOOKS OF DEKALB LIST SALES OF NUMEROUS LAND SALES-171 acres, 125 acres, 1/2 acre donated to build school, , river place 41 acres, 5 acres mill creek where mill stood. April 1840 elected constable of District 10. Elected sheriff 1852 & 1855/DEED BOOK D; page 409 & deed book E. 3, 31, 1855

SITE OF EZEKIAL'S MILL WAS COVERED BY THE WATER OF CENTER HILL DAM IN 1947.

EZEKIAL WILDER TAYLOR, JR. Married NANCY M. HENDRIXSON
 (B) 12-25-1833 1st marriage 8-16-1856 (B) 1838
 (D) 8-20-1921 (88 YRS) (D) 3-1863
 6 Children from this marriage

ANDERSON (A.J.)
 (B) 6-14-1857

(D) 6-24-1938

(OUR GRANDFATHER)

AUBERRY (BERRY)
 (UNCLE DOODLE)

(B) 1859 (D) 3-20-1938

MARRIED MARTHA E. WALLEES
 (MATTIE)

5 children - WILL
 LAURA
 DCLLIE
 HESTOR
 BERTHA

HICKSEY TAYLOR

(B) 1-29-1861

(D) 6-5-1890

(M) SAMUEL WALKER

(5) CHILDREN

ARGO TAYLOR

(B) 8-12-1862

(D) 12-6-1958

DENVER, COLORADO

MARRIED IN ARKANSAS
 TO MAGGIE BURCH

(3) children 2 died
 as infants

HEFSY

(B)

(D)

facts unknown

GIRL NAME UNKNOWN

(B)

(D)

facts unknown

EZEKIAL WILDER TAYLOR, JR. MARRIED MARY E. MARTIN ON 11-30-1866

NO CHILDREN FROM THIS UNION TWO STEPCHILDREN BOTH WENT BY NAME TAYLOR
 ROBERT (B) 1862 CALDONIA (B) 1858

EZEKIAL WAS CALLED ONE-ARM SON OR SONNY AND ALSO ONE-ARM ZEKE. THIS NAME
 CAME AS A RESULT OF HIS SERVICE IN THE CIVIL WAR AS A SOLDIER IN THE
 CONFEDERATE ARMY, WOUNDED AT THE BATTLE OF FRANKLIN. THE LOWER THIRD OF
 HIS RIGHT ARM WAS AMPUTATED IN THE UNITED STATES HOSPITAL IN NASHVILLE.
 HE HAD BEEN CAPTURED AT FRANKLIN ON 12-17-1864 AND LATER SENT TO CAMP
 CHASE IN OHIO. THE WOUND BECAME INFECTED AND THE ARM WAS THEN REMOVED
 FURTHER. DURING THE WAR HE WAS BEING TRANSPORTED VIA RAILWAY THROUGH
 CHATTANOOGA, TN. HE WROTE HIS WIFE NANCY TO MEET HIM THERE. SHE RODE
 A HORSE FROM DEKALB COUNTY TOWARD CHATTANOOGA, DEVELOPED PNEUMONIA ENROUTE
 AND NEVER MADE THE RENDEVOUS. HE MARRIED MARY E. MARTIN 11-30-1866.
 ON JUNE 11, 1865 HE TOOK AN OATH OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNION AND WAS RELEASED
 FROM CAMP CHASE TWO MONTHS AFTER THE SURRENDER OF APPOMMATOX. SONNY'S
 FATHER OPERATED A GRIST MILL ON INDIAN CREEK AND AFTER HIS DEATH, SONNY
 CONTINUED TO OPERATE MILL AS DID HIS SON ANDERSON AFTER HIM. EZEKIAL SERVED
 AS REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR DEKALB COUNTY FROM 1882 TO 1886.

IN HIS LATER YEARS, ONE ARM-SONNY LIVED ON MILL BRANCH, FIRST WITH HIS
 NEPHEW LEE TAYLOR AND AFTER LEE'S DEATH IN 1905 HE LIVED WITH ELIJAH
 TAYLOR-BOTH WERE SONS OF EZEKIAL'S BROTHER JOHN BLANTON TAYLOR.

DATES OF MARY E. MARTIN'S BIRTH AND DEATH ARE UNKNOWN. (B) ? 1834

THE CIVIL WAR WAS ONE OF THE BLACKEST MOMENTS IN HISTORY FOR THE TAYLORS,
 A GROUP WHO WERE NEVER SLAVE HOLDERS (ONLY THREE INCIDENTS ON RECORD. THES
 OWNED BY EZEKIAL, SR.) AND MANY ALTHOUGH THEY LIVED IN SOUTH STAYED LOYAL TO
 THE UNION. SOME TAYLORS IN THE NORTH REFUSED TO FIGHT AS THEY KNEW THEIR
 SOUTHERN COUSINS WERE IN CONFEDERATE ARMY & WOULD NOT KNOWINGLY FIGHT AGAINST THEM

William E. Taylor Family

The William E. (Bill) Taylor family is found on pages 127 - 137 in Trail and additions on pages 69 - 76 in Legends. Since those two books came out I have received a considerable amount of additional information concerning his extended family.

From the letters and information I have received I have come to believe that Bill Taylor was killed while serving in the army. It is also believed by some that his widow, Betsy Allen, received a military pension because of this.

Since records indicate he died about 1845 he was probably in the Mexican War (a guess on my part). A couple of Henry H. Taylor's sons were also in this war. To date I do not know if any one has checked the service records for any trace of him or not.

For some time now I have been of the opinion that David Taylor, 1779 and Henry H. Taylor may have married sisters, daughters of a Jacob Watson. To date I have not been able to prove this, but if it is true it would make Bill and Henry H.'s sons first cousins. It might also explain why these two families seemed to have closer ties than some to the other lines.

Another thing that has intrigued me concerning William E. (Bill) is how much we keep learning about his family. When his widow, Betsy Allen, remarried (to David Jacob [Bluetooth] Taylor) she only kept three of their seven children with her: the eldest son, David Carrol; the only daughter, Martha Jane; and four year old Ezekial W., one of the twins. The others were farmed out to various family members.

As time has gone by, we have received information concerning most of his children. One of the last sources of information I received stated that Bill was born April 10, 1810, in Indian Creek, in what is now DeKalb County, Tennessee, and included the following family tree of his eldest son, David Carrol Taylor.

- David Carrol Taylor, b. ca. 1832 - killed ca. Aug. 5, 1863 Searcy
m. July 12, 1854 to Elizabeth Louisa Allen, b. ca. 1833, TN
d. 1906, Tuttle, Grady Co., OK
children: 4, raised by their uncle, Benjamin F. Taylor,
after their mother's marriage to John Garner.
- A. Tennessee Taylor, b. Jan. 5, 1855, Indian Creek - d. Jan.
3, 1931, Grady Co., OK
m. Jan. 16, 1875, Snowball, AR to Benjamin Franklin
(Frank) Henderson, b. 1852
children: 6, Benj., Mary, Wm., Mary J., Annie & John
- B. William E. Taylor, b. Aug. 2, 1856, Indian Creek
d. Jan. 22, 1910
m. Jan. 2, 1881 to Sarah Elizabeth Jaco
children: 10, Carroll, Cleora, Thomas, Cleburn, Vada,
Ollie, George, Mary, Loma, and Roy
- C. Hezekiah (Hez) C. Taylor, b. Dec. 4, 1860, Searcy Co. AR

d. Feb. 9, 1942, Snowball, AR
m. Sept. 3, 1881 to Mary Jane Dawthard, b. Nov. 19,
1861 - d. Nov. 22, 1913 or 1918
children: 10, Walter, William, Johnnie, Anie, Morris,
Dallas, Carman, Benjamin, Roy, and Ode.
D. David Carrol Taylor, b. July 28 1863 - d. Sep 5 1923, OK
m. Mar. 31, 1888, to Amanda Etta Cochran
children: 6, Genie, Bertha, Barney, Donnie, Ollie, and
Lillie.

An extended family tree of some of these children can be found later in this chapter. Much of the information for this family has come to me after this chapter on David Taylor, 1779 was already written but I did want to include as much of it as possible.

The following article appeared in Taylor Tracks, however I wanted to include it here also as I really appreciated the stories of early Taylors that people have sent me. David Carrol Taylor was the oldest son of William E. (Bill) and Betsy Allen Taylor. Carrol Taylor is found on page 128 in the Trail Book. Ellenora Taylor Tomlinson, Rt. 7, Box 243, Harrison, AK 72601 sent me the following:

"I am a great-granddaughter of David Carrol Taylor. He was tied to a mule's tail by Jayhawkers. I have more information from a cousin in Roanoke, Texas. David Carrol has three children listed in the 1860 census, Tennessee, William, and Hezekiah. I never knew much about the Taylors until we began to look and ask and talk. William Taylor, my grandfather, died when my father, Loma Lee Taylor, was twelve years old and then his mother, brother, and he moved to Boone County about 1916 or 17. He married my mother, Fannie Ridinger, in 1923. He never took us back or talked very little about Richland or his ancestry. Times were so hard and communication so little, I guess. I learned I had a cousin named Henderson in Texas and I wrote to him. His grandmother was Tennessee Taylor Henderson. They moved to Oklahoma about 1900's. He is eighty-four and of a sharp mind and researching the Taylor's also.

"We looked for David Carrol's wife in the census and didn't know what became of her after he was killed. She died and is buried in Minco, OK. Her name was Eliza Allen (later Garner). Now I will write the story that he told me.

"David Carrol was in the Union Army and Eliza was expecting their fourth child. He was going up Bryant Mountain to see the new baby and was on leave. They, the Jayhawkers, caught him on the trail to his home, castrated him, tied him to the mule's tail which killed him. She had to bury him on Bear Creek close to what is now Highway 65 South. Eliza was in bed with the birth of a boy, named David Carrol, Jr. after his father. (This is not in the census records) The Jayhawkers went on to her house and made her get up and fix them a meal and wouldn't let her feed the crying baby. Later she married a man named John Garner.

thirty-one years older than she was and had a daughter in 1869 by Garner. After Garner died she went to Oklahoma and lived with her daughter, Tennessee, until she died. David Carrol, Jr. was born July 28, 1864, so can pinpoint his father's death as the first part of August, 1864. I feel this is the true story told by Eliza herself to his grandmother, Tennessee, who would have been nine years old when this happened. He sent me a picture of Tennessee and her family and of David Carrol, Jr.'s five children. He remembers seeing Uncle Dave when he was young. He also sent me a picture of Eliza Garner's tombstone. She died in 1906. We were so glad to get this information and not be curious the rest of our lives.

"I put a metal marker in a field where some more graves are. Whether David Carrol's bones are there we are not certain but an eighty-four year old cousin (a grandson of Garrison Taylor's daughter who married a Woodard) told me his grandma thought that was where he was buried. Anyway, anyone that sees this marker will know he lived and died in this area."

"The Taylor Brothers must have been fighters. Captain Ben, Garrison, Hezekiah, and David Carroll were all in the Union Army during the Civil War. Deford Hendrix told us that Hezekiah was killed in a battle in the Cove Creek Area and that Deford's grandmother carried rocks to mark the grave. Someone bulldozed the field and lost all the graves."

I also received a write-up from Frank Jasper Henderson, 7395 Spring Drive, Roanoke, Texas 76262, a descendant of David Carrol Taylor's daughter, Tennessee Taylor Henderson, concerning David Carrol and the 'Jayhawkers'. The article was written by John J. Johnston and reprinted here as I received it from Mr. Henderson. It explains the problems concerning the residents of Searcy County, Arkansas, during and after the Civil War.

Mr. Henderson also sent a detailed family tree on Tennessee Taylor plus some additional information on some of the other descendants of David Carrol that are not in Trail or Legends. These include the families of Loma Lee Taylor, son of William and Sarah Taylor, Hezekiah C. Taylor, and David Carroll Taylor, Jr

Taylor Memories

I was entranced by the hollers of some of the places we have been. At one place there was a lively chorus of frogs croaking their hearts out to their lady loves. They had exceptionally loud voices so when we went outside I started looking for them. I thought they must really be enormous. They weren't. They were itty-bitty little guys, inch long tree frogs.

CASTRATION AND MURDER

There is a rough stone marker in the woods off the highway between Billy and Watts Spring that is inscribed "A CASSELL, J CASSELL KILLED AUG THE 5 AD 1863." These were Andrew and John Cassell, two of John Cassell, Sr's four sons who came to Searcy County in 1852. Andrew the second oldest was born about 1838 in South Carolina and married Edna Sikes sometime after August 28, 1860, when the census was taken, and before mid 1861. In 1860 Edna lived about three houses away with her parents, Arthur and Rhoda Sikes of North Carolina. Andrew's elder brother Dillen had already married Edna's sister Pernelia.

The Cassells were relatively well off for that time and place, that is they could afford to buy land at the government land office in Batesville, which they did, and the father John, Sr owned one or two slaves. (He had one male aged 18 in 1860 census; hearsay gives him a female slave.) Andrew by 1861 had bought 160 acres, the SW quarter of Section 23, T 13 North R 17 West, and an adjoining 40 acres in Section 22. His father had purchased 60 acres in Section 25 of the same township, good bottom land along the Middle Fork of the Little Red River. Andrew's brother Dillen who had married his Pernelia Sikes bought 80 acres in Sections 24 and 25, same township, adjoining his father and just downstream along the Little Red River. Although not wealthy by any stretch of the imagination they definitely were among the better off of Searcy County's farmers.

As far as I can tell, Andrew Cassell's only military service was about four weeks with the 45th Arkansas Militia, the Searcy County unit that arrested the Peace Society men and marched them to Little Rock in November 1861. The Arkansas Militia was not something one enlisted in. All males of the proper age were required to serve with the militia which met very occasionally for drill and annually to elect officers.

John Cassell, Jr was born 1842 in South Carolina, the son of John Cassell Sr and apparently was not married. In 1860 he was living at home. When the Civil War and Confederate authorities were recruiting, John Jr joined S W Campbell's Co D, 14th Arkansas Infantry, enrolling July 16, 1861, at Vellville, Arkansas, for one year. This was the first Confederate company raised in Searcy County. He went with his regiment when it was transferred June 5, 1862 east of the Mississippi River but came home at the end of his one year enlistment. The company muster roll carried him as deserted from July 16, 1861. Brother Dillen Cassell also enrolled in Co D, 14th Arkansas Infantry, July 16, 1861, at Vellville, but when his regiment was transferred east of the Mississippi River he was left west of the river and dropped from the roll. On February 20, 1863 he enlisted in Co D, 1st Arkansas Infantry(US) and changed sides. The records do not indicate that any of his neighbors enlisted in this company so he must have acted on his own, although other Searcy County men, including Benjamin F Taylor of Watts Spring, enlisted in other companies of the 1st Arkansas Infantry about the same time. He died of brain fever August 30, 1863, in Scullyville, Cherokee Nation.

Jackson Cassell, the youngest brother, enlisted January 26, 1864, in another Arkansas Union regiment, Co M 2nd Arkansas Cavalry. His date of enlistment indicates that he joined during a major Federal scout into Searcy and Van Buren counties early in 1864, and after his brothers were killed.

John Cassell, Sr. also was killed, but in June 1862, before his sons had come home from Confederate service. He was shot and killed while hauling hay on his farm with his negro slave. The family thinks that he may have been killed by a Cypert in a dispute over money. He is buried in the Hinchey Cemetery.

The family story of the boy's deaths is that they were caught by bushwackers/Jayhawkers/guerrillas on a road near home, castrated and killed. Their families heard about their deaths and their womenfolk, including a female slave, came out to bury them. While they were working, the raiders reappeared, roped the slave woman and rode off through the woods dragging her screaming behind their horses. Where they were buried, and presumably where they were killed, is about four or five miles from their homes.

David Carroll Taylor, born abt 1832 in Tennessee, married Eliza(Louisa) Henderson about 1854, and had three children at the time of the 1860 census. In 1860 he bought 30 acres in Section 11, T 13 North R 12 West about a mile north of Witts Spring along the highway. Like some of his neighbors, he was enrolled in Co G Cocke's Regiment of Arkansas Infantry (CSA) probably in the last half of 1862. His brother Benjamin F Taylor was a staunch Union supporter and a member of the Peace Society. In the last half of 1862 Ben organized a Union Co which drilled on Witts Spring Mountain. Other brothers, Hezekiah, Barnabas B, Daniel P, all served in the Confederate Army, and Barnabas and Hezekiah were killed in the service.

In August 1863, D Carroll Taylor was coming home to see his new baby born July 28, 1863, when Jayhawkers caught him about halfway up Witts Spring Mountain. He never got home. They castrated him, tied him to a mule's tail and he was found dead about three and a half miles from home. His wife was still in bed from the birth when the Jayhawkers, after they had killed Taylor, came to the house and made her fix them a meal and would not let her feed the crying baby boy. She named him David Carroll after his father. David Carroll Taylor, Sr's burial place is variously reported to be on Spider Creek or on Bear Creek, so he must have been north of home when he was killed.

These two stories are linked here because they are similar in time and place and atrocity. They happened to Confederate, or ex-Confederate soldiers in August 1863 on Witts Spring Mountain. We do not know who the murderers were. They are called Jayhawkers in one version, which was the name given Union guerrillas, but this phrase is used in this folklore to mean any group which commits atrocities.

We know very little about what happened on Witts Spring Mountain in the last half of 1863. There were no Union Troops in the area until December 1863/January 1864 when scouting expeditions were sent into Searcy County. Confederate commands were all south of the Arkansas River, leaving the area north of the river and east of Fayetteville in the hands of bushwackers, Jayhawkers, guerrillas and renegades.

Benjamin F Snow's affidavit states that Confederate recruiting pressure became so great in 1862 around Witts Spring that he and other Unionists formed a company and joined the Confederate army. In April 1863, he was released from a Confederate hospital and sent home. In May 1863 he had recovered so well that he went and stayed with a company of Federal soldiers commanded by Captain James E Vanderpool, Co C, 1st Arkansas Infantry, until July 11, 1863 when he joined the 2nd Arkansas Cavalry '78' in Fayetteville.

Federal soldier William I Conley of Pope County was wounded June 1863 by Confederate bushwhackers while scouting for James Vanderpool's command and was carried to a place of safety until he recovered enough to go to Fayetteville in August or September.

Mary Pell Wright later wrote that Bill Conley killed her father. Confederate Captain James T Wright, in 1863 on a fork of the Illinois Bayou south of Witts Spring. She went on to say, "They was a set of robbers, the Meekses, Hubbles, Brassfields, Conleys. There was quite a bunch of them...They called it Meekstown."

Confederate Lieutenant James H Campbell had this to say about eastern Searcy County, "During the fall and winter of '63, northwestern Arkansas was over run with deserters, guerrillas and thieves who claimed that they belonged to (Col John S) Marmaduke's and (Col J O) Shelby's commands, but the commands were south of the Arkansas River and the Federal troops all up and down the river, and they were cut off from their commands for some reason and were scouting through our country, the same as they were in southern Missouri, stealing horses and robbing loyal Union citizens. They became so bold and so reckless that the battalion to which I belonged was compelled to protect the country and our friends from the depredations of these Missouri guerrillas and as a consequence, there was very bitter feeling worked up and continued between members of our battalion and this band of desperadoes, parading under the name of Confederate soldiers, but as a matter of fact, over riding all laws of decency, and were more after plunder and money than serving their country."

In the fall of 1862 Benjamin F Taylor had organized a band of Union sympathizers near Witts Spring and had drilled with them and attempted to arm them. However in February 1863 he had gone to Fayetteville and enlisted in the union army, leaving not even a fig leaf of local Union protection in the area.

I don't know who the band, or bands were that castrated and killed the Cassell boys and B C Taylor. Because of the proximity in time, place and method, I assume that it was the same group, but I don't know who, nor whether local or foreign. If anyone has any thoughts or further information on these, or similar events, please get in touch with James J Johnston 2333 East Oaks Drive Fayetteville, Ar 72703.
Searcy County Ancestor Information Exchange.

B C Taylor Private in Co G Cocke's Regiment, CSA, on the Muster Roll for the period 3 Sep 1862-1 Mar 1863. He enlisted 3 Sep 1862 at Madison Co, Ar by a Captain Dawart for the duration of the war. On 14 Oct 1862 he was listed as absent without leave in Searcy Co, Ar. Cocke's Regiment was also known at various times as Johnson's Arkansas Infantry, Hawthorne's Regiment Arkansas Infantry, Polk's Regiment Arkansas Infantry and Cocke's Regiment Arkansas Infantry. Did he return to his unit or join another unit?
James Troy Massey, PO Box 535, Harrison, Arkansas 72602-0535.

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July 2, 1998

Mrs Warren Tomlinson/Cousin Ellenora
3255 Hwy 7 N
Harrison, Ar 72601

Dear Mrs Tomlinson,

I am sending you a copy of the Affidavit Eliza Garner made in the case of Paton Drewry. You will note that it was made in 1903 at Witts Springs so this was before she went to Oklahoma and died out there. If you have trouble reading this affidavit, drop me a note. It is written by the special examiner, F A Hockslager and I have gotten so I can read most of his stuff. Back in 1961 I went out to Tuttle, Oklahoma from Norman, Oklahoma where I was going to school and interviewed Ben Henderson a couple of times. He told me that Carroll Taylor lived just north of Witts Springs and that his Ben Henderson's mother was born near Nashville, Tn. He also said that payhawkers a generic term for anybody that killed your people killed Carroll Taylor and that his wife's feather bed was torn up. He also said that a man/unnamed was afraid of the Taylor boys/Carroll Taylor's sons so he left for Texas with a Negro man. He camped for the night on Witt's Springs Mountain with the Negro and someone shot into the firelight and killed the Negro. This man was one suspected of killing Carroll Taylor. That man told Ben Henderson's father that he was afraid of the Taylors. He said that Carroll Taylor was found on the road to Marshall on the side of the Mountain. He didn't know whether he was buried in the Witts Springs Cemetery or not.

John I Russell lived in the Witts Springs community in 1961 but he is gone by the end of the War according to the tax list. He was quite active in persecuting the pro-Union folks and I suspected that he might be the one that killed Carroll Taylor. But if Ben Henderson's story is correct then "the man" told Ben Henderson's father and he didn't come to Searcy County until 1971. So I don't know who it was but I suspect that it was one of the local folks.

Carroll Taylor's wife Eliza was Louisa Henderson and he died about August 1860. I guess. He also appears as a member of Co B Cooke's Arkansas Infantry, which was the same unit that Paton Drewry was conscripted into. He was "enlisted" 1 September 1862 in Madison County by Captain Buck Dawson. He was AWOL on 14 Oct 1862 in Searcy County so he didn't last long as a Confederate. I intend to do a list of this Company G when I get the time and run it in the EXCHANGE

Sincerely,
JW Tomlinson

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Case of Paton Drewry C No 742310.

On this 15th day of March 1903 at Witts Springs county of Searcy State of Arkansas before me F A Hockslager a special examiner of the Bureau of Pensions personally appeared Eliza Garner who being by me first duly sworn to answer truly all interrogatories propounded to her during this special examination of aforesaid claim for pension, deposes and says:

I am 69 years of age. Am the widow of John Garner PO address Witts Springs Searcy Co Ark.

I know the claimant. Was acquainted with him prior to the war and knew him while the War of the Rebellion was going on. We were neighbors in the

vicinity of Watts Springs Searcy Co Ark. My first husband was Carroll Taylor and he and claimant were both Union men when the war commenced and did not and would not volunteer in the Confederate Army. They laid out many days and nights together in the deep woods away from public roads and were afraid to come to the house.

I packed grub to them many times to their place of concealment. I helped them with "grub" back before and after claimant was in the Confederate Army. I remember distinctly that I was much more afraid after claimant had deserted and come home when taking grub to him and my husband.

Jim Garner and Wes Roberts, DeRoos Snow & Ben Snow and others were hid out in the woods to keep out of the Confederate Army.

I remember the time when claimant was conscripted. The Homeguards past my house in the night with him. I did not see him as it was dark but the next morning I learned that they had captured claimant and taken him off.

Jo Spinal Wes Roberts & others were captured by the Confederates at same time. The Homeguards came to my house on same night and looked under the beds and searched the house for men.

I know personally that claimant was regarded as loyal and know that he sought safety in concealment for a long time.

My first husband Carroll Taylor is dead. Jim Garner DeRoos Snow and Ben Snow are dead. Nearly all the old men who associated the the claimant in 1862 are dead. I have stated to you what I absolutely know from personal knowledge as I was here all through the war and was interested in protecting my husband and his friends. I often went in ? in the woods to carry news to them and would find the claimant with the men in concealment. (Last sentence not readable)

Elizabeth Garner (her mark) Deponent

C S England

Emmanuel England

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 25th day of March 1933 and I certify that the contents were fully made known to deponent before signing.

F A Hookslager Special Examiner

COMPANY M, THIRD ARKANSAS CAVALRY

Captain E F Taylor's Company M, 3rd Arkansas Cavalry (Union) has received more publicity in the folklore of Searcy County than any other Federal unit. This may be because it was more active; it also may be because Taylor was the only Federal Captain from Searcy County who served close enough to make regular scouts there. It also may be because Taylor was colorful. Benjamin Franklin Taylor was a Peace Society man but evaded capture when they were rounded up in November 1861. He subsequently formed a band of Unionists in the Fall of 1862 and contested Confederate General Marmaduke's crossing of the Buffalo River January 2, 1863. His small (about 40) band was scattered and Taylor went to Fayetteville where he enlisted 27 February 1863 in Company K, 1st Arkansas Infantry where he served as sergeant. On October 24, 1863, he was assigned to recruiting duty for the 3rd Arkansas Cavalry and raised Company M. Company M was mustered on February 10, 1864 for three years or the duration of the war, and was mustered out 30 June 1865. However, as with Company K, some men had enlisted for only one year, and brought action to be discharged sooner. The War Department agreed and they were discharged 22 May 1865. Some of these men may have been members of Major J W S Leslie's Confederate battalion who deserted en masse to join the Union Army.

Company M saw action principally with scouts into the Ozarks, many times to Searcy County. Apsie S Morrison gives Captain Taylor's men credit for arresting and executing Confederate Captain Horace H Brand on the headwaters of Cellar Creek. Company M also is mentioned in Orville McInturff's 'Searcy County, My Dear', as the unnamed hero, Newton Cooper, is a member of Taylor's company, and one of Orville's principal sources was a son of Walt Hinchey, a private under Taylor. The 3rd Arkansas Cavalry also saw service with General Frederic

Steele's expedition against Camden, Arkansas and participated in the engagements and actions at Jenkins' Ferry (April 30, 1864), Marks Mill (April 25, 1864), Prairie D'Ann (April 9-12, 1864). The last activity mentioned in 'The War of the Rebellion: A Compilation of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies' for the 3rd Arkansas Cavalry was a scout into Searcy County by Sgt Ebenezer Arnold, "Sergeant Arnold returned from scout to Searcy County, killed 2 rebels, had one man wounded. Rebels are getting quite numerous in vicinity of Dover and Illinois Bayou. I think they are expecting to re-enforce McKee and Dobbins east of White river, or the latter to come through Dover en route south."

Information is from 'Adjutant General's Report of the State of Arkansas' and from Desmond Allen's Arkansas Research: 'Third Arkansas Cavalry.'

Musings of a somewhat off-beat amateur genealogist.

In numbering the pages of this book I suddenly discovered I had three-quarters of a page of paper with no words on it. And since one of my greatest delights is covering empty pages with words - I'm back with pencil in hand.

The word muse means to ponder or meditate and right now I guess I'm very guilty of doing just that. William, Sr. has been on my mind for a very long time and in finishing this book I'm reminded of how different his life had to have been from the lives we live today.

After reading the preceeding article by James Johnston describing the horrible atrocities that some of the Taylors endured during the Civil War, I could not help compare what they went through with what is happening to some people yet today, April 6, 1999, such as the 'ethenic cleansing' that the Serbs are guilty of and our involvement in it. I guess the saying that the more things change, the more they stay the same is probably true in this case as well.

As I mentioned in Legends, Taylors have been involved in many wars. And although I do not know of any Taylor descendants who are involved in this conflict, I would guess that there are. William, Sr. had at least eighty grandchildren which gives us an idea that there are alot of his descendants around yet today. And probably many who still have the surname of Taylor. After all, about fifty of his grandchildren were males.

- I. Tennessee Taylor, b. June 5, 1855 - d. Jan. 3, 1931
 m. Jan. 16, 1875 to Benjamin Franklin (Frank) Henderson
 b. Oct. 10, 1852 - d. 1927
 children: 6, born in Snowball, Searcy County, AR
 A. Benjamin Carrol Henderson, b. Oct. 11, 1876
 d. Mar. 2, 1970, Grady County, OK
 m. Jan. 30, 1901 to Arizona D. Bratcher
 B. Mary Loney Henderson, b. ca. 1878
 C. William Allison Henderson, b. Apr. 12, 1880
 d. Sept. 7, 1944 OK
 m. Mar. 17, 1907, to Margaret Mahala Marlow
 b. Nov. 5, 1888 - d. May 20, 1966, Oklahoma City
 children: 7, all born in Oklahoma
 1. Frank Jasper Henderson, b. Dec. 25, 1907, Minco
 m. Jan. 30, 1931 to Katherine Marie Brown
 2. Floyd Arthur Henderson, b. Aug. 9, 1910, Minco
 d. Sept. 26, 1992, Coos Bay, OR
 m. June 15, 1941 to Katherine Smith, div.
 3. Omah Evalyn Henderson, b. Aug. 11, 1912, Okemah
 d. May 21, 1988, Honolulu, Hawaii
 m. Aug. 28, 1931 to Chester Bert Emmitt, Jr.
 4. Allison Robert Henderson, b. Dec. 12, 1917, Tuttle
 m. July 5, 1939 to Goldie Mae Lasater
 5. Doris Henderson, b. May 12, 1921, Guthrie
 d. June 12, 1922
 6. Thelma Sue Henderson, b. May 15, 1924
 d. June 27, 1988, Edmond, OK
 1st m. ca. 1947 to Hubert Raymond Gilley, div.
 2nd m. June 30, 1960 to William H. Thompson
 7. Bill Henderson, b. Oct. 23, 1932, Oklahoma City
 m. July 15, 1973 to Carol June Smith
 D. Mary Jane Henderson, b. Sep. 30, 1882 - d. July 11, 1964
 m. Oct. 12, 1907 to Circe C. Searcy Wood
 E. Annie Mary E. Henderson, b. Sept. 1887 - d. ca. 1968
 m. Aug. 27, 1902 to Gen. Jackson Cheek
 F. John Charles S. Henderson, b. Nov 22, 1890 - d. ca. 1959
 m. 1912 to Mamie A. Aber, div.

The Benjamin Carrol Henderson family was a member of a wagon train that left Searcy County for Merkle, Texas, according to a family story in the Searcy County newsletter in 1901. Thirty three people took thirty three days to make the trip. In December of 1905 they left the Texas area (near Abilene) for Tuttle, Indian Territory. Ben and Arizona Henderson bought the Indian allotment from a young Indian in 1908. (From Joyce A. Rex, 901 Mockingbird Lane, Purcell, OK 73080.) There was an added note that said, 'Clear Fork of the Brazos River was so dry they moved to Minco, Oklahoma.'

Page 29, of Trail, son of William and Sarah Taylor.

- II. Loma Lee Taylor, b. May 13, 1898 - d. Dec. 29, 1958
 m. Feb. 4, 1923 to Fannie Evelyn Ridinger
 b. Oct. 28, 1894 - d. Mar. 16, 1985
 children: 5, born Harrison, Boone County, AR
 1. Imogene Taylor, b. May 23, 1926

- m. July 3, 1943 to J. Lee Murphy
- 2. William Glen Taylor, b. Feb. 10, 1928 - d. Aug. 15, 1930
- 3. Wayman Henry Taylor, b. Nov. 15, 1929 - d. Aug. 19, 1930
- 4. Ellenora Taylor, b. Jan. 15, 1932
- m. Feb. 11, 1949, to J. Warren Tomlinson
- E. Dorothy Lee Taylor, b. Aug. 18, 1941
- m. Apr. 9, 1960, to Billy Joe Blevins

III. Hezekiah (Hez) C. Taylor,
children: 10

- A. Walter Taylor, b. July 18, 1881 - d. Aug. 26, 1882
- B. William Clingman Taylor, b. Nov. 29, 1883 - d. June 26, 1931
- m. before 1908 to Katie M. Dobey, d. 1971
- C. Johnnie C. Taylor, b. June 21, 1887 - d. Feb. 28, 1959
- m. July 21, 1910 to Alma Martin
- D. Anie A. Taylor, b. Oct. 2, 1888 - d. May 4, 1972
- sp. Nathan Slay
- E. Morris I. Taylor, b. Feb. 4, 1889 - d. Feb. 7, 1971
- sp. Maude Taylor
- F. Dallas G. Taylor, b. Nov. 26, 1892 - d. Aug. 11, 1983
- G. Carmon D. Taylor, b. May 21, 1894 - d. Sept. 11, 1969
- m. Feb. 2, 1919 to Etta Hamilton
- H. Benjamin F. Thomas Taylor, b. Aug. 29, 1897 - d. Oct. 4, 1971
- m. May 20, 1927 to Zella Jordon
- I. Roy Taylor, b. Oct. 21, 1901 - d. Apr. 29, 1965
- m. ca. 1835 to Etta Taylor
- J. Ode Taylor, b. May 26, 1904 - d. Feb. 22, 1991
- m. Oct. 31, 1936 to Tessie Phillips

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IV. David Carrol Taylor, Jr., b. July 28, 1864, Searcy Co. AR

- d. Sept. 5, 1923, Tuttle, Grady Co., OK
- m. Mar. 31, 1888 to Amanda Etta Cochran
- b. Nov. 30, 1870, Witts Springs, AR - d. July 19, 1969, OK
- children: 6
- 1. Genie Taylor, b. 1890, AR - killed welding pipeline, OK
- 2. Bertha Ellen B. Taylor, b. June 7, 1896 - d. Jan. 21, 1959
- 3. Barney Taylor, b. 1903, TX
- 4. Donnie Taylor, b. 1905, TX
- 5. Ollie T. Taylor, b. Nov 13 1905, OK - d. Aug 17 1936, OK
- 6. Lillie Taylor, b. Jan. 16, 1911 OK
- sp. Luther U. Robbins

I recieved the following addition to Garrison Taylor's family from Bill Noble, 8913 Lasley Drive, OK 73127-2942. Bill is a great, great, grandson of Garrison who was the son of Bill and Betsy Allen Taylor. The information concerns Garrison and Elizabeth Atnip Taylor's daughter Darthula.

Darthula Taylor, b. 1873, AR - d. before 1900 AR
m. March 30, 1891, Searcy County, AR
to Cornelius L. McBride, b. May or April of 1870
d. ca. 1901, AR

- children: 3, Virginia, Bethel, and Waide
1. Virginia (Virgie) Ottlie McBride
 - b. March, 1892, Snowball, AR
 - d. November 14, 1935, Ottawa, IL
 - m. January 24, 1907, Marshall, AR
 - to Perry Allen Sanders, b. June 24, 1881, AR
 - d. June 15, 1949
 - children: 3, all born in Searcy Co., AR
 - a. Helen Opal Sanders, b. September 28, 1910
 - d. January 9, 1993
 - m. June 18, 1924, to James Ollie Noble
 - b. May 23, 1874, Bates Co., MO
 - d. September 10, 1959, Osage Co., OK
 - children:
 - (1) B. A. (Bill) Noble, b. September 10, 1928
 - m. June 7, 1976 to Pauline (Polly) Keith
 - b. Lydia Ellen Eileen Sanders, b. Sept. 19, 1912
 - d. October 13, 1968, Oklahoma City, OK
 - m. May 5, 1930, to Marshall Ellis Stone
 - b. February 23, 1904 - d. Oct. 12, 1987
 - c. Carl Sanders, b. ca. 1908 - d. ca. 1910
 2. Bethel Elizabeth McBride, b. Oct. 8, 1893, Snowball
 - d. February 4, 1984, Longview, WA
 - sp. James C. Wingate
 3. Waide E. McBride, b. February, 1895, Snowball

According to Bill, Cornelius and Darthula both passed away at a very young age (although not at the same time) leaving three small children orphans. They were chattelized out for their keep and well being until a given age. This information passed down from Virgie to her daughter Helen.

From Shirley J. England, 3801 Crestgate Ave., Midland, TX 79707-2712:

David L. England was a grandson of Samantha Taylor England. Samantha, daughter of Garrison Taylor, was buried in the Okfuskee County Cemetery near Nugata, OK. She died November 6, 1916. She had four children. Samantha supposedly was married to a Haddon (spelling?) before she married Willis Bryant England. They had a daughter named Ida.

I received some information from Pat Pruitt, 132 Yelco Dr., Dardanelle, AR 72834 on Garrison Taylor's son Benjamin Garrison Taylor. It is as follows:

- Benjamin Garrison Taylor, b. August 16, 1866 - d. Jan. 25, 1946
- 1st m. Oct. 26, 1889 to Eller Seaton
 - children: 1
 1. Marion Taylor, d. 1955
 - sp. Lily Birge
 - children: 6
 - a. Edyth Taylor
 - b. Edith Taylor
 - c. Lucille Taylor

d. Gladys Taylor
 e. Mary Ellen Taylor, b. October 31, 1934
 lives in Russellville, AR
 2nd m. May 9, 1894 to Jane Ethridge
 children: 3
 1. Dauldon Taylor, b. May 26, 1895
 sp. Tom Hunnicutt, b Feb 20 1892 - d June 12 1959
 children: 1
 a. Vivian Hunnicutt, b. July 25, 1925 - d. 1996
 2. Delphi Taylor
 sp. Earl Carpenter
 children: 2 (moved to Oklahoma)
 b. Mildred Carpenter
 c. Alvin Carpenter
 3. Talbert Taylor, b. 1905, He got hurt during his time in
 the service. After he came home he contacted TB which was caused
 by his wound. He died at home and buried at Shiloh Cemetery at
 Russellville, AR. They moved the cemetery in later years and we
 could never find his grave after that.

3rd sp. Lizabeth Harguess Teague
 children: 1
 1. Ruby Savannah Taylor, b. June 1, 1919
 m. 1937 to Lloyd Durham
 children: 8
 a. Bonnie Gay Durham, b. July 23, 1939
 sp. Fred Miller, live in Salem OR
 b. Norman Wayne Durham, b. March, 1940 lives Alread, OR
 sp. Carol Coursey, now divorced
 c. Vera Katherine Durham, b May 1942 lives Coos Bay, OR
 sp. Orville Pruitt, now divorced
 d. Patsy Lorraine, Durham, b. September, 1943
 sp. D.L. Pruitt, lives in Dardanelle, AR
 e. Lloyd Durham Pruitt, Jr., b. July, 1947
 sp. Carol Berry, lives in Cabot, AR
 f. Mary Irene Durham, b. Oct. 1950, lives Portland, OR
 sp. Floyd Smith, now divorced
 g. Ruby Elizabeth Durham, b. Oct., 1950, Portland, OR
 1st sp. Clyde Smith, now divorced
 2nd sp. ?
 h. Joy Aliene Durham, b. Aug. 1954, lives Coquille, OR
 1st sp. David Saling, now divorced
 2nd sp. ?
 stepchildren: 2, both deceased
 a. Noah Teague
 b. Elzie Teague

I received the following letter and clippings from James J. Johnson some years ago. The subject of the clippings is Captain Benjamin Taylor of Calf Creek, Arkansas. He was another son of Bill (William E.) and Betsy Allen Taylor.

2333 East Oaks Drive
Fayetteville, Arkansas 72703
May 4, 1993

Mrs. Ardis Taylor
Rt. 2, Box 142
Lisbon, North Dakota 58054

Dear Mrs. Taylor:

I have received your book "On the Taylor Trail" and think that you did a very good job. I am adding it to my "Searcy County Bibliography," a published bibliography of books by and about Searcy County, Arkansas and its families.

You will also find enclosed some copies of newspaper clippings about Captain Benjamin Franklin Taylor, who was captain of Company M, Third Arkansas Cavalry (Union), during the Civil War, and later deputy U. S. Marshal. If you ever redo your "Taylor Legends" you may use them. They appear in my collection of newspaper clippings, entitled "Shootin's, Obituaries, Politics; Emigratin', Socializin', Commercializin' and the Press."

You mention on page 136 that "Nothing is known of Bill and Betsy Allen Taylor's fourth child, Hezikiah." He is found in Pope County, Arkansas 1860 Census, Independence Township, with wife Jane. He may be the Hezikiah Allen Taylor who is a private, Company E, 17th (Lemoyne's) Arkansas Infantry (Confederate) and Sergeant, Company I, 21st Arkansas Infantry (Confederate). His name also appears on a list of names belonging to a Secret Order that has not been arrested. (See: James J. Johnston, "Arkansas' 1861 Peace Society," The Arkansas Family Historian, published by the Arkansas Genealogical Society, March 1991, pp 13-29.) This list is found in the John Rice Homer Scott Papers at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. Benjamin Franklin Taylor is also on this list.

About thirty or so years ago I interviewed Ben C. Henderson in Tuttle, Oklahoma. He told me that Hez Taylor, Ben Taylor's brother, was killed in a battle on The Campbell Wasson place, below the Campbell Wasson ford on the west side of Richland Creek, Searcy County, Arkansas. This probably refers to the May 3, 1864, fight when a Union foraging party of the Second Arkansas Cavalry was attacked by a Confederate force under Colonel Sidney Duke Jackman. There may have been some Union men with the Federal force who had not been enlisted. There was only one other battle with casualties on Richland Creek, December 25, 1863. I suspect that Hezikiah Taylor came to Arkansas either with, or following his brother Benjamin (or maybe preceding him), and settled south of where Ben Taylor settled, and across the county line in Pope County. Like Ben Taylor he was pro-Union and anti-secessionist. However, he was conscripted into the Confederate Army and may have served in two regiments if both of the above references are the same man. He later deserted and joined the first Union expedition which he had a chance of joining, but was killed before he got out of Arkansas and enlisted in a regular Federal unit.

You have put together a good book with a good mix of narrative, and not all just genealogical data.

Sincerely,



James J. Johnston

Accident In Searcy County

[White County Beacon]

A terrible boiler explosion occurred in Searcy county a few days ago, at the mill of Capt. Benjamin Taylor, on Calf Creek. Four men were killed. Wade Campbell, Wade Griffin, ——— Kennedy, and Birt Woodward, the first two being literally blown to pieces. The others were killed outright, but not so badly mangled. The boiler was torn into shreds, pieces being found seventy-five yards off. The cause of the explosion is unknown, but is thought to have been the inexperience of Campbell, who was acting as engineer.

The Arkansas Gazette, January 4, 1880, p. 4, c. 3.

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THAT SAW MILL EXPLOSION.

Editors Arkansas Gazette:

While at Calf Creek, near the Boston mountains, in Searcy county, I learned of a most serious and horrible accident, which occurred near Stephens & Miller's store, in said county, at the foot of Boston mountains.

It seems that Mr. B. F. Taylor, who was the owner of a large steam mill and gin, and who was operating the same, had been informed by skillful engineers that, in its condition, the boiler of the engine used in the mill was liable to explode at any time, under a high pressure of steam. Notwithstanding this advice, he, on the morning of the 22d of December, had Mr. Wade Campbell, a new engineer (son of the late Senator Campbell, of this state), running the engine, against the urgent entreaties of his friends. The boiler exploded, and Mr. Campbell was blown through the top of an apple tree, and descended into the lint-room connected with the mill. He leaves a distressed widow and three fatherless children.

Mr. J. B. Woodard, a blacksmith, who was standing in front of the engine, was literally blown all to pieces. He also leaves a sorrowing widow and four little children.

By the side of said Woodard lay A. J. Kennedy, quite a young man, who was utterly destroyed.

Mr. Wade Griffin, the fourth and last victim, and whose name is known to many Little Rock people, was standing between the engine and the boiler, and was blown at least twenty feet, against the loft of the mill house. I am told that he was blown into atoms, pieces of his flesh and limbs being found some distance from the scene of the disaster. Mr. Griffin leaves a widow and six children.

The community is also thrown into great excitement over the death of L. L. [sic S.] Brewer, at the hands of W. J. Clemons, who is now at large. The cause of the trouble grew out of a quarrell concerning whisky traffic, in which it seems that Brewer was underselling Mr. Clemons, which he (Clemons) took offense at. They had been partners for years in the mercantile business, but at the time of which I speak, Clemons was running a distillery, and, being called upon by Brewer, in the course of the conversation a dispute arose, then a difficulty, in which Brewer was shot, and mortally wounded, by Clemons.

The Arkansas Gazette, January 16, 1880, p. 8, c. 3/4.

LIKE A ROMANCE

Reads the Revelation of the Boston Mountain Tragedy.

When the news came to Marshall that Capt. Taylor and Joe Dodson had been killed in an attempt to capture an illicit still in Pope county, little was thought or known of how and when the first events which led to the tragedy were enacted, and as they now are slowly being revealed one can not surmise what may be hidden in the secret vaults of history. From time to time, perhaps for years to come, threads will be woven into this fabric to make the woof and warp of it complete—and yet the incident in its fullness may never be known.

An interesting chapter was added to the story the other day in Little Rock. Mr. Alva Church was arraigned before Commissioner O'Hair charged with illicit distilling, as was also A. W. Hatley, postmaster at Latham, and J. E. Mahel, postmaster at Diamond, in Van Buren county. At first it seems strange that officers of the government should be charged with complicity in unlawful business, but the connection of these two officers with this case is romantic. Latham and Diamond are but country postoffices situated near each other in the wild and rugged mountains lying between the east fork of Illinois creek and Red river.

It will be remembered that a few days prior to the tragedy, officers had captured Pope county moonshiners operating west of the Bruce gang and placed them in the State penitentiary for safe keeping. Both of these postmasters wrote to the prisoners that "there will be an earthquake in England on the 28th," but, of course, their letters were intercepted by the prison officials, and but little attention was paid to them, until after the news of the killing of Taylor and Dodson, which occurred on the 29th, was received at Little Rock.

As the raid was intended to have been made on the 28th the coincidence was so striking that the officials were determined to investigate the matter and Hatley and Mahel were arrested. At the examination it was shown that all parties concerned were spiritualists and that the mystical communications intercepted were but the predictions of a semi-prominent medium of Springfield, Mo., and the postmasters were released. This explanation, however, is so ghostlike as to need something more tangible to even make it have the semblance of a spirit.

Deputy marshals from Little Rock have made a number of arrests in that country, among the number being Crockett Metcalf, and Eli Calvin, Sam Church, J. H. McHale and Ed Persons.

The most important capture, however, is that of Bruce, who, it is reported, was taken at Van Buren. Bruce was one of the gang that done the shooting, and will no doubt pay the penalty for his crime.

While the citizens of Searcy county deplore the death of Capt. Taylor and Joe Dodson, they also deplore the discredit of Searcy county. While the killing was done in Pope county, the fact that Capt. Taylor lived in this county, and through the ignorance of newspaper correspondents, the crime is, and always will be, associated with Searcy

county, though this county, nor any one in it, were responsible in any manner for the black page of history that belongs to Pope, the paradise of moonshiners.
The Mountain Wave, September 24, 1897, p. 1.

IS NOW A RAIDER.

A New Office Created and W. P. Hodge Appointed.

A new office has been created in the internal revenue service in Arkansas and the officer will be known as Special Raiding Deputy.

Collector H. L. Remmel has appointed Mr. W. P. Hodges, of this place, to the position, the commissioner of internal revenue has confirmed the appointment and we presume that Mr. Hodge will assume the duties of the office as soon as he returns from Missouri.

The creation of this office came about through the fatal raid on moonshiners in Pope county which resulted in the death of deputies Taylor and Dodson the latter part of August. Mr. Hodges is a son-in-law of Capt. Taylor and the government has cleared the way for him to hunt down the perpetrators of the crime with all the powerful machinery of the government to aid him.

The Mountain Wave, September 24, 1897, p. 3.

Made a Good Haul.

Deputy United States Marshal McCasland made a good haul when he captured the moonshiner, Millsaps, as noted in last week's Wave. Millsaps has been wanted for some time by the authorities and the department of state had offered \$200 reward for him. The internal revenue commission had also offered \$150 and the State \$100, making a total of \$450. If the good work is kept up Pope county will soon be ridden of its bad characters.

The Mountain Wave, October 1, 1897.

—Clay Renfroe and Jess McCasland returned last Saturday from Little Rock where they had been to take Dave Millsaps whom they had in custody charged with being implicated in the murder of Taylor and Dodson. They report that Millsaps waved examination and was placed in the pen for safekeeping.

Marshall Republican, October 4, 1897.

—Alfred Bruce, brother of Harve Bruce, plead guilty to selling wild-cat whisky, at Little Rock, and was fined \$100 and given four months in the Batesville jail.

The Mountain Wave, November 5, 1897

TUR. SKIDMORE ARRESTED

The Pope Moonshiner Charged with Murder of Marshals.

Turner Skidmore, who is said to be one of the party of moonshiners who killed Capt. Taylor and Joe Dodson last August, has been captured by Sheriff Maddox and deputy Hatchett, of Van Buren county.

These gentlemen were in town Monday night and told a representative of the Wave the particulars. Skidmore had been out to the Territory and had just returned home when Sheriff Maddox and his deputy determined to go out and bring him in.

They started Wednesday night, reaching the house just at daylight—having rode about forty miles. Skidmore was taken completely by surprise and made no resistance. He was immediately taken to Little Rock.

Skidmore says he has been sick and was hardly able to ride. He is about 45-years old and has a family.

He has little to say about the shooting, except that he was not within ten miles of the place at the time, but it is believed that enough evidence will be produced to hang him.

He is willing, however, to plead guilty to illicit distilling and, if indicted by the Pope county grand jury, the government will be willing to give him up and let him be tried.

The department of justice had offered \$200 reward for him, the commissioner of internal revenue \$150 and the state \$100.

The Mountain Wave, November 26, 1897.

MOONSHINERS' SENTENCE.

Church and Millsaps get Three Years at Leavenworth.

Alva Church and Dave Millsaps, of Pope county, were sentenced last Friday to serve three years in the penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan., having been found guilty by a federal jury at Little Rock of illicit distilling. They were also fined \$500 each.

Their families were in court at the time and Judge Vaughan made a strong plea for leniency and asked the court not to consider the fact that they were indicted for resisting officers at the time Deputy Marshals Taylor and Dodson were killed and said he believed they would be found not guilty of that charge.

They will be produced by the government, however, if the state desires to try them.

The Mountain Wave, November 26, 1897.

—The relatives of Si Lawrence passed through town last Thursday conveying him to his home in Stone County. Mr. Lawrence bears the loss of his arm bravely and if nothing happens will soon recover from the injury.

—Jess McCasland, the newly appointed deputy Marshal, and H. C. Renfroe, one of the survivors of the Marshal's posse that was ambushed, in the edge of Pope county, resulting in the death of Capt. Taylor and Joe Dodson and the loss of one arm to Si Lawrence left last Sunday for Little Rock with Dave Millsaps, who owned a share in the distillery over which Dodson and Taylor were killed. We understand that Millsaps is strongly suspicioned as one of the parties to the foul and cowardly murder mentioned above. It is to be hoped by every true citizen that all concerned in the murder will be captured and make pay the full penalty of the law.

Marshall Republican, September 24, 1897.

Si Lawrence, of Alco, Stone county, had so far recovered from the effects of having his arm amputated as to come

The Mountain Wave, September 24, 1897, p. 1.

Got a Moonshiner.

Deputy U. S. Marshal McCasland, who has lately been appointed, went to Little Rock Sunday with a Pope county moonshiner by the name of Millsap. Millsap is suspected of knowing something about the Taylor-Dodson affair, but claims that he was not in the fight. He admits, however, that he owns a half interest in the still that was captured, which gives color to the opinion that he will stay in Little Rock for awhile at least.

The Mountain Wave, September 24, 1897, p. 3.

MONUMENT FOR DODSON.

Nearly a year has passed since Capt. Taylor and Joe Dodson were killed while raiding a den of moonshiners in Pope county, but their services in behalf of law and order have not been forgotten by the people of Searcy county and a few days ago a subscription paper was started for the purpose of procuring a monument for Joe's grave. Mrs. Dodson, who is at her father's home in Stone county, selected the monument—which will cost \$36.00—and but a short time was required to raise the amount. We give the list of subscribers below—there being a few names which we were unable to obtain:

Bennett, agent,	\$2.50
W. P. Hodge,	2.50
H. C. Renfroe,	2.50
T. E. Barnes,	2.50
W. E. Drewry,	.50
J. A. Renfroe,	1.00
James Smith,	1.00
Lum Smith,	1.00
L. E. Campbell,	1.00
Taylor Campbell,	1.00
J. M. McCall,	1.00
Sam McDaniel,	1.00
A. B. Ledbetter,	.25
S. P. Ruff,	1.00
W. W. Jaco,	1.00
Wm. Hudson,	2.50
N. M. Hensley,	1.00
J. A. Melton,	1.00
M. A. Sanders,	.50
THE MOUNTAIN WAVE,	1.00
A. M. Brown,	.50
J. C. Evans,	1.00
L. C. Drewry,	.50
Total,	\$27.75

The Mountain Wave, July 29, 1898, P. 3, c. 3.

Bruce Captured.

Outlawed Mountaineer Surprised at His Home.

Accused of Murder—Indicted for Killing Deputies Taylor and Dodson.

Little Rock Gazette, Oct. 5th.

Outlaw Harve Bruce, the most formidable of all the Arkansas lawless mountaineers, once monarch of all he surveyed in the wilds of Van Buren county, at present occupies a cell in the Pulaski county jail.

Bruce was captured at his home in Van Buren county last Friday and brought to Little Rock yesterday by his captor, J. G. Gist, a cattle trader who resides in the same county.

Aggregate rewards of \$1,000 were outstanding for Bruce. In August, 1887, Deputy United States Marshals J. M. Dodson and B. F. Taylor were ambushed and slain by a gang of moonshiners near the line separating Pope from Van Buren county. At the same time two others of the posse were wounded. The officers were out on a raid. They were men tried and true and the moonshiners knew them well enough to appreciate the fact that they meant business. Bruce was known as the leader of the illicit distillers and enough facts became known to identify him with the assassination of the deputies. He was cunning enough to leave the mountains and absent himself from the neighborhood. The family of Capt. Taylor, one of the slain deputies, offered a reward of \$550 for the capture of Bruce dead or alive. This was supplemented with an offer of \$100 from the state of Arkansas, \$150 from the internal revenue department and \$200 from the attorney general of the United States, making \$1,000 all told. Bruce kept away from his old haunts for a long time and successfully baffled attempts to trace and corral him. His day of reckoning was to come, however, and the mistake he made was to harbor the illusion that after a year the excitement had blown and it would be safe for him to return to his old home.

Gist, the cattle trader, knew the outlaw. He had seen the liberal rewards offered and determined to enrich himself and at the same time facilitate the triumph of justice. Gist told about the capture to a Gazette reporter today. Said he:

"I had been keeping a lookout for Bruce over a year. I read of the rewards offered and I was determined to watch for him closely around his home. I thought he would come back. Last Friday I learned that he had been home about two weeks, I watched for him from a place of concealment and saw him come out of the barn. I remained in concealment till dark, meanwhile keeping a sharp lookout in order not to let him get away unobserved. At dark I slipped noiselessly along the fence and stole my way up to the house. I saw him in the house through a window and I noticed that he put his trusty Winchester down some five or six feet away from him. Then I quickly stepped into the house, burst in the door of his room, taking good care to keep myself between him and the Winchester. Quick as a flash I grabbed the rifle and leveling it at the astonished Bruce demanded that he

surrender. He saw that resistance would be useless and he gave himself up. With my son I brought him to Conway and then took the train for Little Rock."

Bruce was asked if he had surrendered. He replied, as he sat in the United States marshal's office, yesterday, cool and complacently: "Surrender? What else could I do when a man stood before me with a Winchester leveled at me?" The outlaw went on to say that he had never left Arkansas having visited North Little Rock several times.

The federal authorities will turn Bruce over to the Pope county officers for trial at Russellville on the charge of murder.

The Mountain Wave, October 7, 1898.

ACQUITTAL OF MILLSAPS

Harve Bruce Admits Shooting of Deputies Taylor and Dodson
Special to the Gazette.

RUSSELLVILLE, Nov. 13.—Dave Millsaps, who was jointly indicted with Alva Church and Harve Bruce for killing Deputy United States Marshals B. F. Taylor and Jesse s/c Dodson, and severely wounding S. B. Lawrence and Clay Renfro in the northern part of this (Pope) county, August 29, 1897, was today acquitted by the jury after nearly two days; consideration. About 100 witnesses were examined in the case and some thrilling evidence was brought out.

Perhaps the most dramatic incident in the trial was the evidence of Harve Bruce, in which he admitted to having done all the shooting in that terrible tragedy under the mistaken idea that his life was in danger. He stated that Alva Church was at the illicit still at the time the marshals made their charge on the still, and that he fled on the first disturbance, leaving him alone. That he thought his life was endangered, and that the officers had failed to disclose their identity, hence believing that he was attacked he began firing and fired either five or seven shots. He claimed that the marshals began firing first without calling on him to surrender. The defence in Millsaps case was that he was at home eating breakfast at the time the shooting occurred. The most of the witnesses introduced by the defense were for the purpose of impeachment.

Prosecuting Attorney Lawrence Russell for the state, Judge J. T. Bullock, employed by Capt. Taylor's relatives, and Hon. C.C. Waters, employed by the United States, prosecuted, while J. R. Aday, Col. G. W. Bruce and Davis & Son appeared for the defense.

Alva Church, jointly indicted for the same crime, is now on trial. Great interest is shown by the public in the trials.

The Mountain Wave, November 18, 1899, p. 1, c. 5.

Will Not Be Tried.

A special to the Gazette from Russellville dated March 30, says: It has been announced here by authority of Attorney General Griggs that Harve Bruce, Jesse Millsaps and S. Church will not be tried here at the April term of court. The witnesses on the part of the state had all been subpoenaed and it is greatly regretted that trial could not be had now. Attorney General Griggs announces that he has no authority to remove them from prison at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan., where they are confined serving a three-years' sentence each for illicit distilling.

The Mountain Wave, April 8, 1899.

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—Bruce, Church and Millsaps charged with the murder of Capt. Taylor and Joe Dodson, were to have been tried at the present term of the Russellville court, but owing to the United States government refusing to give them up until they had served out their three sentences for illegal distilling, their trial was continued until such time when the state could get possession of them.

The Marshall Republican, April 7, 1899, p. 2, c. 2.

—J. W. Aday, Dr. Burns and J. R. Aday returned Thursday from Russellville. They had been subpoenaed as witnesses in the Harve Bruce case, but the trial did not come up; the reason for such action is given in another column. While absent John R. was admitted to the bar and will practice in this circuit. He was examined by Judges Wallace and Holland and Attorney General Jeff Davis and made a splendid showing.

The Mountain Wave, April 8, 1899, p. 5, c. 3.

Harve Bruce Sentenced

Judge Rogers, in federal court on April 23 to imprisonment in the penitentiary at Leavenworth for a term of three years and one day, for illicit distilling. Bruce is now 62 years old. He was tried for complicity in the murder of Deputy Marshals Taylor and Dodson in Pope county when the officers raid[ed] a still in that county in the fall of 1897, and sentenced to six months to the penitentiary at Little Rock, where he acted as guard on the outer wall, and during which time he was a model prisoner.

Turner Skidmore, who was also accused of complicity in the shooting of the deputy marshals, and for whom a large reward had been offered, is dead, Bruce says.

The Mountain Wave, May 4, 1901.

At the time that Trail was written we did not know what had happened to Bill and Betsy Taylor's son Hezekiah. Since then I have received a little information concerning him.

After Bill's death, Hezekiah Allen (Bill) Taylor lived with Bill's brother John C. (Butcher John) Taylor. He apparently made the move to Searcy County, Arkansas, with his brothers during the 1850's. Sometime prior to 1860 he married Sarah Jane Yates. Jane was the daughter of Arwine Yates and Malinda Page who apparently moved from DeKalb County, Tennessee, to Witts Springs, Searcy County Arkansas, about the same time that the Taylors did. Hezekiah's brothers, David Carrol and Benjamin F. were Arwine and Malinda Yates' neighbors in Searcy. It is believed that the Yates family moved there in 1854.

Hezekiah and Jane were living in Independence Township, Pope County, Arkansas, in 1860 according to the census records. He had settled south of where his brother, Ben lived, just across the county line in Pope County.

According to Searcy County Historian, James J. Johnston: "Hezekiah was pro-Union and anti-secessionist. However he was conscripted into the Confederate Army. He later deserted and joined the first Union expedition which he had a chance of joining, but was killed before he got out of Arkansas and enlisted in a regular Federal unit."

Hezekiah was killed in a battle on the Campbell Wasson place on the west side of Richland Creek, Searcy County. There were two battles at Richland Creek, one on December 25, 1863, the other on May 3, 1864. Mr. Johnston did not know in which battle he was killed.

Hezekiah and Jane had two sons, Pleasant Taylor and William H. Taylor. From Maxine Taylor Denman, P.O. Box 26, Dyersburg, TN 38025-0026, a descendant, we recieved the following in part.

Hezekiah Allen (Bill) Taylor, b. 1837, TN - d. either Dec. 25, 1863 or May 3, 1864, Richland Creek, Searcy Co. AR

m. ca. 1858-59 to Sarah Jane Yates, b. 1842, TN

children: 2 sons (See page 241 for more information)

1. Pleasant (Pleas) Taylor, b. ca. 1860-61

sp.

children: at least 3

A. William Hezekiah (Hez or Hesse) Taylor

B. William McKinley (Kinley) Taylor

C. Garrison T. Taylor

2. William H. Taylor, b. June, 1862

sp.

children: ?

A. Hezekiah Taylor

See James Johnston's letter for more information on Hezekiah Taylor.

Barnabas B. and Ezekial W. Taylor were twins, born in 1842 the youngest of Bill and Betsy's seven children. Ezekial remained with his mother after her marriage to Bluetooth. We have no information on him after his marriage to Mary E. Smith in DeKalb County in 1860.

After Bill's death, Barnabus lived with his grandfather, David Taylor, 1779 for a time as is recorded on the DeKalb census of 1850. David, 1779's youngest son, David C. (Shakerhead); his wife, Elizabeth and their son were also living with David, 1779 who was a widower at this time. Elizabeth died shortly after the census was enumerated and David, 1779 died in 1854. Whether Barnabus stayed with Shakerhead for a time or moved to Searcy with his brothers is not known. It is believed that the Taylors moved to Searcy sometime during the mid 1850's. By 1860 Barnabus was living with his brother, David Carrol Taylor, in Searcy County. It is not known whether he ever married or not. He too, was killed during the Civil War.

Martha Jane Taylor married Pleasant Robinson. One of their children was Harve Monroe Robinson. Ambrose Easterly, 933 Snow Hill Road, Dowelltown, TN 37059-2280 sent me some corrections and additions for this family. The family is found on pages 135 and 136 of Trail.

- I. William Hobert Robinson, b. 1897 - d. 1955
 - 1st sp. Ola Parker, b. 1896 - d. 1962
 - children: 2. Thomas and Rubye
 - A. Thomas Hobert Robinson, b. 1919
 - sp. Emogene Turner
 - children: 3
 - 1. Tommye Lou Robinson, b. 1961
 - child: Joshua Avery Bell, b. Nov. 28, 1985
 - 2. Ola Ann Robinson, b. 1962
 - sp. Rick Reynolds
 - child: Jacob Eric Reynolds, b. Mar. 12, 1989
 - 3. Michael Wayne Robinson, b. 1962
 - B. Rubye Lee Robinson, b. 1921
 - sp. Ambrose Easterly
 - children: 5
 - 1. Sandra Rose Easterly, b. 1943 - d. May 20, 1994
 - sp. George Edward Sweazey
 - 2. Cathy Iris Easterly, b. 1947
 - m. Aug. 31, 1968 to Clifford Feltham
 - 3. Susan Lee Easterly, b. 1952
 - m. Aug. 4, 1974 to Timothy White
 - children: 3
 - a. Emily White, b. Aug. 8, 1979
 - b. Alexander Alan White, b. Oct. 14, 1988
 - c. Rebecca Lee White, b. Sept. 22, 1990
 - 4. Anne Parker Easterly, b. 1959
 - m. Dec 29, 1979 to Theodore Potter, b. Nov 26 1957
 - children: 2
 - a. Elizabeth Jane Potter, b. June 7, 1990
 - b. Benjamin Joseph Potter, b. June 29, 1991
 - 5. Jane Elizabeth Easterly, b. 1961
 - 2nd sp. (of William Hobert Robinson) Allene Nokes
 - children: 1. Harvey Monroe Robinson, b. October, 1955

John C. (Butcher John) Taylor

Teresa Robbins, 5500 Ackerfiled Ave. #507, Long Beach, CA 90805, is a descendant of Lewis F. Taylor. She sent me the following family tree on his family. Lewis was the son of Butcher John Taylor and Nancy Plunkett. Butcher John was the son of David Taylor, 1779 and Nancy Plunkett the granddaughter of Joseph and Creasy Taylor. Lewis was a twin. Page 138 of Trail.

Lewis F. Taylor, b. February 4, 1842, Dekalb County, TN
d. December 14, 1873 (The Bible record states that he was 29 yrs, 10 months, and 10 days old at death.)
m. May 14, 1863, to Rhoda Jane (Rodie or Rhody) Fish
b. July 29, 1850 - d. March 27, 1912 (Bible record 61 yrs., 7 months, and 21 days old at death)
children: 4, 1 son and 3 daughters; Telitha, Nancy, Mary, and John.

1. Telitha Jane Taylor, b. February 21, 1867
d. August 26, 194_
m. June 20, 1885, to William Jefferson Robbins
b. August 4, 1862 - d. October 4, 1944
children: 6
 - a. Johnny Robbins, b. 1888
 - b. William Robbins, b. 1889
 - c. Annie Robbins, b. 1893
 - d. Charly Robbins, b. 1895
 - e. Leonidas Robbins, b. 1898
 - f. George Robbins, b. 1904
2. Nancy Malinda Taylor, b. December 1, 1868
d. February 8, 1960
m. August 28, 1884, to John Jackson (Jack) Echols
b. December 18, 1857 - d. December 22, 1929
stepchildren: 2
 - a. William L. Echols, b. 1876
 - b. Martha E. Echols, b. 1879children: 9
 - a. John Echols, b. 1885
 - b. James Echols, b. 1887
 - c. Lewis Echols, b. 1889
 - d. Sarah Echols, b. 1891
 - e. Annie Echols, b. 1892
 - f. Roxie Echols, b. 1894
 - g. Tabitha Echols, b. 1897
 - h. Dewey Echols, b. 1899
 - i. George Echols, b. 1901
3. Mary Taylor, b. 1864, married and moved to Florida
4. John Taylor, b. 1865, raised by a colored man
- (5. Some records state there was another daughter, Delia, others that state Telitha was called Delia.)

Extended family tree of Telitha Taylor and William Robbins

Telitha Taylor, b. February 21, 1867, DeKalb County, TN
d. August 26, 194_

m. June 20, 1885, to William Jeff Robbins

b. August 4, 1862 - d. October 4, 1944

children: 6, Johnny, Henry, Annie, Charly, Lon, & George

1. Johnny Jackson Robbins, b. May 5, 1888 - d. June 15, 1922
sp. Ava Wilborn, b. October 29, 1887, Meridian, Miss.
d. January 12, 1958

children: 6; Floyd, Pearl, Ira, Willie, Alfred,
and Johnny

A. Floyd William Robbins, b. Sept. 25, 1905 - d. 1958

m. May 25, 1926, to Elsie Lydia Godwin

b. August 28, 1904 - d. December 24, 1947

children: 6, Chester, Imah, Shirley, Laverne,
Patricia, and William

(1) Chester Alvain Robbins, b. June 29, 1929

m. Feb. 24 1955, Mexico City, to Teresa Gomez

children: 4, Floyd, James, Teresa, and Diane

(a) Floyd Ernesto Robbins, b. Jan. 7 1956, CA

(b) James William Robbins, b. Oct. 7 1958, CA

m. Jan. 5 1985 to Amelia Gutierrez, div.

(c) Teresa Cheryl Robbins, b. Ap 5, 1961, CA

(d) Diane Laurie Robbins, b. July, 13, 1963

m. December 17, 1983, Kansas City, MO

to Michael Dean Woods

children: Amber Lynn Woods, b. Oct. 16, 1984

(2) Imah Faye Robbins, b. February 5, 1933

sp. Albert Stewart, live in Magnet Cove, AR

children: 4, Garry, Imah, Benny, and Rita

(a) Garry Albert Stewart, Sr. b. Nov 19, 1957

sp. Regina Ritchie, live in Texarkana

children: 2, Garry and John

[1] Garry Stewart, Jr., Sept. 9, 1979

[2] John Matthew Stewart, b. May 28 1981

(b) Imah Jean Stewart, b. November 23, 1958

sp. Bill Cowles

children: 1, b. Percy, AR

[1] Christina Marie Cowles, b Feb 4 1984

(c) Benny Stewart, b. February 25, 1961

(d) Rita Faye Stewart, b. August 5, 1962

(3) Shirley Vee Robbins, b. Nov. 17, 1935

1st sp Bill Boone (div) - 2nd sp Curtis Hearn

children: 6, Elsie, Charles, Caroline, Lee
Ann, Janice, and Billy

(a) Elsie Boone, b. August 31, 1952

sp. Tom Cashman, live in Denver

child: Shawn Thomas Cashman, b. Jan. 5, 1985

(b) Charles Boone, b. August 21, 1953

sp. Shawna

stepdaughter: Sybill _____

(c) Caroline Boone, b. June 20, 1955

- sp. Tom Jump, live in Dallas
 - children: 3, Chrissy, Billy, & David
 - [1] Chrissy Jump, b. ca. 1972
 - [2] Billy Jump, b. ca. 1973
 - [3] David Jump, b. ca. 1976
- (d) Lee Ann Boone, b. August 2, 1958
 - lives in Dallas, TX
 - children: 1
 - [1] George Boone, b. July 4, 1976
- (e) Janice Boone, b. November 23, 1959
 - children: 1
 - [1] Jade Boone, b. August 20, 1980
- (f) Billy Boone, Jr., b. ca. 1961
- (4) Laverne Robbins, b. May 2, 1936
 - sp. James Dawson, live Nashville, TN
 - children: 5, Bonnie, Geraldine, Robert, Frank, and Teresa
 - (a) Bonnie Dawson
 - sp. Ronnie Murphy
 - children: 3, Jackie, Saline, & Bobby
 - [1] Jackie Murphy, b. ca. 1973
 - [2] Saline Murphy, b. ca. 1975
 - [3] Bobby Murphy, b. ca. 1977
 - (b) Geraldine Dawson
 - children: 2
 - [1] Vanessa Dawson, b. ca. 1979
 - [2] Joe Dawson, b. ca. 1981
 - (c) Robert Dawson, b. ca. 1959
 - (d) Frank Dawson
 - (e) Teresa Dawson, b. Nov. 1966
- (5) Patricia Ann Robbins, b. September 20, 1940
 - m. December 20, 1957, to Floyd Alvin Covey
 - b. Nov. 28, 1938, OK (live Malvern, AR)
 - children: 4, Patty, Penny, Tim, and Tommy
 - (a) Patty Ann Covey, b. November 12, 1958
 - sp. David Wilburn
 - children: 2
 - [1] Joshua Wilburn, b. July 3, 1981
 - [2] Aimee Elizabeth Wilburn, b. Sep. 15, 1984
 - (b) Penny Lou Covey, b. Jan. 24, 1960, DeQueen AR
 - sp. Charles Robert Rice
 - children: 1
 - [1] Brittany Ann Rice, b. Oct. 3, 1984
 - (c) Timothy Alvin Covey, b. April 29, 1962
 - sp. Lisha _____
 - (d) Tommy Floyd Covey, b. June 8, 1966
- (6) William Eugene Robbins

B. Pearl Robbins, b. 1907
 m. September 23, 1934, to Jackson Jones

C. Ira Robbins, b. ca. 1910
 m. February 12, 1935, to Edna Vandenberg
 children: 2
 1. Leon Robbins, b. February 17, 1935

2. Gloria Jean Robbins, b. ca. 1938
- D. Willie Edward (Bill) Robbins, b. March 6, 1914
m. November 20, 1937, to Iona Virginia Lane
children: 3
 1. Rosa Marie Robbins, b. July 22, 1938
 2. Helen Louise Robbins, b. December 21, 1939
 3. Billy Joe Robbins, b. January 12, 1943
sp. Sherri, lives in Nashville, TN
- E. Alfred Robbins, b. August 11, 1919
sp. Lois Pennington
children: 3, Joyce, Neal, and Mary
 1. Joyce Ann Robbins, b. February 13, 1942
m. April 17, 1971, to T. E. Dunnivant
b. September 2, 1944
children: 1
 - a. Katrina Marie Dunnivant, b. April 21, 1976
 2. Neal Edward Robbins, b. March 6, 1945
 3. Mary Evelyn Robbins, b. February 18, 1947
- F. Johnny Robbins
2. William Henry (Big Henry) Robbins, b. December, 1889
sp. Irene Hampton
children: 4
 - A. Dorothy Robbins
 - B. Allan Robbins
 - C. John B. Robbins
 - D. Lucille Robbins
3. Annie Robbins, b. May, 1893
sp. Charles Henry Orrell
children: 14
 - A. Cleo Orrell
 - B. Tessie Orrell
 - C. Gladys Orrell, d. October 3, 1984
sp. _____ Franks
 - D. Clifford Orrell
 - E. Amelia Orrell
sp. Dallas Oliver Bump
children: 4
 - (1) Charles Freddy Bump, b. July 24, 1941
1st sp. Mary Porter
children:
 - a. Fred Allen Bump, Sr., b. Aug. 8, 1960
sp. Lisa Rizione, child: Fred, Jr. b. 6-25-65
 - b. Deanie Bump, b. Sep. 20, 1965
2nd sp. Nancy Pitsenbarger
children: 2
 - a. Sandra Bump, b. Mar. 7, 1962
2nd sp. Ricky Hill
 - b. Jeanette Bump, b. Aug. 6, 1963
3rd sp. Kathy _____

2. Nancy Nora Bump, b. June 19, 1948
 sp. Tommy Adams
 children: 2
 a. Tyrone Adams, b. July 2, 1970
 b. Natalie Adams, b. March 16, 1973
3. Linda Jane Bump, b. May 20, 1956
 sp. Tony Usdrowski
 children: 2
 a. Patrick Usdrowski, b. March 21, 1975
 b. Sarah Usdrowski, b. Oct. 13, 1977
4. Kathy Bump, b. Aug. 5, 1958
 sp. Charlie Weaver
 children:
 a. Brittany, b. April 28, 1987
- F. Inez Orrell
 G. Dorothy Orrell
 H. Paul Orrell
 I. Betty Orrell
 J. Renalou Orrell
 K. Orene Orrell
 L. George Orrell
 M. Christine Orrell
 N. Teddy Orrell
4. Charly M. Robbins, b. January, 1895
 sp. Anna M. Cunningham, b. December 22, 1896
 children: 2
 A. Roy Robbins, b. June 10, 1920
 sp. Maxine Sanholm
 children: 2
 (1) Debora Sue Robbins
 (2) Jill Ann Robbins
 B. Kenneth Robbins, b. April 27, 1922 - d. August, 1968
 sp. Dorothy Emerson
 children: 2
 (1) Judy Ann Robbins
 (2) Phillip Daniel Robbins
5. Leonidas Voshell (Lon) Robbins, b. December 31, 1898
 sp. Nettie Morgan
 children: 11. Naomi, Arlene, Iris, Vernon, Pearl,
 Lila, Alfred, Charles, Eugene, Linda, and
 William Thomas
 A. Vernon Leonidas Robbins, b. Sept. 3, 1923, Royal
 m. Sept. 8, 1948, to Florence Harris (divorced)
 children: 5, born in Denver, CO
 (1) Gene Duane Robbins, b. May 26, 1949
 (2) Theresa Marie Robbins, b. April 14, 1951
 m. March 27, 1971, to Gary Ross Jackson
 (3) Vernon Brian Robbins, b. Sept. 8, 1957
 (4) Joquita Ann Robbins, b. Sept. 27, 1965
 (5) William Leon Robbins, b. Dec. 6, 1968
 B. Naomi Alta Robbins, b. April 12, 1925
 m. September 29, 1945, Denver

- to Ken Burrier, they live in Royal, AR
 children: 3, born in Denver
- (1) Kerry David Burrier, b. July 15, 1946
 m. Jan. 9, 19__, to Marianne Grover
 - (2) Gerald Dean Burrier, b. March 28, 1948
 m. May 8, 197_, to Diane Cummings
 - (3) Marty Lee Burrier, b. May 15, 1957
- C. Arlene Varmelia Robbins, b. Jan. 30, 1927, Royal, AR
 m. Jan. 18, 1947 to Eugene Paine, divorced
 children: 9, Ann, Kathy, Michael, Thomas, Carol,
 Cheryl
- (1) Anna Marie (Ann) Paine, b. Oct. 12, 1947
 m. Nov. 10, 1968, in CA to Gene Kitterman
 children: 2
 - (a) Tamra Kitterman, b. June 24, 1966
 m. Oct. 1984 to Sigifriedo Mondragon
 child: 1, Moon Dragon Mondragon
 - (b) Darren Kitterman, b. December 6, 1969
 - (2) Kathy Paine, b. June 24, 1950
 m. 1968 to Dennis Hofstetter
 children: 3 sons, born in San Francisco
 - (a) Christian Hofstetter, b. May 5, 1969
 - (b) Matthew Hofstetter, b. July 18, 1972
 - (c) Daniel Hofstetter, b. March 10, 1975
 - (3) Carol Paine
 - (4) Cheryl Paine
 - (5) Michael Paine, b. Jan. 10, 1960
 son: Michael Brandon Paine, b. Mar. 7, 1983
 - (6) Thomas Edward Paine, b. uly 18, 1963
- D. Iris Jean Robbins, b. Jan. 8, 1929, Royal, AR
 sp. Harold Tuxhorn
- E. Nettie Pearl Robbins, b. July 13, 1930, Strasberg Co
 sp. John Pitts, (divorced)
- F. William Thomas Robbins, b. June 8, 1932
 sp. Wanda Barrios
 children: 5
 - (1) Lora Jean Robbins, sp. Tom Blake
 - (2) Larry Dean Robbins, sp. Terry Wilson
 - (3) Pamela Ann Robbins, sp. Robert Powers
 - (4) Debbie Lynn Robbins, sp. Donald Moore
 - (5) Gary Lee Robbins
- G. Lila May Robbins, b. May 15, 1934
 sp. Darryl Grant, lives in Grand Junction
- H. Alfred V. Robbins, b. August 7, 1936
 sp. Mary Bogdston, live in Arizona
- I. Charles Don Robbins, b. March 23, 1939, Denver
 m. September 25, 1965, Byers, CO
 to Patsy Fults
 children: 2, born in Brighton, CO
 - (1) Michelle Shawn Robbins, b. May 2, 1966
 - (2) Kelly Lynn Robbins, b. July 28, 1970
- J. Eugene Douglas Robbins, b. April 4, 1942, Denver
- K. Linda Marion Robbins, b. January 18, 1945
 sp. Harold Raley, live in Grand Junction

6. George W. Robbins, b. April 4, 1904 - d. July 20, 1935
 m. Dec. 31, 1923 to Lola Braziel, b. Aug. 2, 1906
 children: 3 sons, Elze, Claude, & Wilmer; all raised by
 their paternal grandparents, William Jeff and Telitha
 Taylor Robbins.
 - A. Elza E. Robbins, b. October 17, 1924, Royal, AR
 m. Sep. 24, 1946 Dorothy Mae Warwick, b. April 27, 1926
 d. January 24, 1984
 children: 2
 - (1) Jerry Robbins, b. June 8, 1944
 sp. Linda Graves
 children: 1 adopted daughter
 (a) Sydney Robbins
 - (2) Ronnie Robbins, b. July 13, 1959
 - B. Wilmer Robbins, b. February 24, 1926 - d. Sept. 29, 1979
 m. Aug. 26, 1945 to Lois Cameron
 children: 1
 - (1) Deborah Robbins, b. Apr. 16, 1949
 m. Sep. 23, 1966 to Steve Turner
 - C. Claude Robbins, b. Oct. 24, 1927 - d. March 22, 1979
 his children live near Tulsa, OK
7. Charles Robbins
 sp. Frances Elizabeth Lavender
 children:
 - A. Josephine Robbins
 sp. Jim Williams
 children: 4, Lee, Nellie, Charles, and Alonzo.
 (Lee's sp. is Mary Ratliff)

Extended family tree of Nancy Taylor and Jack Echols from Melisa
 Kay Banks, 4795 Countess CT NE, Salem, Oregon, 97301

- Nancy Malinda Taylor, b. Dec. 1, 1868, DeKalb Co TN
 d. February 8, 1960, AR
 m. August 28, 1884, to John Jackson Echols
 b. December 18, 1857 - d. December 22, 1929
 He was previously married to Jamima Godwin who
 died March 18, 1884. They had two children.
 stepchildren: 2
 1. William L. Echols, b. ca. 1876
 2. Martha E. Echols, b. December 26, 1879
 children: 9, John, James, Lewis, Sarah, Annie, Roxie,
 Edith, Dewey, and George
 1. John B. Echols, b. July 22, 1885 AR - d. July 1, 1886
 2. James William Echols, b. Jan. 28, 1887 - d. Dec. 10, 1947
 sp. Zora Wheeler
 3. Lewis or Harrison Echols, b. Jan. 28, 1889 - d. Sept., 1964
 sp. Lorena Young
 children: 4, Abe, Cletus, Ireta, and Gladys

4. Sarah Lee Echols. b. January 4, 1891 - d. February, 1983
 m. June 6, 1909 to James H. Cunningham, b. Dec. 9, 1887
 d. May, 1973. Royal, AR
 children: 2, Minnie and James
 - A. Minnie Ruth Cunningham, b. January 30, 1911
 m. December 24, 1926, to Arthur Braziel
 children: 6, James, Velds, Norvel, Stanley, Charles, and Bobby. Live around Salem, Oregon
 - (1) James Arthur Braziel, b. Oct. 2, 1928
 m. Dec. 31, 1952 to Julia Prachar, b. Oct 11, 1935
 children: 3, born in Salem, OR
 - a. Karen Lee Braziel, b. Aug. 30, 1956
 m. Mar. 17, 1984 to Joe Robert Tofte, b. 1955
 children: 2
 - [1] Jamie Michelle Tofte, b. July 2, 1986
 - [2] Kristi Jo Tofte, b. Oct. 6, 1987
 - b. Carol Anne Braziel, b. Nov. 11, 1957
 m. Sept. 23, 1978 to Billy Joe McLain, Jr.
 children: 1, John McLain, b. Sep. 3, 1981
 Other sp. John (Beaver) Agard
 - c. Kevin Lynn Braziel, b. Dec. 31, 1961
 m. June 18, 1983 to Sherry Rickards, b. 1963
 children: 3
 - [1] Michael Braziel, b. Mar. 20, 1985
 - [2] Jennifer Braziel b 12-3-1986-d 12-18 1986
 - [3] Matthew Lee Braziel, b. Sept. 12, 1988
 - (2) Velda Juanita Braziel, b. 1-12-1931 d. 1-6-1984
 m. Sep. 27, 1951 to Kenneth Kessel, b. May 7, 1932
 children: 3
 - a. Dennis Kessel, b. Sep. 17, 1952
 m. May 23, 1975 to Linda Darst, b. 1952
 children: 1, Amanda Kessel, b. Mar. 31, 1985
 - b. Gary Kessel, b. Dec. 14, 1954
 m. Feb. 13, 1975 to Patricia Brooks, b. 1957
 children: 1, Troy Kessel, b. Feb. 7, 1976
 - c. Linda Kessel, b. Apr. 22, 1960
 m. May 25, 1980, to Dennis Diehm, b. 1954
 children: 2
 - [1] Meghan Leigh Diehm, b. Oct. 28, 1982
 - [2] Darren Lee Diehm, b. Oct. 17, 1984
 - (3) Norvel Willis Braziel, b. Feb. 13, 1933
 m. Nov. 3, 1951 to Myrna Hedrick, b. 1932
 children: 3
 - a. Nancy Lynn Braziel, b. May 29, 1952
 m. May 7, 1976 to Scott Banks
 child: Melissa Kay Banks, b. Jan. 15, 1977
 stepchild: Craig Banks, b. Sep. 20, 1973
 - b. Michael Anthony Braziel, b. June 23, 1955
 d. Dec. 18, 1960 - Leukemia
 - c. Melodie Sue Braziel, b. June 24, 1963
 m. Mar. 31, 1984, to David Fournier
 children: 2
 - [1] Rachel Fournier, b. Sep. 24, 1991
 - [2] Courtney Fournier, b. July 13, 1994

- (4) Stanley Lee Braziel, b. Mar. 26, 1936
 1st sp. Claudia Wildfang
 children: 4
- a. Sherri Larae Braziel, b. Dec. 23, 1957
 1st m. Jan 29, 1979 to Steve Brentano
 child: Gina Brentano, b. Jan. 29, 1980
 2nd m. Sept. 19, 1985 to Rick Swenson
 child: Nathan Swenson, b. Sep. 6 1981
- b. Randy Lee Braziel, b. Sept. 8, 1959
 m. Jan. 29, 1983 to Tammy Huff
 children: 3
 [1] Serena Sue Braziel, b. May 6, 1983
 [2] Angela Mae Braziel, b. Sep. 1, 1984
 [3] Erica Lee Braziel, b. Oct. 5, 1988
- c. Lori Jane Braziel, b. Apr. 26, 1962
 m. Sep. 20, 1980 to Ron Hicks
 children: 2
 [1] Tara Jane Hicks, b. Mar. 8, 1982
 [2] Shauna Marie Hicks, b. Feb. 15, 1984
- d. Danny Duane Braziel, b. May 24, 1966
 m. July 20, 1991, to Sarah Langeuin
 children: 2
 [1] Samuel Victor Braziel, b. Sep. 27, 1995
 [2] Alexander Daniel Braziel, b. Sep. 8, 1997
 2nd m. May 2, 1977, to Sharon Blackwell
- (5) Charles Dean Braziel, b. Feb. 23, 1938
 1st m. Mar. 15, 1963, to Patricia Drysdale
 children: 1
- a. Matie Elizabeth Braziel, b. Nov. 11, 1964
 m. Aug. 19, 1988 to Vaughn Daugherty
 children: 2
 [1] Christine Daugherty, b. Aug. 16, 1989
 [2] Haleigh Daugherty, b. Apr. 21, 1992
 2nd m. Dec. 27, 1977, to Marley Russel
- (6) Bobby Glenn Braziel, b. Jan. 21, 1943
 1st m. Sept., 1960 to Jean Buss, b. Jan. 22, 1965
 children: 3
- a. Julie Ann Braziel, b. Jan. 11, 1965
 m. Mar., 16 to Kenneth Austin
 children: 2
 [1] Adam Austin, b. Feb. 21, 1984
 [2] Andrew Austin, b. Sept. 14, 1987
- b. Jimmy Allen Braziel, b. Feb. 24, 1962
 d. Apr. 12, 1995 - AIDS
 m. Nov. 2, 1985 to Lori Ann —
- c. Jill Braziel, b. May 12, 1969
 1st sp. Dave Wood
 child: Alicia Wood, b. Feb. 27, 1985
 2nd sp. unknown
 child: Joseph William —, b. Apr. 1, 1993
 2nd m. Nov. 27, 1971, to Sally Brown, b. 1943
 child: 1, Mark Braziel, b. Sep. 9, 1975
- B. James Olivier Cunningham, b. May 8, 1917 - d. Aug. 1978
 sp. Gladys Berry
 children: 1

- (1) Jesse Harold Cunningham, Sr. b. November 8, 1938
 killed by lightning June 29, 1963
 1st m. December 28, 1958, to Sharon Sarah Brown
 b. September 5, 1939
 children: 2
 a. Harold Cunningham, Jr., b. March 20, 1960
 1st m. Nov. 9, 1920 to Gina McGill
 2nd sp. Lynn Howell
 3rd Brenda Hughey
 children: Laken Cunningham, b. Feb. 17, 1994
 b. Susan Kay Cunningham, b. July 2, 1962
 m. June 8, 1985 to Forest Lindberg Spicher II
 b. December 10, 1959
 children: 2
 [1] Brandon Spicher, b. Mar. 29, 1987
 [2] Lindsey Kay Spicher, b. Sept. 3, 1989
5. Annie Pearl Echols, b. Dec. 12, 1892 - d. June 30, 1958
 sp. John Moore
 children: 3
 A. Sterling Moore
 sp. Corinne Welch, b. 1914
 children: 3
 (1) Thomas Sterluby Moore, b. 1934
 (2) Elizabeth Ann Arieta Moore, b. 1937
 (3) Diane Moore
 B. Alexandra Philip (A. P.) Moore, b. 1914
 C. Gilford Moore, b. 1916
 D. Dan Moore, b. 1920
6. Roxie Rosella Echols, b. Dec. 16, 1894 - d. Dec. 17, 1974
 1st m. Jan. 1, 1911, Charles Houser, b. 1885 - d. 1920
 children: 5
 A. Wilton Kenneth Houser, b. Aug. 22, 1911
 m. June 24, 1933, Lillie Streater, b. Dec. 23, 1911
 children: 2
 (1) Betty Joyce Berry Houser, b. Oct. 18, 1932
 adopted Sep. 7, 1943
 m. July 6, 1952 to Morris Graber, b. 1929
 children: 3
 a. Michael Lee Graber, b. Feb. 1, 1953
 m. Dec. 23, 1978 to Mary McCalop
 children: 2
 [1] Brian Michael Graber, b. Feb. 10, 1980
 [2] Jared Lee Graber, b. Dec. 1, 1981
 b. Lillie Kathleen Graber, b. Aug. 11, 1954
 c. Rex Eugene Graber, b. Dec. 22, 1955
 m. Oct. 4, 1980 to Molly Kunz
 children: 2
 [1] Matthew Joseph Graber, b. July 27, 1976
 adopted Mar. 26, 1981
 [2] Sara Christine Graber, b. May 21, 1982
 (2) Linda Arlene Houser, b. Oct. 15, 1945
 m. Mar. 8, 1964 to Roland Fagan
 children: 2

- (1) James Stephen Fagan, b. Apr. 23, 1967
- (2) Janet Lynn Fagan, b. Apr. 23, 1967
 - sp. James Woods, b. Apr. 1, 1962
 - child: Cady James Woods, b. Oct. 18, 1988
- B. Clifton Augustus Houser, b. Apr. 29, 1913, Reno, NV
 - m. 1935 to Jame _____
 - children: 2
 - (1) Melva Jame (June) Houser, b. Jan. 7, 1938
 - sp. Burney Penn Tate
 - children: 3
 - a. Steven Don Tate, b. Oct. 7, 1960
 - b. Tamera Jane Tate, b. Mar. 14, 1962
 - sp. Michael Williams, b. June 20, 1961
 - children: 2
 - [1] Shawnda Nicole Williams, b. Mar. 18, 1983
 - [2] Breven Patrick Williams, b. May 17, 1985
 - c. Stanely Wayne Tate, b. Aug. 18, 1963
 - sp. Kimberly Halley
 - children: 3
 - [1] Troy Nathaniel Tate, b. Dec. 9, 1986
 - [2] Travis Noah Tate, b. Feb. 13, 1987
 - [3] Rena Tate, b. 1989
 - (2) Dan Clifton Houser, Sr., b. Sep. 6, 1944
 - m. May 22, 1964 to Phyllis Lawson
 - children: 3
 - a. Kerri Leih Houser, b. Aug. 20, 1966
 - m. May 15, 1987 to Danny Maylen
 - children: 2
 - [1] Bryce Andrew Maylen
 - [2] Riley Ray Maylen
 - b. Robin Lynne Houser, b. Jan. 12, 1969
 - c. Dan (Butch) Houser, Jr., B. May 31, 1973
- C. Leslie Gilson Houser, b. Apr. 19, 1915
 - 1st m. Nov. 20, 1937 to Lorene Moreland
 - children: 1
 - (1) Charles Leslie Houser, b. Aug. 13, 1938
 - m. 1965 to Rosa Quiroz
 - children: 2
 - a. Kim Houser, b. May 23, 1966
 - b. Kurtia Houser, b. Sept. 24, 1967
 - 2nd m. Jan. 22, 1965 to Birdie Bynum
 - children: 2
 - (1) Druey Houser
 - (2) Jerry Houser
 - children: 2, Drue and Stephanie Houser
- D. Roy Elmer Houser, b. May 19, 1917 - d. Feb. 26, 1983
 - m. Aug. 28, 1937 to Gertrude South
 - children: 3
 - (1) Mary Francis Houser, b. Sep. 1941
 - m. Oct. 11, 1968 to Donald Johnson
 - children: 2
 - a. Mary Francis Johnson, b. Jan. 26, 1971
 - b. Nancy Beth Jonson, b. Jan. 23, 1973
 - (2) Carrol Jean Houser, b. June 4, 1944
 - m. June 1, 1962 to Earl Reynolds

children: 2
 a. Marcy Dawn Reynolds, b. June 27, 1972
 b. Tanya Renae Reynolds, b. June 27, 1972
 (3) Beverly Ann Houser, b. Oct. 1, 1949
 m. Jan. 3, 1970 to James Short, d. Mar. 7, 1976
 children: 3
 a. daughter, b. & d. Aug. 14, 1970
 b. James Roy Short, b. Mar. 2, 1975
 c. Marsha Regina Short
 E. Mayda Jewell Houser, b. Nov. 10, 1919
 m. Aug. 20, 1938 to William Factor, Jr.
 children: 2
 (1) Nancy Lou Factor, b. Aug. 22, 1939
 m. 1957 to Kenneth Cook
 children: 3
 a. DeAnn Cook, b. Dec. 17, 1957
 m. May 30, 1981 to Allen Webb
 children: 2
 [1] Megan Ann Webb, Apr. 21, 1985
 [2] Tiffany Marie Webb, b. Jan 21, 1987
 b. Denver Cook, b. Oct. 2, 1963
 c. Danielle Kay Cook, b. Dec. 3, 1968
 (2) Ronnie Lee Factor, b. Nov. 15, 1948
 2nd sp. Jim Keys
 children: 2
 A. Molley Ernestene Keyes
 sp. Woody Sullivan
 children: 3
 (1) Charla Sullivan
 (2) Karen Sullivan
 (3) Johnny Sullivan
 B. H. C. (Pete) Keyes
 children: 2. Jim and Judy Keyes
 stepchildren: 3. Milton, Luther, and Lois Keyes
 7. Tabitha Eda (Edith) Echols, b. Jan. 6, 1897 - d. Dec. 15, 1972
 m. 1912 to Jacob Gray Young
 children: 7. Evin, Austin, Dorothy, Durah, Jessie,
 Terrell, and Clarice
 A. Evin A. Young, sp. Dorothy Johns
 children: 1
 (1) Patsy Young, sp. Charles Chockamn
 children: 2
 a. Tracy Chockamn
 b. Valerie Cockamn
 B. Austin Young, d. ca. at 9 years
 C. Dorothy Young, sp. Floyd Hill
 children: 1
 (1) Leroy Hill, sp. Sue Westerman
 children: 1
 a. Steve L. Hill, sp. Deborah Lou Crone
 children: 3
 [1] Larry Hill
 [2] Jeffery M. Hill
 [3] Shawn Hill

- D. Durah Young, d. as an infant
E. Jessie Young, 1st sp. Ethel Godwin
children: 6
 (1) Jessie Helen Young
 sp. John Wake, Sr.
 children: 5
 a. Louise Wake
 b. John Wake, Jr.
 c. Denise Wake
 d. Viola Wake
 (2) Jacob Gordon Young
 (3) Patty Young
 (4) & (5) twins
 (6) Cathy Young
 2nd sp. James Mills
 children: 2, Randall and Audra Young
F. Terrell Young, sp. Delores Westerman
children: 4
 (1) Gail Diane Young
 sp. Joe Davis
 children: 2, Brent and Kara Davis
 (2) Ronald Young
 sp. Tella Hayden
 children: 3, Richa, Janabeth, & Jonathan Young
 (3) Sandra Kay Young
 sp. Kevin Sweat
 children: 3, Corby, Brady, & Grayson Sweat
 (4) David Young
 sp. Rebecca Snack
 children: 2, Jeremiah and Katherine Young
G. Clarice Young, sp. James V. Wilkinson
children: 2, Jimmie and Shelby Wilkinson
8. Dewey Larkin Echols, b. January 16, 1899, AR - d. Dec. 1980
9. George W. Echols, b. & d. February 22, 1901
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Lewis Taylor married Rhoda Jane Fish, a daughter of Dred Fish. After Lewis' death she remarried. The following information on Rhoda was found in her Bible.

Rhoda Jane Fish, b. July 29, 1850 - d. March 27, 1912
1st sp. Lewis F. Taylor, b. February 4, 1842
 d. December 14, 1873, 29 years, 10 months, 10 days
children: 4, Mary John, Telitha, and Nancy
2nd m. July 27, 1877 to Mathew Boyne (also referred to as Mr. Baine)
children: 2
 1. Lular Boyne, b. October, 1879
 d. August 19, 1883, 4 years 10 months
 2. Corene Boyne, b. June, 1883
 d. April 15, 1885, 2 years 10 months
3rd m. March 23, 1884, to John Wilboar
 b. May 30, 1826 - d. October 1897
children: 1

1. Anna Wilboar, b. March 31, 1887
 m. June 5, 1904, to John L. Ballard
 children: 2
 a. Opal Delphia Ballard, b. August 30, 1905
 b. Willis Morrion Ballard, b. January 1, 1908

Elze Robbins said that Rhoda gave Telitha and Nancy to John Gillhorn to raise and Johnny to a colored man. She then left the country with a man on a wagon. According to one census record, Rhoda Jane Fish Wilboar and daughter Annie (Anna Wilboar) were living with her daughter Nancy Taylor and her husband Jack Echols after the death of John Wilboar.

Dred Fish had at least two more daughters, Louisa Elizabeth and Nancy Malinda. Both married Taylors

Louisa Elizabeth Fish, b. September 7, 1851
 d. February 29, 1928, Illinois
 m. September 6, 1865, to Wilson Taylor, the son of Bully John Taylor, and the grandson of Joseph Taylor.
 children: 10, see page 82 of Trail and page 323 of Legends for more information concerning this family. The birth and death dates listed here are from her tombstone. The descendants of this family have sent me different dates. I do not know which is correct.

Nancy Malinda Fish, b. 1850, DeKalb
 d. 1886 in McMinnville, Warren County, TN
 m. August 22, 1867, DeKalb County, Tennessee
 to William E. Taylor, b 1849, DeKalb, the son of David C. (Shakerhead) Taylor. See below.

David J. (Shakerhead) Taylor

David Taylor's son David J. (Shakerhead) had a son, William E. Taylor, with his first wife, Betsie Ann White. We have now learned that William's wife's name was Nancy Malinda Fish and a little more about their children. For more information see pages 142 of Trail and 66 of Legends.

William E. Taylor, b 1849, DeKalb Co. - d. 1883,
 McMinnville, Warren County, TN.
 m. August 22, 1867, DeKalb County
 to Nancy Malinda Fish, b. 1850, DeKalb County
 children: 5, all born in DeKalb County, Tennessee
 1. Martha Taylor, b. 1858
 m. 1883 to J. B. Morgan, b. 1858
 no children
 2. B. A. Taylor, b. 1870
 3. Mary P. Taylor, b. 1875
 sp. Philip Owens, b. 1861
 lived in Glasgow or Roseville, KY
 4. David Carl Taylor, b. August 2, 1877 DeKalb
 d. October 10, 1958, Hopkinsville, KY
 m. Decmeber 11, 1909, to Ada Frances Kelsey

lived in Glasgow, Barren County, KY
5. A. E. Taylor, b. February, 1880

FAMILY RECORD.
From the Bible of Lewis Taylor

BIRTHS.

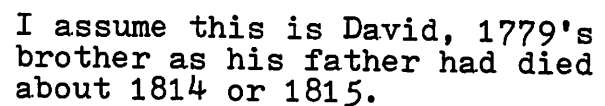
MARRIAGES.

Lewis departed
this life
December the 14 1873
age 29 years 10 months 10 days
Leilar died august 19 1883
age 4 years 10 months
Leorene died april 15 1884
age 2 years 10 months
John Wilboar died
october the 4 1897
age 78¹⁶ years 5 months
Rhoda J. Wilboar departed
this life
march 27. 1912 age
61 years 7 months 27 days

John Wilboar
B. J. Wilboar
Baptist
March 23 - 1884
John L. Ballard
and
Annie L. Ballard
was married
June 5, 1884.

John Wilboar was
Borned may 30 1826
B. J. Wilboar was
Borned july 29 1850
Matthew Bayne and
R. J. Taylor was
married july 27. 1871

Bounded By BAZZLE SCOTT'S
SPRING BRANCH ON THE NORTH



Surveyed by William Doe (Roe?) and William Taylor, CC
(Chaincarrier) on January 7, 1930.

On many occasions I've been asked to tell more about myself. I have always been more than a little reluctant to do this for a number of reasons. However I have relented. By training I'm a biologist, by necessity a science teacher for thirty years, by birth a farmer's daughter, and by choice a rancher's wife. The following gives a glimpse into the life we have lived and loved and to a small extent still do. It is part of an on going narrative I have worked on for a number of years. This particular piece was written in 1988.

FAR FROM THE BEATEN TRAIL

Born to a fun loving adventuresome father and a very reserved mother on a ranch in the McHenry County Sandhills of North Dakota in 1919, Harve was destined to be raised a town kid. His father died of smallpox when he was four years old. Growing up in the heart of the depression any schooling after high school was simply not possible. Consequently he worked at various jobs in Towner during and after high school until his brother decided he wanted to go back to their father and grandfather's ranch to raise cattle and horses. When one considers that their grandmother had mortgaged the ranch to raise them during the past fifteen years and that the ranch had been pretty well run down, to say nothing of being taken over by two teenage town boys, the odds of succeeding were really not too great.

By the time Harve and I eventually stumbled into each other some twenty years later, he was a very experienced rancher. As for me, I was a product of the depression or as those years were called in North Dakota, the dirty '30's. My dad was a farmer and he and my two brothers, I guess, would have to be called male chauvinists by today's standards. However it never seemed to dawn on any of them that I was female. Consequently I learned to fish, shoot a gun, drive anything with four wheels, and ride anything that had four legs under it, sometimes with not the greatest results I might add. I even tried riding one of my mom's big old hens when I was quite small and promptly got beaten up by a grumpy old rooster. Mom never did figure out how I managed to get into a fight with a rooster and I wasn't about to tell her!

I really think Harve had more to learn about the trials and tribulations of living with a confirmed tomboy who never quite grew up than I did in having to learn about ranch type cattle as compared to the farm bred cattle that I was used to. And since Harve was the one who moved instead of me, he also had to learn, the hard way I must say, about the idiosyncrasies of artesian wells, the uncertainty of farming and all the machinery breakdowns that entails, what a sudden ten inch rain can do to your crops along with hailstorms with which we are also blessed. He also had to learn about living with a complete dog nut, tame calves and cows, all of which had names that he could never remember of course, horses that knew how to make a monkey out of a mere man, geese that were not above attacking the boss of the

outfit, a donkey too smart to be caught or roped to say nothing of a wife, who with broom in hand, would think nothing of attacking a ton bull who had mistakenly wandered into her flower beds.

Raising cattle on the windswept Dakota prairie is not always easy. The vagarities of weather always make it some what hazardous. Normally calves are born the last part of March and into April. The reasons for this are many, one being that the cows are still in their winter feeding area which is handy as it is possible to get the cows in when they have trouble calving.

What is meant by trouble calving? First off many cows decide that the ideal time to have a calf is usually between the hours of eleven p. m. and five o'clock in the morning. This means that you check the cows about every two or three hours, depending somewhat on the weather and the reputation of the cow that's closest to calving. As for the problems, well they are usually not of the type one would care to discuss while in polite company and I was never happy hearing "Honey, can you come and help? There's a cow calving."

Another statement from him that has never been appreciated was, "Guess what? Twins!!" Harve never dreaded them as much as I did. First off, they were usually born a little before term so they were always smaller and never as strong and robust as their single birth brothers and sisters. And secondly, their mothers usually had enough milk for only one baby which is where I came in, with bottle in hand. In becoming mother's helper I also found that I'd inherited a couple of four footed friends for life. And since their friends are also considered their playmates in the bovine's world there is bound to be some exciting times

I will never forget the look on Harve's face one day when he walked through the feed lot which contained some of my former 'babies'. One heifer dubbed Samantha was a very tame, although a somewhat boisterous type of individual. And this particular day, being in an extremely playful mood she started chasing after Harve, a fact he was not aware of until too late. About the time he sensed something coming up behind him she let out with a gosh-awful bellow, akin to a mother cow's warning that she was attacking in dead earnest. It was really surprising to see how high a fifty year old man could still leap. His outlook on life was not enhanced by looking over to see his devoted wife dumbled over with laughter holding on to the corral fence for support either.

Another eye opening experience for him happened when he was alone out in the calving area during the middle of the the night. Calving out for us usually occurred during the change between winter weather and spring weather with a bit of both occurring throughout the calving season. There is a slough in this area that has water in it during some years. Such was the case the fall before so it had frozen over. This particular night Harve

found a new born calf standing on wobbly legs in the water. After a winter of cattle on a snow covered slough it is impossible to know exactly where the shore line was, but since the calf was only ankle deep in the water Harve started out to bring it in. The first couple of steps were fine and just as he started to reach for the calf he found himself standing in ice cold water that was chest deep. The calf was standing on a piece of ice that had broken off the shore and floated out a short distance.

There are about three different kinds of mother cows: those that are normal, easy to get along with cows; those that are over protective and will run a person right out of the pasture if you're not careful, and then the ones who are not in the least interested in motherhood. They will give birth to their calf and never even look at it, they just leave this poor helpless little baby out where he was dropped, often times in inclement weather. It was then our job to bring the little fellow in, rub him down, find some heat for him, either in the house or more often in the cab of a pickup with the heater on full force. The next step was to get some frozen colstrum from the freezer (courtesy of one of my part Holstein former 'babies' I had bought and that were now part of the cow herd), warm it up and give the baby his first feeding. Having done all this it was now time to saddle a horse and start looking for 'momma' and bring her in. Now this may seem like an easy task, but such was usually not the case. The first prerequisite in this endeavor was to 'be mounted'. In other words, an extremely good horse was needed. Our best and fondest memories are of Misty, a sorrel Quarter Horse that had more heart than any horse we've had before or since. She was born about a year after we were married and started her career as a working cowhorse the spring of her second year. She had one major fault, she was not as athletic as we would have liked her to have been, however if you gave her her head she had no problems. Harve did have a bit of a problem with this because he had always ridden with a fairly tight rein on his horses and when you did this with Misty she had a tendency to stumble. She did stumble and fall with him a couple of times before he changed his style of riding.

Harve's introduction into the world of horses didn't start until he was an adult so he has always been the more cautious of us. My dad had me riding before I learned to walk and racing thorough the rocks and holes of which our pastures are covered is still as natural as breathing is for me.

And our beloved Misty did have her quirks as of course we all do. First off it was always her belief everything should have been done yesterday so why are you being so pokey?? Let's go. Move it!!! NOW!! Secondly she simply loved working cattle. Putting an old snakey cow in was a game with her and one that she fully intended to win. On the rare occasion when one did get past her, you were in for the ride of your life. Her temper flared immediately and you'd best hang on for dear life. Misty was going to put that cow in and you'd better not try and stop her.

If you were not up to riding through the rocks, badger holes, sloughs and bogs, you'd best find yourself another saddle horse. And no cow ever defied her twice.

Now back to the cow. Once in the barn we would introduce her to her baby. Often times she would try to bunt it or when restrained from that endeavor would try to behead both the calf and us with a well placed hind foot. During these encounters it seems that all tempers had an extremely short fuse. Usually after a week most cows would let their baby nurse when you stayed in the pen with them and eventually they could be turned out as a pair.

But such was not always the case. One registered Hereford cow by the name of Susie Q never would accept her baby. Her solution? She quit producing milk. Our solution? We hauled her to market. Her baby's fate?? Well, little Goldilocks became a bum. If any cow had too much milk, we brought her out to clean up the surplus and at other times when there was not an extra supply she drank from the bottle. Goldilocks did not inherit her mother's disagreeable nature but joined the cow herd as a top producing cow.

I don't know about most Taylors, but my special Taylor was one of the most patient men you'd ever meet. He had a two year old heifer that had given birth to a calf in the breech position. As is the case with many heifers she was slow in calving and with the breech position it usually makes everything a little worse. Apparently this little fellow didn't get enough oxygen during the birth process and, as happens to all mammals whose brain doesn't get enough oxygen, he suffered some brain damage. Little Dummie, as he became known, had a really difficult time for awhile. He did not know how to nurse, much less have any idea what a cow was for. Being the type of person Harve is, he couldn't just let Little Dummie die. He'd put milk into his stomach with a long tube, but of course he couldn't keep that up for very long. Finally he decided to tie the cow up and milk milk directly into the calf's mouth. Now this was not a tame cow but she seemed to understand, at least she cooperated. She stood perfectly still while Harve attempted to do this. It worked fine, except Little Dummie didn't know enough to swallow. Harve would then have to stroke the little guy's throat to encourage him to swallow. Eventually he did it on his own. And after about two weeks of putting milk directly into his mouth from the cow he learned to nurse. He eventually learned enough to be turned out to pasture with the other cow-calf pairs and survive.

This spring (1988) will be the first time Harve will not have any cows to calve out. In fact this is the first time in well over a hundred years that there will not be any baby calves born on this farm. It will be different and we will miss it. And the gallant Misty?? What of her? Well, Misty Maybasket will be twenty-five years old on the first of May, running free in the same pasture where she was foaled on that misty morning a quarter of a century ago.

A sad footnote----

Misty was born May 1, 1963, on a misty morning. Her mother, who I had traded for as a yearling, had taught my niece and nephew the intricacies of riding and had more or less taken care of them. She was a very lovable old mare and on that long ago morning had brought her new baby up to us for inspection as was her custom. This was her first filly and it was a beautiful, proud little filly. And since it was misting out that morning she became Misty.

Misty left us May 21, 1988, on another misty morning in the same pasture she was born in. She now rests under the honeysuckles that border the pasture. She had never been sick. We don't know what caused her death, but she died the way she had lived, a gallant lady.

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In many ways calving was the most difficult time of the year for us. Weather was always a big factor. We've been up and out with cows and calves during snowstorms, snert storms, sleet storms and rain storms. We had snow so deep that the cattle walked over fences that were buried in snowbanks ten feet deep. We've had mud so deep that our only alternative was to turn the entire herd out to pasture and keep our fingers crossed that we didn't get a late spring snowstorm on top of all that mud. We've had to spend hours riding pasture trying to find a cow's calf that she'd hidden.

One experience Harve will never forget was when an old grumpy cow charged at him when he was out in the middle of the pasture with no place to go. All of our cattle had a three digit number brand for identification purposes, the year they were born and the chronological number of the order in which they were born. For example the fortieth calf born in 1968 would bear the number 840 as a brand on her left side. As soon as a calf was born Harve would put a tag in the calf's ear with its own number on it and then keep a written record of when it was born, who its mother was, and any other information that may be needed, such as calving problems, did she have enough milk etc. That way we knew the production record of each and every cow when it came time to cull out the poor producers. Most cows would tolerate Harve's holding the calf long enough to 'tag' it but once in awhile some of them would take offense to it, especially when the calf let loose with an ear shattering squall which they normally did. For some reason calves just didn't like to have their ear pierced I guess.

Anyway as Harve grabbed this certain newborn, momma let out a beller, the kind that makes the short hairs on your neck stand straight out, dropped her old head, stuck out her tongue and came charging down on him. Now what to do? Normally you try to leave very quickly. However when there is no place to go you have one

and only one option. Don't move. Give the calf a shove so he gets away from you, stand your ground, glare back at the cow, and she should stop and go to her calf. Does it work? Well, it did that time.

Another interesting moment occurred in a pen where we kept cow-calf pairs for a day or two if they weren't able to join the big herd in the calving pasture. If a calf became chilled, was a little weak, or had trouble nursing we usually picked them up, put them in the back of the pickup where momma could see and smell them. This way she would follow the pickup into the barn. If the calf was only cold Harve would then pick him up and put him in the cab with the heater going full blast. We'd turn the cow in the adjoining outdoor pen and bring the calf to her when he was okay.

We had turned this one cow out there and left her baby in the pickup. Mean while we decided to check on the other cow-calf pairs in the pen. Harve took one side, I took the other. I noticed that this cow stuck her nose up and started smelling Harve's trail. I yelled at him to look back which he did. She apparently could smell her calf's odor on him from when he'd carried the calf and she started truckin' right along behind him. He decided the top of the corral fence was a much better place to check the remainder of the cows on his side. She never paid any attention to me.

Another time neither of us will ever forget was a fairly late spring storm. The snow was wet and heavy. Many power line poles went down so we had no electricity. We also had five cows calve out in that weather. It was bad enough that most of them just walked off and left their calves so Harve and I were picking them up and brought them into the house to dry them off. Since we had no electricity we started up my mother's old wood burning cookstove in one of the backrooms. It was nice and warm in there so we brought in the five calves and also fenced off a corner for the one hundred baby chicks we had gotten about a week previously. At the time our household consisted of Harve and me, our young son, and my dad's old hired man who considered our place home. The artesian well was free-flowing so we had running water, granted it was cold, but it was more than those with pressure systems that depended on electricity to work had.

I no longer remember how long the electric power was off, but I do remember it wasn't long before one of my brothers called and asked if we had any heat and could he and his wife come down. Of course I said sure if they didn't mind the livestock. And so the six of us, a couple of dogs, five new born calves and one hundred baby chicks spent the remainder of the storm in a room about thirteen by thirteen, warm and well fed with food cooked on the old stove. As for the fragrance in the room? Well, I really don't think you'd want to try marketing it, but everyone survived very nicely.

No mention of raising cattle on the 3T can ever be complete without including Dolly, a little blue heeler that shared our lives for eleven wonderful years. We had gotten her from a neighbor who raised blue heelers when she was just a tiny puppy. We named her Tasha, but after her working partner, Tina, died we slipped more and more into the habit of calling her Dolly. She answered to either name. Tasha was the answer to every cowman's prayer. Working cows was her business. She was never trained to do anything, she never had a collar on, she had no idea what a leash was for. Harve tried to discipline her once and only once - the outcome of the encounter? She bit him back.

Tasha lived by a strick set of rules that she enforced with a vengeance. No horse or cow was ever supposed to be outside of the pasture they were put in to. She patrolled our fences and correls for two years enforcing that rule. The first year she was kept busy with violators since we really had a bunch of bad fence crawlers at the time. The second year it got boring. There wasn't a thing on the place that even wanted to go near the fences, much less through them. After that she really didn't have to do much.

Another chore was to make sure nothing ever went out the gate when Harve was feeding in the mornings. The cows liked nothing better than to slip out behind Harve's back and head for the silage pile. When this happened it would take Harve and me about two hours of utter frustration trying to get them back in their pen. The first time they tried this with Tina and Tasha on the job the cows found themselves back in the feeding ring in about fifteen minutes wondering what had happened. It eventually got so when they headed toward the gate Harve would just call, 'Dolly' and they'd all turn around. They knew she would soon be there.

Harve built a new correl for our bulls one year, a real nice pen I thought, about five foot high, sheep tight and bull strong according to one of my friends. About two weeks later one of the bulls decided to go over the top while Harve was feeding hay. Harve yelled for Dolly and Dolly came. She took the bull back to his pen alone. Sometime in the process he apparently kicked her, but she wouldn't quit working until he was where he belonged. When she'd finished her task and came over to Harve, he noticed the bull had broken her upper jaw - bad. The upper teeth on the one side were standing straight up. The vet put all her teeth back where they belonded, wired them in place and then tapped her jaw shut. It still allowed her to stick out her tongue to drink water but chewing was not possible. Harve asked the vet how was she ever going to eat with her mouth tapped shut? The vet answered "She needs to go on a diet anyway, she's too fat." Granted Dolly was too fat, but guess what? In six weeks time she never lost a pound. She never did think much of dog food and she could eat people food from my fingers real well. She especially liked mashed potatoes and gravey. And would you believe, she was out watching gates again the next day.

One spring when we had to take the cows and calves to pasture too early to get all the calves worked, that is dehorned and castrated, we ended up doing the miserable job the next spring when they were then yearlings. They are harder to work at that age since the blood vessels in the horns have to be pulled, a job neither Harve or I care to do. Besides it takes extra help so we had the vet out for horns, my brother was to do the castrating and Harve was to give them their shots and help hold the head still during the dehorning process. Well, that left one more job open, that was working the pens, getting the bulls into the shoot and then holding their tail over their back during the castrating process so they wouldn't kick back and hit my brother. Three guesses who was left without a job. Since I have also been the 'unskilled' labor force of this outfit since the beginning I'd had lots of practice at this and I wasn't looking forward to it in the least. Those bulls were big and what was worse they kicked. The first one down the runway to the shoot wasn't very cooperative and I ended up having to push him clear into the headlock. (We usually refer to it as 'carrying' him in - you normally grab and twist his tail, put a knee between his hind legs and push for all you're worth.) As soon as he was locked into place I had to crawl up the side of the shoot, grab his tail and hold it over his back to keep him from decapitating my brother.

After we finished the first one I knew I'd be dead by the time we finished. We had forty-nine more to go that day. I went after the second bull, started him up the runway toward the shoot and as I reached up to start pushing him in he made one tremendous leap and jumped right into the headlock. With a smile I thought this was more like it and scrambled back up the side of the shoot to grab his tail. Forty-eight more to go I thought as I walked back after another one. This time I just got the bull started toward the runway and off he took, right into the headlock. This is no accident I thought to myself and looked down. Sure enough, there was Dolly, watching intently. She had again figured out what we were doing, what needed doing, and how she could help. There was just space enough for her to reach under the corral fence of the runway and hit their heels. Those poor bulls never knew she was even there. She put everyone of those critters through the shoot that day. If they hesitated before hitting the headlock she'd give them another nudge. I couldn't believe it, fifty bulls turned into steers and I was never kicked, stepped on, pushed over, walked on, or even dirty, all thanks to my little buddy.

She was always invaluable, both as a co-worker and the best friend I've ever had. And some people even had the nerve to ask how come I always let her come into the house with me! She slept under my bed at night, beside my feet when I was not in motion, and when I was in motion, at my side. She was always there watching me with those beautiful amber colored eyes that seemingly could look into my very heart and soul.

Stuff and Things

Now don't laugh! I realize that *Stuff and Things* is a weird title but after this book was finished I realized that I wasn't finished. Why? Well, there has been some information sent to me after the book was completed that I wanted to include, plus I didn't include the addresses of some of the submitters of information. And then in cleaning out my files of research I ran across a tax list that fit into some information I had recieved a while back. So, I'm back with pencil in hand again.

The other day Dorothy Heaner sent some information she had found on Jeremiah Terrell that I'd like to include for his Taylor descendants. William Taylor, Jr. married two of his daughters and Martha Taylor married one of his sons.

Jeremiah Terrell was married Feberuary 27, 1759 in Goochland, VA to Lousia Walton, b. 1745. She was the daughter of William Walton, b. December 15, 1799, in New Kent County, VA and his wife Susannah Cobb.

Susannah Cobb was the daughter of John Cobb and his wife, Susannah Hughes.

Edward Walton, Jr. (son of Edward Walton, Sr.)
sp. Elizabeth Mason, d. April 5, 1717 in New Kent Co., VA
She was the daughter of Lemuel Mason.

children: 5

1. Mary Walton, b. ca. 1698

2. William Walton, b. Dec. 25, 1700, New Kent Co., VA
m. ca. 1730 VA to Susannah Cobb

children: ?

A. Louisa Walton, b. 1745, Goochland County, VA
m. Feb. 27, 1759, Goochland County, VA
to Jermeiah Terrell

3. Thomas Walton, b. ca. Feb. 20, 1702/3, New Kent Co.
d. 1771 Cumberland County
m. 1734 to Martha Cox

4. Elizabeth Walton, b. ca. 1707

5. John Walton, Sr. b. ca. 1709, Brunswick Co., VA
d. ca. 1772, Hanover Co., VA
1st m. ca. 1735, VA to Mary Sims
2nd m. ca. 1757 to Mary Baker

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I hadn't intended to include anything on the early Taylors in this book although I must admit to having a considerable amount of information concerning them in my files. However a few days ago I came across an early North Carolina Tax List that made me decide to include the following.

For many years we have believed that Benjamin Taylor was the father of William Taylor, Sr. However, finding information on him has been most difficult.

From early records we do know that John Taylor and his wife, Ann, had five children: Arthur, Benjamin, William, John, and Margaret, with Benjamin being the one we were most interested in. We also knew that Arthur eventually settled in Edgecombe County, North Carolina, which is now a part of Nash County. We have found dozens of Arthur's descendants and several present day researchers. However, finding anything on Arthur's three brothers has been rather unrewarding. For a time we thought we had found some of them living near Arthur in Edgecombe, but eventually discovered that they were of another Taylor line.

Awhile back Dorothy Heaner sent me some early North Carolina deeds, two of which I'll copy here. Most were of Edgecombe County, Virginia, but two were from Currituck County, Virginia.

From the *Granville District of North Carolina, 1748 - 1763, Abstracts of Miscellaneous Land Office Records, Volume Four* by Margaret M. Hofman:

Volume IV, # 776: Lord Granville to Benjamin Taylor warrent dated 21st February 1751/2 to John Clayton to survey 200 acres in Currituck County, NC joining Taylors own land and the Bay Side entered at Currituck 21 August 1751, signed Fra. Corbin. Back of document reads 100 acres.

777: Benjamin Taylor plat dated 20 April 1752 - 100 acres of Marsh in Currituck County on the south side of Coinjock Bay, joining Benjamin Taylor's small gut in the Marsh, the Bay, and the Pocoson Creek. Michael O'Neal, Richard Love, Jno. Clayton, Deputy Surveyor.

In trying to obtain more information I discovered that the Currituck County Court House burned, destroying most early records. This pretty much ended my search. Later, on an early North Carolina Tax List, I found a record concerning some 1755 Currituck County land taxes for three different Taylors, Benjamin, William, and John, the only Taylors listed in the county. And yes, I do believe that these three men were brothers, the missing sons of John and Ann Taylor. Hopefully this Benjamin was the father of William Taylor, Sr. and Benjamin T. Taylor. These were the two men and their families who eventually settled in Smith County, Tennessee, in the early 1800's, William, Sr. in Indian Creek and Benjamin T. farther south in what is now Warren County, Tennessee.

Currituck County is some fifty - sixty miles southeast from where John and Ann Taylor lived in Surry County, Virginia. Currituck County is located on the northeastern seaboard of North Carolina. Arthur Taylor settled about one hundred twenty miles further west in the Edgecombe - Nash county area.

John died in 1725 and his estate was settled in 1746, which was about the same time that Arthur moved to Edgecombe County, NC. Ann died in the early 1750's, she had remarried Nicholas Maget sometime prior to 1746. It rather appears that her sons, Benjamin, William, and John moved to Currituck around the time of her death, believed to have been between 1752 and 1754

We also learned from her will that her daughter, Margaret, may have married a Hancel. To date I have no further information on any of their descendants.

The above information differs considerably from what was printed and believed in Legends. This new information has not been proven and it is possible that it may never be proven for lack of records. We do know that the Taylors who were living in close proximity to Arthur in Edgecombe were not his brothers as we had surmised in Legends.

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I was saddened to learn of the death of Wendell Taylor of Mt. Vernon, IL, who supplied the additional information on page 92. He died March 29, 1998, in an auto accident and was buried in

3. Garrison Taylor, b. Dec. 25, 1884 - d. July 10, 1951
Is listed as Ambros G. on census and Garrison T. on death certificate
1st m. Dec. 26, 1906 to Annie Clay
2nd sp. Ester _____
4. Malinda (Lindy) Taylor, b. June 12, 1887 - d. Mar. 1939
m. July 22, 1912 to John Jeff Gibson, Sr.
5. English Monroe Taylor, b. Jun 22, 1888 - d. Sep 25, 1940
m. May 27, 1910 to Mary Lula Moring
children: unknown with the exception of Mack Taylor, Maxine Denman's father
6. Riley A. Taylor, b. June 9, 1890 - d. April 13, 1971
m. February 2, 1912 to Lois Vick
7. Martha C. (Callie) Taylor, b. Dec 1893 - d. Oct 22, 1918
Listed as Caroline on marriage license
m. Oct. 25, 1908 to Loy V. Harris
8. William McKinley (Kinley) Taylor, b. Dec. 1897 - d. 1955

stepchild:

1. James (Alex) Standridge b. Feb. 23 1875 - d. Mar. 23 1955

William H. Taylor, b. Jun 1, 1862 - d. Dec 4, 1911 Clarksville AR

He was a Baptist preacher

m. Feb 17, 1884 to Rachel A. Overturf, b. Nov. 1870 - d. 1910
children: 12. Rachel died with birth of twins as did babies

1. Martha Jane Taylor, b. March 3, 1885
sp. _____ Norton
2. Malinda Taylor, b. Jan. 10, 1887 - d. Apr., 1908
sp. _____ Hendrix
3. Lula Taylor, b. June 12, 1889, listed as Louisa on census
sp. Walter Hudson
4. Maggie Taylor, b. June 21, 1889, listed as Frances M. on 1900 census
sp. Arthur Hays
5. Allen Taylor, b. October 12, 1893
6. Arthur Taylor, b. March 11, 1896
7. Arizona Taylor, b. June 3, 1898
sp. Elgin Soard
8. Walker Taylor, b. September 10, 1900
9. Andrew Taylor, b. October 17, 1903
10. Oliver Taylor, b. March 30, 1907
11. Infant Taylor, twin, b. & d. 1910
12. Infant Taylor, twin, b. & d. 1910

Maxine writes that she has more information on both Pleas and William's children if anyone is interested.