

Chapter 15 Taylor Families

At least two generations of the Abraham Taylor family lived in the Tuscarora area between 1790 and the middle 1800s. The early Wetheringtons were closely connected to this Taylor family in the Tuscarora area.

Reportedly, Solomon's father, Thomas Wetherington, married a daughter of Abraham Taylor, Sr in Lenoir County.

Abraham Taylor, Sr also held a patent for 640 acres in Contentnea Neck and an Abraham Taylor, Jr held a patent for 640 acres at Bachelor Creek.

Abraham Taylor, Jr married Sarah Wetherington, a sister of Solomon Wetherington, in 1787 in Craven County. It appears that Abraham Taylor lived on his holdings in Tuscarora and between about 1785 – 1800 Sarah's brothers, Solomon, Thomas, William, Joseph, and James migrated from Lenoir County to the Rollover Creek area of Tuscarora.

Although many family accounts claim Solomon Wetherington received land grants for property on Bachelor Creek, the land records reveal that Solomon purchased property from Abraham Taylor in 1796. Other tracts were purchased from Andrew Richardson and Francis Moore. There were several land grants held by Abraham Taylor, Jr. in the Bachelor Creek area, but there are no recorded grants for Solomon Wetherington in the Bachelor Creek area in Craven County records.

Alexander Taylor (1776- after 1860) married Sarah Wetherington (1783 – after 1860), the daughter of Solomon Wetherington in April 4, 1803 in Craven County.¹ Alexander is listed in the 1840 Craven census² and the 1850 census lists Alexander Taylor as deaf along with Sarah and a probable grandson, Isaac Taylor, age 21.³ Another Isaac Taylor, age 47, is also listed in the 1850 Craven census, their likely son. ⁴ Alexander and Sally Taylor also appear in the 1860 Craven census. ⁵

The children of Alexander Taylor and Sarah Wetherington: ⁶

- a. Isaac Taylor 1803 -
 - b. James Taylor 1804 – m. Sally Jones
 - c. Jane Taylor 1805 – Arnold Watson
 - d. Robert Taylor 1812 -
 - e. Mary Taylor 1814 – Nehemiah Riggs
 - f. Lewis Taylor 1817 – m. Elizabeth Glover
 - g. Alexander Taylor 1819 – m. 1st Phoebe Wetherington
 - h. Stephen Taylor 1823 – m. Rebecca Wetherington
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John Taylor married Anna Wetherington (1797 – after 1860) a daughter of Solomon Wetherington, on January 21, 1820 in Craven County.⁷ John apparently died before 1850.⁸

The children of Anna Wetherington and John Taylor were: ^{9,10}

- a. Elizabeth Taylor (1821-1824)
- b. William Taylor (before 1825)
- c. Ivey Taylor (1825 –)
- d. Frederick Taylor (1827 –) married Penelope Woolard ¹¹
- e. John Taylor (1829 –)
- f. Solomon Taylor (1825- 1830)
- g. Nancy Taylor (1825-1830)
- h. Josiah Taylor (1831 –) m. 1st Mary Stewart Moore ¹², widow of Wiley Moore, 2nd Clara Bratcher Perkins
- i. Mary Ann Taylor (1839 -) married Riley Wetherington ¹³

Redding Taylor married Dorcas Wetherington (1818/19-), the daughter of Jeremiah Wetherington on March 15, 1836 in Craven County. ¹⁴

The children of Dorcas Wetherington and Redding Taylor were: ^{15,16}

- a. Elizabeth Taylor (1839-)
- b. Susan J. Taylor (1841-)
- c. Caroline Taylor (1845-)
- d. Daniel Taylor (1848-)
- e. Lemuel Freeman Taylor (1848-) m. Sophia Ann Foy (1851-) ¹⁷
- f. Martha A. Taylor (1852-)
- g. Phoebe A. Taylor (1858-)

Stephen Taylor married **Rebecca Wetherington** (1820) – 1898, the daughter of Jeremiah Wetherington, in 1843 in Craven County. ¹⁸ Rebecca died in 1898 and was buried in the Gethsemane FWB Church cemetery at Tuscarora. ¹⁹

The children of Stephen Taylor and Rebecca Wetherington were: ²⁰

- a. John Edward Taylor 1844-1924 m. Wealthy Ann Wetherington 1851-1930
- b. Nancy Taylor (1847-)
- c. Celia Ann Taylor 1848-1908 m. Lemuel T. Wetherington 1842-1900
- d. Penelope Taylor (1852-1858) -1914 m. William H. Wilson 1850-1918
- e. Alvana Taylor (1855-)
- f. Margaret Taylor 1846 – 1926 m. James Avery

Alexander Taylor, Jr married **Phoebe Wetherington** 1825 – 1909, daughter of Jeremiah Wetherington, in 1843 in Craven County. ²¹ In 1881 Phoebe married 2nd, Caswell Wood 1815 – 1895 in Craven County.²² Phoebe and Caswell Wood are buried in the Asbury church cemetery. ²³

The children of Alexander Taylor and Phoebe Wetherington were: ²⁴

- a. Elizabeth Taylor (1838-)
- b. Isaac Taylor (1835-)
- c. Henry Taylor (1848-)

Other Taylor family connections were:

Richelda Taylor, the daughter of Abraham and Sarah Taylor, married **John Moore**, the father of John Clayton Moore on February 5, 1852 in Craven County. John and Richelda are buried in the Moore family cemetery in Tuscarora.

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Elizabeth Taylor married Thomas Wetherington, the brother of Solomon, on January 11, 1788 in Craven County.

Josiah Taylor, the son of John Taylor and Anna Wetherington, married **Mary Stewart Moore**, the widow of Wiley Moore (1804-1850) in 1851 in Craven County. Mary Taylor died about 1877 and Josiah married 2nd Clara Ann Perkins in 1878 in Craven County.

Lewis G. Taylor, son of James O. and Sallie Taylor was born in 1838 and died in 1919. Reportedly never married, his sister, Mary Taylor, born about 1832 married an unknown Wetherington. Lewis G. Taylor is buried in Clarks, NC on the south side of the Craven County Industrial Park in the Taylor Cemetery.
