

Transcription of family history of John Taylor, Belleville

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Barb Crombie has inherited several pages of Taylor family history and she wrote in 2019 that, "My aunt Dorothy Sargent (b. 1918), daughter of William Johnston Sargent (b. 1880) was proud to put UEL after her name and searched as one did prior to the digital age, writing hundreds of family tree pages by hand." Dorothy had access to a Taylor Family Bible of the Taylor family. Barb has given permission for this transcription of some of the pages of her notes to be posted here.

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Transcription

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Taylor

Taylors (John) McArthurs and others came from the Isle of Islay (off the coast of Scotland) on the same sailing ship (Scottish immigrants to USA)ⁱ September 22, 1738. They settled in New York State along the Hudson River at Kinderhook.

A Mary Campbell married Neil McArthur in Islay Scotland and came to New York State with children Alexander, John and Christina (or Christine) 1738.

We assume John Taylor married Christine McArthur in New York State. He died 1767 to 1777.ⁱⁱ

Records in Dutch church, Claverak, N.Y.

Mary born to Jan Teeler (Dutch Sp.) & Christine 1745

Cornelius born March 29 1748

John b. 15 April 1759

Christine b. 27 May 1764

These found in Dutch Church others

Daniel 1747

Katherina 1751

Nancy Ann (no date)

Elizabeth b. 1767

The Taylors were probably Presbyterian but went to the Dutch Reform Church.

John Taylor (Father) died between 1767 and 1777. (Campbell Taylor told me he (Campbell) was the first in 7 generations not named John. Campbell (son of John IV).

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Mary Taylor b. 1745 married John McKenzie sister of John (1) and came to Canada in 1789 with their 4 children, Nancy b. 1772, Alexander b. 1774, Daniel 1778, Jane 1781. They settled on the fourth or fifth of Thurlow probably near John I , first grant - he moved from there to Lot 5 Con 7 Thurlow. Jane Taylor

married Jacob Myers and eventually this branch went back to the USA. Constance Ulrich of Florida is related to them and did this research at Kinderhook and Albany NY.

From Albany records

August 1777, there was meeting at the home of John and Mary McKenzie in Kinderhook. Mary's mother, Christine Ann & Katharine the daughters also plus the men. John M[cKenzie] did not want to go but the rest decided to steal cheese from the Jabez Keipper. They blacked their faces and the women wore men's clothing. The following week they were caught and confessed and sent to jail in Poughkeepsie NY.

The following May Widow Taylor Ann & Katherine were accused of robbing Henry Van Rensselaerⁱⁱⁱ and they were sent to jail in Poughkeepsie against await trial. Albany NY.

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In August 1778 they were all to be hanged but the judge recommended a pardon as Taylor, tho not married, had a 15 month old sucking baby.

Neil Taylor was mentioned as a spy also convicted of robberies, in jail in Albany in 1778. He was eventually caught and hanged as a spy.

Daniel Taylor (Silver Bullet) this story elsewhere – hanged October 1777, supposed to be buried under an apple tree.^{iv}

We now think the Mary Campbell mentioned in the poem as John (1) mother (also settlers of Upper Canada) was his grandmother, "an old lady." She was buried in Taylor Burying Ground. (Constance Ulrich, Dorothy Sargent)

John Taylor (2) b. 1759 fought in the Revolutionary War and in 1789 crossed to Canada - Sorel Quebec. He walked from there to Kingston and is said to have had to eat his dog during the journey. He settled on lot 5 Thurlow and then married and probably brought others of his family to Belleville.

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George Taylor [son of John (2)] probably married about 1840 Marietta Higgley of Napanee. He lived at Dundas & George and later on Trent Road, site of the present Trailer Park. He was the 2nd Sheriff of Hastings County.

John Taylor died b. 1805 died aged 32 in 1837. He had one son John his wife married again.

Mrs. T. D. Pruyon (buried in Belleville Cemetery) is sister of John Taylor.

John Taylor b. 1836 was deputy sheriff and Postmaster in Belleville. He lived on John St and his house was torn down in 1927 to built BCIVS [Belleville Collegiate]. He died in 1917.

William John (Jack) Taylor was a lawyer in Victoria B.C., died there June 30, 1944. His daughter Edith Taylor married Gerald Ponton[?] and their daughter is Barbara Ponton Geartha[?].

William Johnston Taylor never married. He went to California during Gold Rush (nugget tie pin). When he came back the family had divided the property and he may have been given "The Homestead

mentioned in his will. He is listed as the last owner of the Taylor Burying Ground, 1874. He was noted for riding a horse in the Orange Parade also Belleville Dieving[?] Club. Silver headed cane now at Bill Sergeants.

Mary Ann Campbell Taylor married Jacob Cronk. She was given the north part of the property (around

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Victoria Ave (probably) 10 acres.

There seemed to be a split in the family about this time. Mary Ann contested the will of William Johnston Taylor but lost.

My father did not like the Cronks or the Kellys but never gave a reason – this was probably the old family feud.

Margaret Taylor seems to have married a Harris, she shared the property south of Victoria Ave (10 acres each) with Mary Ann Cronk. Perhaps married twice Thompkins & Harris.

John Taylor (2) got the property south of Dundas but it seems to have been sold before his death in 1837. His wife was Amelia – she remarried a Campbell (previous page) and had at last two children, Thomas Campbell and Mary Amelia Campbell who married A. Pruyn.

John Taylor (3) was the oldest.

George Taylor & W. J. Taylor shared the property.

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Daughter of a UEL Kingston Or[?] 1783 – 1854

John (1) Taylor Family 1759 – 1829 Jane Russell

John (2) born Sept 20, 1805 – d. 1837

Margaret b. July 30, 1808

Nancy Ellender b. July 29, 1809, d. Feb 24, 181[?]

Elizabeth Ann b. Sept 5, 1811, d. Oct 11, 1813

Daniel b. April 11, 1814, d. April 28, 1814

George b. Sept 25, 1815, d. 1883

William Johnston b. Mar 12, 1817, d. 1888

Mary Ann b. Dec 13, 1822

From Taylor Bible owned by Catherine Hill.

John Taylor (2)

Married Amelia, he died 1837

One son John (3) 1836.

Amelia married Campbell & at least 2 more children

Thomas Campbell & Mary Amelia Pruyn

John Taylor (3) 1836 – 1917 m. Nancy Miller

William John (called Jack Taylor) 1859 – 1944

Ada, 1862 – 1896
George, 1864 – 1879
Minnie, 1872 – 1873

William John (4) 1859 – 1944 m. Myra Hopkins
Edith m. Gerald Ponton
Madeline d. unmarried
Hugh Campbell Taylor called Campbell
Edith had 2 daughters one contributed much to this history with papers, notes, etc.

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These are the correct dates, names, etc taking it from William John Taylor born in Belleville, Feb 27, 1859 (son of John Taylor and brother of Ada, George and Minnie) deputy sheriff & postmaster William John Taylor, born Feb 27, 1859, died May 31, in Victoria and buried there, 1944. Married Myra Louise Hopkins who was born in San Francisco July 10, 1864 and who died June 25, 1948 in Grimsby, Ontario. Marriage took place in Victoria B.C. Feb 18, 1888.

Barbara Ponton's Family

They had three children –

Edith Melusina Taylor who was born in Victoria BC, June 10, 1889 and who died in Victoria and is buried in the same grave as her father, July 16, 1948. She married Gerald Mungo Ponton born March 8, 1887 of Belleville, Ont and the marriage took place there Feb 13, 1913 and they had two children.

Barbara Marlene Ponton, born in Calgary, Alberta, March 9, 1914. She married David Willington-Grantham born in South Rhodesia Apr 12, 1914 and who died Mar 9, 1960, marriage took place in Victoria, BC, May 6, 1935. No living Children

Nancy Elizabeth Ponton, born in Ottawa, Ont, Jan 22, 1918 and she married Dennis James Dunsmore of Strathmore, Sask. June 1, 1943. They had five children.

[Children named with birth dates and may still be living.]

Madelaine Taylor, born in Victoria BC, March 12, 1890, died in Grimsby, Ont, Jan 6, 1957, She never married.

Hugh Campbell Taylor, born in Victoria BC, Nov 10, 1892, he married Helen Doris MacGregor, died 1962, of St Catherines, Ont. (she was born Dec 17, 1890 on Feb or Mar 1914. They had one daughter.

Helen Jeanette Taylor, born Apr 18, 1915 (who lives in Saginaw Mich and she married George Emerson Thick, Mar 31, 1934 in Saginaw Mich. They had two children.

[Children named with birth information and may still be living.]

[handwritten] H. Campbell Taylor the first son in 7 generations not to be named John. D. 1965 Victoria.

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George Taylor children in proper order

George b. 1841, d. 1862

John Russel, 1842 – 1872

William J., 1845 – 1856

Charles W., 1849 – 1912

Daniel Gillespie, 1854 – 1884

Emma Jane, 1857 – 1934

Willie J., 1862 – 1864

Maryette Higgley – Taylor’s sister Elizabeth married Tobias Meyers^v
Peter Higgley bought a lot part of lot 5, Taylor property.

ⁱ Emigrants from Scotland, with Captain Laughlin Campbell, in the years 1738–1740
<https://renaissanceann.com/2018/12/17/using-the-argyle-patent-documents-to-identify-the-parents-of-catherine-mcarthur-ca-1721-after-june-1797-and-her-brother-duncan-mcarthur-ca-1727-1-february-1813/>

ⁱⁱ New York Probate Records, 1629-1971, Albany, wills 1629-1802, Vols AS113 - AU, AT32. familysearch.org, starts at image 390
<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33S7-9YCM-J8B?i=389&wc=Q7PQ-C6X%3A213301001%2C215003501&cc=1920234>

This is NOT the will of John Taylor who married Christine McArthur. Will dated 6 Apr 1760, names wife Margaret, son Jacobus, sister Margaret Teller, brother Isaac. Witnesses Samuel Anthony, Charity Lumarie, Samuel Stokham. See Isaac Teller will, AT69, image 525.

ⁱⁱⁱ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henry_K._Van_Rensselaer

^{iv} The story of the hanging of Daniel Taylor as a spy is well known. See these accounts.
<http://www.hurleyheritagesociety.org/wp-content/uploads/spy-and-guard-house.pdf>
<http://www.hurleyheritagesociety.org/wp-content/uploads/british-spy-hanged-in-hurley.pdf>
<https://news.hrvh.org/veridian/?a=d&d=kingstondaily19041029.2.10>

^v Tobias P.W. Meyers, b. 1804, son of Jacob Meyers and Jane McKenzie, PLBQ, 20-40