

THE TAYLOR FAMILIES OF BARTON STACEY, HAMPSHIRE, c.1880s-1930s

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Two distinct Taylor families lived in Bransbury in the late 19th century:

WILLIAM TAYLOR (1857-1921) born Wherwell, Hampshire, member of a succession of gamekeepers in Bransbury and Forton for the Gavelacre Estate. He was gamekeeper in Bransbury in the 1880s and 1890s and succeeded his father in Longparish parish thereafter. His son William George Taylor (1882-1934) succeeded him as gamekeeper and remained in Bransbury.

WILLIAM TAYLOR (c.1850-1919) born Axminster, Devon. His wife and children arrived in the 1890s in Bransbury, where his sons were farm workers for Charles Stidston who farmed Church Farm for the Gavelacre Estate.

WILLIAM TAYLOR was born in Wherwell in 1857, son of George Taylor, game and fish keeper in Forton, Longparish. William too became game and water keeper in Bransbury and Gavel Acre. In 1882 he married Emily Susan Broad. She was born in 1863 in Chute, Wiltshire, daughter of Samuel and Jane Broad. They moved at some point in the 1890s from their cottage in Bransbury across the parish boundary into a cottage in Gavel Acre, Longparish, perhaps that in which William grew up. He died in 1921 aged 65, his wife in 1948 in Longparish, aged 83.

Children of William and Emily Susan (Broad) Taylor, born in Barton Stacey,

- i. **WILLIAM GEORGE**, born 1882. He became a gamekeeper and lived in the keeper's cottage in Difford Lane, Barton Stacey. In 1904 he married Kate Sabina Baverstock. She was born in 1880 in Hurstbourne Tarrant, daughter of Thomas and Margaret Baverstock. William George Taylor died aged 51 and was buried at All Saints, Barton Stacey on 17 July 1934.

Children of William George and Kate Sabina (Baverstock) Taylor,

- i. Margaret Emily, born 1905.
 - ii. William George, born 1906.
 - iii. Kate Sabina, born 21 January 1909. At the time of the 1939 Register she was a children's nurse to the family at Hockley House, Twyford, Hampshire. She died unmarried in 1979.
 - iv. Victor W., born 1911. He died in 1912.
 - v. Mona M., born 1914.
- ii. Frederick Ernest, born 1884.

- iii. Harry, born 1886. He died the following year.
- iv. Charles, born 1889.
- v. Albert, born 1891.
- vi. Florence May, born 1897.

WILLIAM TAYLOR was born in 1850 or 1851 in Fittleton, Wiltshire. A farm worker, he married Letitia Cailes on 20 February 1875 at Fittleton. She was born in 1854 in Woodlands or West Moors, Dorset, daughter of Henry and Harriet (Lennen?) Cailes. Letitia Taylor died aged only 36 and was buried on 4 August 1892 at Netheravon. By the time of the 1901 census William had moved with his children to Bransbury in Barton Stacey parish, probably through the initiative of farmer Charles Stidston who himself had moved from Netheravon and ran Church Farm in Bransbury. He died in 1919 aged 68.

**Children of William and Letitia (Cailes) Taylor,
born in Fittleton, Wiltshire,**

- i. James William, born 1875.
- ii. Charles Watson, born 13 November 1876. He became a market carrier. He died in Sussex on 20 July 1973 aged 96.
- iii. Lucy Jane, born 1878. She married William Henry Elkins of Bransbury in 1905 in Bombay, India, where he was a soldier.
- iv. William Christopher, born 1880.

born in Netheravon, Wiltshire,

- v. Mary Rebecca, born 7 June 1882 (a twin). In 1911 she married Thomas Malt (1879-1964) and lived in Eastleigh. She died on 31 January 1944 in Winchester.
Children - Freda, Iris, Doris and Norman.
- vi. Alfred Isaac, born 7 June 1882 (a twin). He died that same year.
- vii. Alfred Edwin, born 1884.
- viii. Albert, born 1886. He remained in Bransbury until at least the time that the 1939 Register was drawn up. He married Lily Ethel Barter (born 15 January 1893) in 1922 and was a roadman for Hampshire County Council. He died aged 68 and was buried in Grave number 214 in Barton Stacey churchyard, followed by his wife in 1966 (buried 24 May).
- ix. David, born 1889. On enlistment with the Royal Garrison Artillery on 1 November 1915, 61668 Gunner David Taylor was a railway platelayer. He was posted to the School of Mortars 3rd Army in France in February 1916. He suffered a severe skull fracture in June 1917 and was admitted to No. 12 Stationary Hospital, St Pol sur Termeine. Although serious, this injury was not considered 'likely to interfere with his future efficiency as a soldier'. When he was demobilised he lived at Red House, Bransbury; this, we believe once called 'the tin house', once stood on the south side of Crook and Shears Lane.
He was living in Bransbury in 1920 but not in 1939.

NOTES

At All Saints Church, Barton Stacey:

- 1684 Will and inventory of John Taylor of Barton Stacey
[Hampshire Record Office ref. 1684A/67].
- 1687 Will and inventory of Jane Taylor of Barton Stacey, widow
[H.R.O.ref. 1687A/095].
- 1724 Nov 24 John Wright of Longparish married Ann Taylor of Drayton.
- 1830 Jan 14 Thomas Taylor married Mary Tarrent.
