

Not all dates match up with what is given on census records through decades. Also you will find that some people could read and write one time then not others. Not sure if this comes in confusion of one taking the census or one's answering. Just be aware everything may not always be accurate. Taken from many resources.

Thomas Taylor was born abt. 1628 in Worthenbury, Flintshire, Wales and died 1682 in Probably Chester (now Delaware) Co, Pennsylvania. He married **Frances Yardley**, daughter of John Yardley. She was born January 1643/44 and died October 13, 1712 in Chester Co, Penn. Thomas's father may have been John Taylor born about 1602 in Worthenbury, Flintshire, Wales. He may have died soon after the Atlantic voyage. He was a yeoman. He owned 400 acres in Middletown Twp, PA He was a Quaker. Siblings may have been Peter, William and Philip.

Children of Thomas and Frances-

Thomas Taylor born 1675 in Wales died 1705 in Penn.

Phebe Taylor b 1675 may have died young.

Philip b 1680 Wales died 1732 in Penn. Married Ann Conway 1705 in Penn. daughter of Thomas Conway and Mary Hollingsworth. B May 1683 died 1744. Likely Philip is buried in Westtown at Talor Burying Ground. He was a yeoman, carpenter and raised livestock. He owned property 200 acres in Thornbury Twp (1704), 200 acres in Westtown (1719) and 300 acres in Newlin Twp. (1730). Philip and Ann had 4 children John 1708-1764, Stephen 1711-1774, Philip 1714-1762, Phebe 1716-1761.

Thomas Taylor Jr. 1675 Wales Died 1709 Penn. married **Rachel Minshall** b 1679 Eng. - d1762 Penn. Married Rachel daughter of John Minshall October 1700.

Children : Thomas Taylor 1701-1726 in Penn. never married died at 25. Will left his estate to brother Simeon. Thomas was a carpenter, he was Quaker and lived in Pennsylvania.

Simeon 1704-1774 born in Penn. died in Guilford Co, NC. Simeon Taylor married Esther Dicks before 1728 in Penn. Daughter of Nathan Dicks and Deborah Clark. Esther was born abt 1710 in York Co, Penn and died Aug , 10, 1794 Guildford Co NC. Simeon moved to Frederick Co, VA and joined Hopewell Friends Meeting at Opequon 1738, settled on a plantation now in Clarke Co, VA on east bank of Opequon Creek at mouth of Yorkshireman's Branch known as Littler's Mill or Clearbrook Run (1936) just N of Road 761. He was a Quaker. He served as first clerk at New Garden Monthly Meeting in Rowan (later Guilford) County, NC. He had property in 1726 in Penn. and was living at Nottingham when his brother died in 1726. They had 6 children Thomas 1731 in VA died 1802 in NC, Catherine Taylor, Rachel (1737 Married

1757 Robert Lamb in NC) Ann, Henry, **John-- Born abt 1745 died 1807 Ashe Co, NC**

Thomas Taylor b 1731 VA died 1802 NC married Mary Stuart daughter of Robert Stuart and Martha Richardson. She died 1806 in NC. They had 11 children. Lydia Rose 1762 married Ballenger in VA, Thomas b 1770 died aft 1806, Alexander died after 1806 married Elizabeth Farrington 1803 Stokes Co, NC , Phebe, Nathan , Jane 1758 in VA died 1834 NC, Simeon , Esther, John died aft 1806, Anna, and Ruth. He was a Quaker brother to John.

John Taylor 1745-1807 married **Mary "Polly" Lewis Sept. 24, 1768 in NC.** Mary died 1830 in Grayson Co, VA and lived near son Simeon along New River in VA. 1781 John was in Capt. Enoch Osborne's Militia of Montgomery (later Grayson Co). In 1795 what is now Ashe County NC created in 1799 from part of short lived state of Franklin. He ran a grist mill in Elk Creek, Grayson Co, VA. John died July 21, 1807. Their children 1) Simeon 1768-1824- Grayson Co. Married 1 unknown 2 Patsy Osborne, 2) Stephen Sr. 1770 Wilkes 1849 Wilkes Co Sarah Roark, 3) John Jr. 1772 died after Census of Aug 28, 1850 Alleghany Co NC married Martha "Patsy" Long. John Jr and Patsy's fathers owned land next to each other. 4) David 1774 (this is confusing part as some list a David and some Daniel) 5) **William 1775-1823 Alleghany Co, NC married Mary Vanover.** 6) Nathan Taylor.

Simeon Taylor abt 1768-died 1824 Grayson Co, VA married Betty (b 1761 in VA) 1794 granted land in Grayson Co. VA Betty died after Sept 14, 1850 census. Inherited 50 acre at main homesite and all of husband Simeon's "goods and chattles". Children Bakey, Fenhay, and Mary, William 1794 VA, Nathan 1795 VA, Benjamin 1802 in VA, John 1805 VA, James 1815 VA.

Stephen Taylor 1770-1849 in Washington Co, VA married Sarah Roark abt 1792 daughter of Charles Roark and Abigail. Sarah b 1775 Ashe Co, NC. Stephen buried near Southerland, NC, died from a logging accident in the presence of his son either in Johnson Co, Tenn or Watauga Co, NC. Sarah lived at base of Snake Mountain in Watauga Co, NC after Stephen's death. They had 7 children.

John Taylor b 1772 NC died after 1850 in Alleghany Co, NC. He married Martha Long daughter of John Long and Susan Stamper . Martha b 1775 in NC died aft 1850. John was a mill owner. They had 4 children Samuel 1799 NC 1875 Wilkes Co, NC, John S 1801 in Ashe Co, NC died June 1877 in Letcher Co, Kentucky, Charles 1803 Alleghany NC died 1887 Ashe Co, NC, Tobias 1815 in NC.

4th GGF----**William Taylor abt 1775** in NC died 1823 in Alleghany NC. Married **Mary Vanover** about 1802 daughter of Cornelius Vanover and Abigail Mattox. Born 1782 in New Jersey died 1848 in Grayson Co. VA. William buried on ridge overlooking New River at family farm in Alleghany Co, NC. He was farmer and took over father's mill in 1818. Early married years on land deeded to him by father John in Grayson Co, VA. Left home, farm and mill to

son John. Had 9 children, Abigail 1805 married William Ward, Nancy 1807 died Smyth CO, VA Married Jefferson Osborne, Elizabeth 1813 married William Hamm, **John b 1814 in VA**, Malinda b 1816 Elk Creek, Ashe Co NC 1903 Grayson, Barbara B 1818 in Ashe died 1881, Catherine b 1820 died 1895 in Smith Co, VA, Bazel b 1821 died 1904 in Grayson Co, Va, Luvinia abt 1822 Alleghany Co, NC.

Zachariah Taylor b Sept 1832 in VA died October 1912 Grayson Co, VA. Married Rebecca Daniels about 1864 daughter of Shepherd Daniels and Mary Moss. Rebecca b 1834 in NC died 1918 in Grayson Co, Va. Buried Cox Chapel Cemetery, Grayson Co for Zachairah and Rebecca. He was in Co. K 51st VA - Civil War, he was a farmer, Rebecca mother of 18 12 surviving in 1900 Melvin, Boyden 1865-1941 Grayson Co, VA, John C. Letcher 1868 died 1935 Grayson Co, VA, Mastin born 1872 Grayson Co, VA died Helena Montana in 1954, Lucy Caroline b 1873 Grayson Co, died May 1935 in Galax, VA. Married Jessie Osborne Poe 1889 in Alleghany Co, NC. Lucy buried Saddle Creek Church Cemetery, Justine Rebecca b 1877 Grayson Co, died 1956 Sweet Springs, W. VA. Married Robert Hendrick in 1911. Preston Zachariah b 1877 Grayson Co, VA died in 1972 in Yards , VA, Mary Ellen b 1879 VA died in 1952 in Maryland.

Melvin Boyden buried Saddle Creek Baptist Cem. He was a miner. Children of Melvin and Mary Lavada Lashorne Squire Osborne Taylor 1903 died 1996 Fries VA (father of ????) visited her in Fries, to learn more of family connected me to Patrice Surface).

John C. Letcher Taylor born Sept 1868 Grayson died 1935 Grayson married Vegie Bengé b 1886 died 1985 John C. farmer burried Saddle Creek Baptist Church Cem. Rebecca 1913, Vela Mae 1915 Grayson VA.

Bazwell Taylor b abt 1836 and died in Comers Rock, Grayson Co, VA. Married Mazy Poe Born abt. 1841. He married 2- Nancy. Children of Bazwell and Mazy -- John Wiley b 1858, Elizabeth abt 1860 and Laura.

Benjamin Taylor b March 1838 in Grayson Co, died June 18, 1916 Independence, VA. Married 1- Mildred Brasham. 2 Polly Crouse 1876 daughter of John Crouse. She was b 1836 in VA. Buried Old Taylor Graveyard near Saddle Creek. Civil War Veteran. Co C 63rd Virginia Infantry (Marshall Rifles) under Captain Stephen Bourn Cornett. Farmer. Polly mother of 7

Rachel b abt 1843 in VA died 1920 Married Osborn Anders 1864 in Alleghany Co, NC son of Thomas Osborne and Sarah born abt 1844. Rachel buried in Anders Cemetery Grayson C. Va. 10 children

Jackson A. b abt 1848 in VA married Frances Billings born abt 1852 in NC. Children William Taylor 1870 NC married Jennie Roberts, Thomas J. 1872 NC, Laura b Jan 1880 VA, James W 1884, Mary Ann 1886, Cythia 1889, L.M. 1891.

Mary J. born 1864 died 1908 married Issace T. Martin 1874 in Grayson some of John Martin and Lucy. He was born in 1847 died 1925. 7 children.

Question.... Look into more- Lydia EMiline Taylor daughter of Stephen, granddaughter of John b 1857 died Jan 3, 1889 Alleghany Co, NC. Married T. C. Shepherd 1883 in Alleghany Co, NC (could this be relatives of family that took in my grandpa Samuel Walter Wright's brother Steven when Nancy Caroline Taylor gave them away). Lydia inherited 91 3/4 acres on Pine Fork of Cranberry Creek in Alleghany Co from her father. Children Everett F. June 4, 1883, Alice A Shepherd b June 14, 1885, Louella b Nov 18, 1888. (check on link)

John Taylor and Lucinda Ham

John was born abt 1814 in VA He married Lucinda Hamm daughter of John Hamm and Sarah Landreth. She was born 1814 in Virginia died December 1880 in Grayson Co, VA. John and Lucinda are buried in Elk Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Sparta NC. Children 10 listed in American Descendants of Thomas Taylor. Zachariah b Sept 7.1832 in VA died Oct 18, 1912 in Grayson Co, VA, Bazwell b 1836 died in Comers Rock, Grayson Co. VA, Benjamin b 1838 died 1916 in Independence, **David b 1840 died 1930 in Fries, VA** , Daniel b 1841 (some census combine David and Daniel), Rachel b 1843 in VA died 1920, Jackson A. 1848 in VA, John abt 1848, William b 1851 and Mary J. May 20, 1854 died September 23, 1908.

John's sister Malinda Taylor 1816 in Elk Creek Ashe Co NC died 1903 in Grayson married Enoch Hamn 1836. Enoch b 1814 died 1899 in Grayson. 9 children 6 surviving

Barbara 1818-1881 married 1) Caleb Osborne 1804-1884. 2 ?? Goodman. 6 children

Catherine 1820-1895 in Smyth Co. Married George Osborne son of Elias Osborne and Sarah Sizemore. He died in 1888 in Ashe Co. 9 children.

Bazel 1821 VA died 1904 Grayson married Nancy Hamm about 1841. She was born 1820 died 1906. Taylor Family Cemtery near Bethany Church . Farmer living in Elk Creek Grayson Co, VA between 1850-1920. mother of 13 5 surviving in 1900.

October 8, 1850 Census District 19, Grayson Co, VA, John Taylor (1815) age 35 birthplace VA, farmer, agriculture, Dwelling #981--- Household Names-- John (35), Lucinda (35), Zachariah (16), Bazwell (14), Benjamin (12), David (10), Rachel (7), Jackson (2).

Neighbors- Dwelling # 980 Enoch and Jane Osborn, #982 Charles (53) (NC) and Lydia Billings (45), Granville (17), Nancy (15), Wesley (12), Samuel (10), Sally (8), Betsy (5)

August 23, 1860 Post office- Independence, Grayson Co, VA Dwelling #807, John Taylor (50), laborer, Personal Estate 320, Lucinda (48), Zachariah (24),

Benjamin (22), Daniel (19), Rachel (16), John (12), William (9), May (6), M. Wasden (37-laborer). John and Lucinda could not read or write.

Neighbors- #806, Enoch (35) and Susan (30) and children. #801, Richard Billings (63) and Mary (60) b NC, John (23), William (19), Mahala (13), house-keeper Ellen Austin b VA (40) Real Estate Ellen 1000, Personal 2250. #777 Riley (56) and Sidney (40) Moore, Martin (15), Joseph (13), Nancy J (12), Weldon (10), Issac and Martha (7), Susan E (22), #776 Nimrod and Mary Moore, #778 David Swinney (39) and Mary (40), Stephen (13), Lucinda (12), Orville (6), Julia (4), James F(1)

July 2, 1870 Elk Creek Township Dwelling #93, Osborn Anders family John (64), Lucinda (58), Polly (15) living in Anders home. Farm Laborer... John, Lucinda and Polly can not read or write.

Neighbors: #94 Enoch Cox and Elizabeth and children, #95 Enoch Osborn (64) and Jane (60) and children #123 Richard Byrd (54) and Susan (54), #124 Charlton Byrd and Millie (21) and children.

David Taylor and Elizabeth "Betsey" Billings

David (perhaps Daniel) Taylor born May 1840 died 1924 in Fries, VA. He was 84 and died of parylsis. **Elizabeth "Betsey" Billings** b 1845 NC died after 1885 VA daughter of Charles Edward Billings 1797-1882 b NC and Lydia Moxley (45) b 1805-1857. The Billings family came to America from England to Conneticut in mid 1600's.

Oct. 9, 1850 Grayson Co , VA census dwelling 982 Billings neighbors were Enoch Osborn and Jane 980, and John Taylor(35) and Lucinda Dwelling 981. &nb-spCharles Billings (53), Lydia Moxley Billings(45), Granville (17), Nancy (15) Wesley (12), Samuel (10), Sally (8) and **Betsey** (5). Charles was a laborer with 100 Real Estate value.

1860 census Grayson Co, VA Independence Post Office --Betsey was 14. Dwelling 824. Charles (60) , Nancy 23 (cannot read), Samuel (18), Sarah (16) and Bettie (14). He was a farmer with 800 Real Estate and 125 Personal Estate. Neighbors included Jonthan Osborne , Phipps, and Porter.

June 24, 1861 Independence, Grayson Co, VA David Daniel Enlisted Corporal, Company K 51st Infantry, Imprisoned March 2, 1865, Waynesboro, VA. confined March 12 Fort Delaware 6-21, 1865 released Fort Delaware. He was sallow complexion, brown eyes, light hair , 5'7".

 1880 Census Alleghany Gap Civil, NC dwelling 265, David Taylor farmer, (36), Elizabeth (35), Cintha (13), Lucinda (11) neither could read or write so probably did not attend school since they are 13 and 11). James (7), Nancy (5), Sollise (3) prob. Sallie, Phebe 4 months.

Marriage Certificate- David Taylor and Laura Childress (Porter) -- David widowed (52) married Laura widowed (42) Sept 21, 1895. Laura died May 26, 1926 in West VA. 1920 Census McDowell, Adkin, WVA Laura Porter was listed widowed and living with daughter Eva and husband William Surface.

June 21, 1900 Census Elk Creek, Grayson Co, VA Dwelling 274- David (1844) *56 married 4 years to Laura Porter (1854) 45 she had 8 children 7 living. Step children Daniel Porter (12), Ervie (11), Ellen (7). He rented farm, could read and write.

May 9, 1910 Census Grayson Co, VA. Elk Creek--- Dwelling 369--- David Taylor (71) was married to 3rd wife Sarah B. Sexton (45) for 2 years. She had had 7 children 5 living. David rented his farm. Their children Berry J. (6), Stephen (2) and Step son George Sexton (17). David could read and write. Sarah could read. Survivor of Confederacy army or navy.

Jan. 19, 1920 Census Grayson Co, VA Elk Creek farm rented. Dave Taylor (82), Sarah (56) Berry (16), Stephen (12) Berry attended school and could read and write. Stephen did not attend and could not read and write. Now Dave and Sarah can not read or write.

1920 Sarah with Dave and he died in 1924. She was a widow living with son George and his family when she died in 1942 in Bedford, VA.

Children of David and Elizabeth "Betsey" Billings

Cynthia C. (1867-1958) 1880 census 13 in Allegheny NC, 1900 Scott Co, VA married to Elbert Taylor , 1910 Scott Co, VA married 17 years (1883). 2nd marriage Wesley Haynes 1958 death in Winston- Salem NC at age 97.

Lucinda (1869-

 James Wesley (1874-1969) Mostly he went by James or James W. 1880 census he was 7 in Allegheny CO, NC 1900 (Wesley) was 26 in Elk Creek, GraysonCO, VA, Married 5 years owned home, 5 children could not read or write and a farmer. By 1910 he was 36 in Old Town and could read and write. Married 17 years 7 children, 1930 census in Meade, South Dakota no school but could read and write was James W. 54 owned home. 8 kids 5 born in VA 3 in South Dakota. In 1940 Yacolt,Clark, Washington had some children and granddaughter living with him. Value of home 600. Laborer worked Opricoetare Farm.

Sarah "Sally" Emeline Taylor 1878-1946 b Va died Indiana. 1880 census Alleghany Co, NC (Sollise) 3. 1900 Sarah Holcomb (21 Elk Creek married to Robert 4 years 2 children and she could read and write. 1920 Sallie was in Henry Indiana with Robert and 6 children and could not write. 1930 Sarah was 54 in Prairie, Henry, Indiana with Robert and 3 children at home. She was 18 years old at marriage , no read or write. 1940 still in Indiana age 60 with Robert and one son 27 still living with his parents (Paul).

 Nancy Caroline"Nellie" Taylor 1875- 1961(see other notes)

Dora Taylor 1880- 1954 ---was in 1900 Census in Alleghany Co listed as a servant at age 19 for Bill Cox and family. In 1910 still servant age 30 with William Cox. Husband Steve Johnson was handyman and their children. In 1920 Dora and Steve Johnson and family in Nebraska. 1930 back in VA in Washington Co. 1940 in Alleghany. They both could read and write.

Phebe abt 1880- not much information on her so not sure if she died young. 1880 census Allegheny Co, NC she was 4 months old.

Did Elizabeth "Betsey" live past 1880 if so who is mother of Gordon and John Letcher or did she died later abt 1886? Gordon and John at 17 and 14 lived with brother James Wesley about 9 years older than they were? David father still alive...

Gordon Taylor 1882-1960 b VA d Indiana. Married Sophia Nevada Haynes Oct 25, 1907 Surry Co. NC. In 1910 Census Henry, Indiana he was a hired man that could read and write living in home of Jacob Jackson 51 and son Frank. A housekeeper Christian 19 had been married 2 years as well as Gordon (26) but she is not listed as wife so perhaps they both married others. Why did Gordon married in 1907 then go to Indiana by 1910 to work without his wife? In 1920 Gordon was 36 back in Wilkes Co, NC Nevada was 32. He was a farmer owned own place could not write. 3 children Pauline 7, Ruth 3, and Thelma Months?0 1930 49 back in Liberty, Henry, Indiana dwelling 196 renting , could not read or write 1st marriage he was 26. Nevada 38, Ruth 12, Thelma 10, John 5. By 1940 he was 60 still in Indiana worked 52 hours in 1939. John 15, L.B. 9, value home renting 600 with 0 income. Guess his work went straight for house perhaps.

John Letcher 1886-1978 b. VA died NC. 1900 Census Elk Creek, Grayson Co. VA dwelling 24, John was 14 laborer farm living with his brother Wesley and Sarah. Gordon was also living here in household. In 1920 John (34 Indiana) Zinnia Anders 32 farmer rented could read and write, Gladys 9 and Herman 7. In 1930 Henry, Indiana, Dwelling 171 home value 20,000 , farmer, read and write, age at first marriage 19. Living in home Gladys 20 and husband Hubert Cope 20, Herman 17.

1900 Census Wilson District, Grayson Co. VA, Daniel Wright b Sept. 1827 (72), Nancy C. wife b June 1877 (22) and Samuel Walter b Sept 1897 (2). They had been married 6 years so 1894. Daniel's parents from NC. Nancy's Parents VA. Farmer that rented. Neither Daniel or Nancy could read or write. Hall's and Stone's neighbors Household 295. Daniel died 1908 before next census.

April 19, 1910 Census Wilson District Grayson Co, VA. Malon Haywood Thomas (67) Nancy C. wife (35), married two years so 1908 . She had 5 children 4 living. Randolph Thomas (2), Issac . He was a farmer that owned his farm. Could not read or write.

Nancy Caroline Taylor b June 10, 1875 died February 8, 1961. She married

FIVE TIMES. She could not read or write. She is buried Liberty Hill Methodist Church Cemetery. Her husband Haywood Thomas and Willie Wilson are also buried there. Daniel Wright is buried Straight Mountain family cemetery at home with young daughter who died.

1) Daniel Wright. They had 3 children

1. Samuel "Walter" Wright, (listed as servant age --- in 1900 in Fulton Home Saddle Creek, Grayson Co. VA).

2. daughter died young,

3. Steven Edward Alexander Wright b 1905 died 1976. (1910 CENSUS raised in home of Shepherds listed as servant),

2nd marriage of Nancy (24) to Melvin Haywood Thomas. born Sept 22, 1841 in Grayson Co, VA died April 4, 1928 in Grayson Co, VA. December 1, 1906 marriage . Children 2. Randolph Thomas and Issac Taft Thomas b Sept 12, 1908 died Feb. 1986.

Nancy married 3rd Vivian Pugh son of Roby Pugh and Tealey Robinson.

Nancy Pugh (60) married 4th G. W. Runyon (70) April 18, 1939 son of W. Runyon and Marie Vannoy. He was born in Mango, West VA. His address was Pageland, WVA McDowell Co. His occupation unemployed both were widowed he had been married 2 times and she 3. Marriage Certificate minister Cebert Andrews minister of Church of God at Independence.

Nancy Taylor Runyons (75) She married (5) William" Willie" Wilson (65) July 24, 1945 son of Nathaniel Wilson and Fannie Redd. He was born in 1880. She had been married 4 times William 2 times both widowed. L. W. Sturdovant minister of Baptist Church. William was a farmer.