**George K. Taylor (1777-1858)**

**Janelle’s 4th Great Taylor Grandparents: George K. Taylor and** Anna Margaretha Schwartz

**George K. Taylor** [[1]](#endnote-1) **was b**orn December 25th 1777 [[2]](#endnote-2) **in Shrewsbury Township, York County, Pennsylvania.**

**Continuing Research Information:**

* **It is unclear who George’s parents were. Their origins can be English, French, or German? The 1850 census indicated that George was born in Pennsylvania.**
* **Janelle has 58 percent German origins in her DNA bloodline, and George did marry a German wife, whose family were one of the first-generation Colonial Pennsylvania German families.** [[3]](#endnote-3) **and he may have been born into the Schneider family of Springfield and Shrewsbury Townships, York County.**
  + **Also, the name George may be a family name.** 
    - George named his first son George.
    - English and German naming convention: 1st son after the paternal grandfather.
* **In 1783, by a special order of the county commissioners, in order to lay a special tax to defray the expenses of the Revolutionary war. Shrewsbury Township then also included the territory now covered by Springfield Township:** **Taylor, George £148.** [[4]](#endnote-4)
* In 1807 and 1808 George Taylor, son of John, paid taxes in Shrewsbury Township, York County, Pennsylvania. Also in Shrewsbury at that time were James Taylor, Jacob Taylor, and two other Taylor men. [[5]](#endnote-5) However, after research, this George Taylor and his father John, may have been from the Johanna Schneider (d. 1780) family. His son Johannes Schneider had a son Johannes George. The entire family switched from Schneider to Taylor between 1790 to 1800. [[6]](#endnote-6)

George married Mary Schwartz (Swartz) about 1799. [[7]](#endnote-7) Anna Margaretha Schwartz was born March 2nd, 1783 to Heinrich and Anna Magdalena Schwartz, and baptized on March 23rd, which was witnessed by Conrad and Dorthea Swartz. Conrad and Dorthea also had a daughter named, Anna Magdalena Schwartz, who was born in 1868. [[8]](#endnote-8)

* Henry Schwartz was a farmer from the Shrewsbury and Hopewell Townships of York County, Pennsylvania.

**George** lived in the Shrewsbury and Hopewell Townships of York County Pennsylvania. [[9]](#endnote-9)

On July 30th 1802, Geore and his wife Mary purchased 180 ½ acres from Henry Kline Senior and his wife Elizabeth. The land was located in both Hopewell and Shrewsbury Townships, and was originally surveyed under a Lancaster County land warrant for Andrew Sites and Archibald Purdy. In 1802 the land bordered widow Kunkle, Francis Razer, and Andrew Zellers properties.

Then on March 24th 1804 George Taylor of Hopewell Township, yeoman, and wife Mary sold their 180 ½ acres, home, and other buildings, to John Ruhl Jr. for 562 pounds and 10 shillings. [[10]](#endnote-10)

On February 27th 1830 George Taylor Sr. of Shrewsbury Township and wife Mary: to Catherine Stermer: for $45.00: 2 acres, 148 perches, part of land bought April 17th 1813 from John Seitz and wife Eva. [[11]](#endnote-11)

On April 12th 1822 George and Magdalena Taylor purchased 163 acres and 56 perches of land from Jacob and Elizabeth Koller in Shrewsbury Township. George and Magdalena then sold the land to their son, John and Srah on March 31st 1836. Then on March 20th 1841 John and Sarah sold the land to James E. Stewart of Baltimore, Maryland, for $1,320.00. [[12]](#endnote-12)

**Anna Mary died September 18th 1852 in Codorus Township, York County. Henry Swartz and G. K. Taylor of Paradise Township, York County were the informant of the death certificate.** [[13]](#endnote-13)

**George** died July 26th 1858, at the age of 80 years, 7 months, and 1 day. He was laid to rest July 28th 1858 in the **Christ Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery in** Shrewsbury, York County, Pennsylvania. [[14]](#endnote-14) FAG#:**107593191** [[15]](#footnote-1)

Children of George and Mary Taylor: July 2nd 1859 Land Sale, July 5th 1859 Will. [[16]](#endnote-15)

1. Henry Taylor (1802-1868). He married Barbara [[17]](#endnote-16)
2. George Taylor (1803-1886). He married Anna Marie Swartz (Schwartz). [[18]](#endnote-17)
3. John Taylor (1806-1872). He married Sara Folcommer. [[19]](#endnote-18)

* Janelle’s 3rd Great Grandparents.

1. Elizabeth Taylor who married John Anstine
2. Mary Taylor who married Jacob Stiffler
3. Julianne Taylor who married Daniel Sweitzer
4. Lydia Taylor who married Samuel Shaffer
5. Jane Taylor who married Charles Hummel

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End Notes

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2. George W. Taylor’s birth was calculated using his age and date of death, with a birth date calculator. [↑](#endnote-ref-2)
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