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All family members discussed in this paper have their Pennsylvania origins in southern townships of Shrewsbury, Hopewell, Fawn, and Codorus, York County.

The information was arranged

***Taylor’s of Fawn Township York County Pennsylvania***

**John Taylor (1688 – 1751)**

**John Taylor of Fawn Township York County Pennsylvania was born (?). He died** January 4th 1751 in Fawn Township York County Pennsylvania. His will was signed on August 26th 1750, and it was executed on January 4th 1751 by his Executor George Taylor. According to his will, he had the following children: [[1]](#footnote-1)

**i. George Taylor**

**ii. Robert Taylor who died in Westmorland Township Maryland, where he had 250 acres. His will was dated October 20th 1762, and probated December 10th 1762. John Taylor and Hugh Whitefield were the executors. According to his will, Robert had the following children:** [[2]](#footnote-2)

1. **Eleanor Taylor**
2. **John Taylor**

**iii. Thomas Taylor**

**iv. John Taylor**

**v. Edward Taylor was appointed a guardian, who...”is naturally incapable of taking care of himself or his Legacy...”** [[3]](#footnote-3)

**Thomas Taylor (d. 1779)**

**Thomas Taylor of Fawn Township York County Pennsylvania was born (?). His will was dated April 19th 1779. John Taylor of Fawn Township was appointed administrator. Thomas’s inventory was dated April 21st 1779, and an account was made May 31st 1780, and another administrative bond was issued March 29th 1782.** [[4]](#footnote-4)

**On December 3rd 1779 a petition was made indicating Thomas owned 250 acres in Fawn Township and left issue John, Thomas (12), Rebecca, Margaret, Mary wife of James Benson, Agnes (about 10).** [[5]](#footnote-5) **On March 23rg 1780 Thomas’s real estate was decreed to John Taylor.** [[6]](#footnote-6)

**Thomas Taylor’s Children.** [[7]](#footnote-7)

1. **John Taylor who I suspect is Thomas’s administrator, and heir of Thomas’s real estate.**
2. **Rebecca Taylor who by June 10th 1785 married Mr. Russell. “...rebecca (taylor) Russell releases John Taylor, administrator of Thomas Taylor.** [[8]](#footnote-8)
3. **Margaret Taylor**
4. **Thomas Taylor who was born 1767 (12 in 1779). On February 16th 1795 gave his release of his father’s estate. The release was proved in Jefferson County, Territory Northwest of the Ohio River.** [[9]](#footnote-9)
5. **Margaret Taylor who by September 29th 1800 was married to Thomas Johnston.** [[10]](#footnote-10)
6. **Mary Taylor who in 1781 or 1782 was married to James Benson.** [[11]](#footnote-11)
7. **Agnes Taylor who was born 1769 (10 in 1779). As of March 10th 1798, not married.** [[12]](#footnote-12)

**Thomas’s Son - John Taylor**

**John Taylor of Fawn Township York County Pennsylvania and wife Alice sold land that was from his father Thomas Taylor, who died without a will. The land was surveyed to John’s father, Thomas Taylor, on application No. 4273, November 9th 1768.** [[13]](#footnote-13)

* **Benjamin Cunningham 16 acres, part of 207 acres on Muddy Creek**
* **Jacob Gibson 191 acres, remainder of 207 acres on Muddy Creek**

**George Taylor (d. 1769)**

**George Taylor of Fawn Township York County Pennsylvania was born (?). He died about November 25th** 1769 in Fawn Township York County Pennsylvania.

George’s inventory was conducted December 9th 1769 and a 2nd inventory was conducted December 22nd 1769. A final account was made November 29th 1771.

**On March 22nd 1769 a guardian was appointed for John (18), Ann (11), George (8).** [[14]](#footnote-14)

On March 23rg 1769 a petition was made indicating George left a widow Anne, children Robert, William, Margaret wife of George Dougherty, John, Anne, George. Father George owned land in Fawn Township. [[15]](#footnote-15)

George Taylor married **Anne, and their children were.** [[16]](#footnote-16)

**i. Robert Taylor**

**ii. William**

**iii. Margaret Taylor who married George Dougherty**

**iv. John Taylor**

**vi. Anne Taylor was born in 1758 – 11 years old in 1769**

**vii. George Taylor was born in 1761 – 8 years old in 1769**

***Taylor’s of Shrewsbury Township County Pennsylvania***

**Philip Taylor (d. 1794)**

**On June 15th 1762 Philip Taylor of Shrewsbury Township cordwainer sold land in Shrewsbury Township to Michael Summer.** [[17]](#footnote-17)

**On April 3rd 1801 John, Michael, Abraham, Jacob, and Benjamin Taylor, legatees of Philip Taylor of Shrewsbury Township to Philip Taylor of Hopewell Township 755.2.9 lira for the release of 377 acres in Shrewsbury Township.** [[18]](#footnote-18)

**Philip moved to Hopewell Township, and his brothers paid him for his share of their father’s land.**

**Philip Taylor of Shrewsbury Township York County Pennsylvania was born (?). On December 3rd 1799, a petition was established for Philip Taylor who died without a will. He died August** 1794. He owned **355 acres in Shrewsbury Township York County Pennsylvania. Philip married Elizabeth, and their children were:** [[19]](#footnote-19)

1. **Philip Taylor who died 1815, and who married Susanne. In 1783 they lived in Hopewell Township York County Pennsylvania**
2. **John Taylor who died October 1st 1814 during the war of 1812.**
3. **Michael Taylor who may have died in 1808**
4. **Abraham Taylor**
5. **Jacob Taylor who had a son William Taylor**
6. **Benjamin Taylor who lived in Hellem Township York County**

**Michael Taylor**

**On March 29th 1799 Michael Taylor of Shrewsbury Township, yeoman and wife Magdalena sold 110 acres in Hopewell Township to James Anderson. Michael bought the land from David Owings at a sheriffs sale on September 7th 1798.** [[20]](#footnote-20)

**Michael was born (?). He died in** 1808, and is buried in the Shrewsbury Lutheran Church cemetery. Michael married **Magdalena and they had:**

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

**ii. William**

**John Taylor**

**On March 20th 1841 John Taylor of Shrewsbury Township and wife Sara sold land to James E. Stewart 163 acres in Shrewsbury Township for $1,520.00. The land is part of a tract bought March 31sy 1836 from George Taylor and wife Margaret, who bought the land from Jacob and Elizabeth Koller.** [[21]](#footnote-21)

***Taylor’s of Hopewell Township York County Pennsylvania***

**Philip Taylor (d. 1815)**

**On April 3rd 1801 John, Michael, Abraham, Jacob, and Benjamin Taylor, legatees of Philip Taylor of Shrewsbury Township to Philip Taylor of Hopewell Township 755.2.9 lira for the release of 377 acres in Shrewsbury Township.** [[22]](#footnote-22)

**Philip moved to Hopewell Township, and his brothers paid him for his share of their father’s land.**

**Philip Taylor of Hopewell Township York County Pennsylvania was born (?). He died about June 1815. His will was dated January 15th 1814, which was probated June 27th 1815.**

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**legacy was left to Catherine Long, daughter of James Long**

**Philip’s brothers were Benjamin, Abraham, Jacob who had a son William, John who had a daughter Susanne who married Anthony Knisely, and Michael who had a son George.** [[23]](#footnote-23)

**John Winand was appointed executor, and Anthony Knisely was appointed administrator.**

**Philip married Susanna, but it appears they had no children.**

***Taylor’s of York, York County Pennsylvania***

**John Taylor (d. 1816)**

**John Taylor of York, York County Pennsylvania was born (?). John left no property when he died October 1st 1814 while serving in the war of 1812.**

**On August 1st 1816 Mary applied for half pension to begin October 1st 1814, the day that he died in the service of the United States, alleging that “...said Taylor marched as a member of the same, from York, on the 30th day of August 1814 to aid in the defense of Baltimore...”**

**He left an aged mother, his widow, and issue William (about 8), John (4), Margaret (about 2 years 6 months).** [[24]](#footnote-24) **Mary was awarded $7.00 per month, and a guardianship** [[25]](#footnote-25) **for her children.**

**John and Mary Taylor’s children:** [[26]](#footnote-26)

1. **William Taylor was born about 1808**
2. **John Taylor was born about 1812**
3. **Margaret was born about February 1814**

***Taylor’s of Codorus Township York County Pennsylvania***

**Joseph Taylor (d.1762)**

**On April 26th 1762 John Taylor, late of Codorus, now of Maryland, to his brother Joseph Taylor, 15 lira, a plantation in Codorus Township...”adjoining a glade called the horse glade the Waters whereof Descend into gunpowder falls...”.**[[27]](#footnote-27)

**Joseph Taylor of Codorus Township York County Pennsylvania. Joseph died without a will, and he was not married or had any children. Joseph originally moved to York County from Baltimore County Maryland.** [[28]](#footnote-28) **On November 17th 1762 John, Richard, and Samuel Taylor of Baltimore County, planters, brothers of Joseph Taylor of Codorus Township, yeoman deceased. To their sister, Mary of Codorus Township, spinster, 15 lira was awarded for her release on a land warrant for 150 acres, which was granted to Joseph on October 6th 1762.**

***Taylor’s of Hellam Township York County Pennsylvania***

**Benjamin Taylor (d. 1752)**

**Benjamin Taylor of Hellam Township York County Pennsylvania was born (?). His will was dated May 10th 1752, and probated June 9th 1752. Moses Goodden and Joseph Coulson were the executors. According to the will Benjamin had the following children:** [[29]](#footnote-29)

1. **John Taylor, who must have been at least 16 years old, he was the only child not provided a guardian or other disposition.**
2. **Benjamin Taylor was born February 4th 1743 (aged 9 on February 14 last). Benjamin was instructed to be a shop joiner. Joseph Coulson was assigned as the guardian over Benjamin and his sister Rebecca.** [[30]](#footnote-30)
3. **Ann Taylor was born February 1739 (age 13 last February). Rachael Minshall was assigned as guardian.** [[31]](#footnote-31) **Rachael may have been a Taylor.**
4. **Grace Taylor was born 1740 (age 11...her birthday would have been between May and December 1752). Grace was instructed to be apprenticed to Thomas Minshall.** [[32]](#footnote-32)
5. **Rebecca Taylor was born August 1747 (aged 4 last August), and Joseph Coulson was assigned as her guardian, and her brother Benjamin.** [[33]](#footnote-33)

**Samuel Taylor (d. 1762)**

**Samuel Taylor of Hellam Township York County Pennsylvania was born (?). His will was dated February 20th 1762. Administrators were John Taylor, Robert Barber, and Samuel Bethal. Inventory was dated February 9th 1762.** [[34]](#footnote-34)

**On February 20th 1762 a guardian was appointed to his son Christopher Taylor who was born November 5th 1742 (aged 19 November 5th last)** [[35]](#footnote-35)

**Bother or Father John Taylor**

Probate: When a person dies, his or her estate must go through probate. Probate involves collecting the decedent's assets, liquidating liabilities, paying necessary taxes, and distributing property to heirs.

Intestate: If the decedent dies without leaving a will

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