

Company H, 120th Ohio Volunteer Infantry

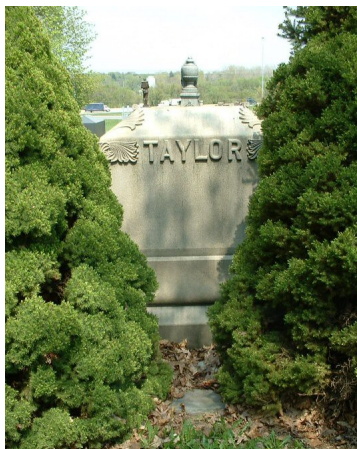


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TAYLOR, James B 15 Aug 1862
James, age 22, is listed in the Roster of Ohio Soldiers 1861-66 volume 8, page 263 as a Captain. He was promoted to 1st Lieutenant from 2nd Lieutenant 18 Feb 1863; to Capt 23 Mar 1863. He was mustered out 27 Nov 1864 when the 120th consolidated with the 114th OVI. There are no discharge papers in Wayne County for James Taylor.

Portrait photo below on left: Contributed by Nina Bledsoe Rippee.

Photo on right: *History of the Lawyers of Wayne County, Ohio.*



Father: James TAYLOR
Mother: Elizabeth CURTIS
Birth: 24 Aug 1840,
Fredericksburg, Wayne Co, OH.
Marriage: Emelie B. EMMITT on
13 May 1868 in Wayne Co OH
2Margaret Jane SMITH FIKE, 28
Nov 1912, Wayne Co OH
Death: 7 Dec 1925, Wooster,
Wayne County, OH
Cemetery: Wooster Cemetery,
Wayne County, OH

Pension Index: James B
TAYLOR, H 120th OH Inf. Invalid filed 1904 Mar 3, Application 1309532,
Certificate 1093297, filed in OH. Pension Card: James died 7 Dec 1925
at Wooster, OH.

[History of Wayne County Ohio, B. F. Bowen & Company, 1910]

page 560-41-42-43 James B. Taylor, born 24 Aug 1840 Fredericksburg, OH , father James, mother Elisabeth Curtis natives of Virginia.; James the youngest of nine children.

After war studied medicine but changed to Law. , went to University of Michigan.

Wife Eliza Emmett

Children surviving of 6: Harry E., manufacturing in Orrville, Rob C, law partner and Josephine wife of Rev. Fred J. Slagle.

Commemorative Biographical Record of Wayne County, Ohio, containing biographical sketches of prominent and representative citizens, and of many of the early settled families....by J. H. Beers & Co, 1889

James B. Taylor, page 478

"Mr. Taylor entered the service as second lieutenant, and afterward was promoted to the rank of first Lieutenant; still later he was made captain of Company H, One Hundred and Twentieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, serving until 1865. In that year this regiment, which had seen active service, was consolidated with the One Hundred and Fourteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and as only one of six captains could remain, the lot fell upon Capt. Speer, the remaining five being mustered out. The regiment went to the front over 1,000 strong, and returned with less than 300 men. The Captain was with his command in nearly all the battles fought for the opening of the Mississippi, from December, 1862, to 1864, under Gens. Grant and Banks.

During the latter years of his military service Mr. Taylor read medicine and studied surgery, and in the spring of 1865 he entered the office of Dr. Martin, at Fredericksburgh, Ohio, where he continued until the fall of the same year, when he went to the University of Michigan, there to attend medical lectures. Soon after

his arrival, however, he changed his life's plans, and matriculated in the law department, graduating in the spring of 1867."

1850 Census, Salt Creek Twp, Wayne Co OH, Dwelling 119, Family 121: James TAYLOR, age 48 VA, lawyer; Elisabeth, age 50 VA; John, age 23 OH, student; Margaret, age 19 OH; Benton, age 16 OH; Bruce, age 14 OH; James, age 10 OH; Mary A SAPP, age 20 PA.

1860 Census, Fredericksburg, Salt Creek Twp, Wayne Co OH, Dwelling 237, Family 237: James TAYLOR, age 58 VA, attorney at law; Elizabeth, age 59 VA; James, age 19 OH, student.

1860 Census, Fredericksburg, Salt Creek Twp, Wayne Co OH, Dwelling 237, Family 237: James Taylor, age 58 VA, attorney at law; Elizabeth, age 59 VA; James, age 19 OH, student.

Family Search, Ohio, County Marriages, 1789-`994: James B. TAYLOR married Emelie B. EMMITT on 13 May 1868 in Wayne Co OH, by W. J. Park, VDM.

1870 Census, Orrville, Baughman Twp, Wayne Co OH, Dwelling 59, Family 62: James B TAYLOR, age 29 OH, attorney at law; Emilie, age 26 PA; Harrie [male], age 4 months OH, born Mar 1870; Sarah DITZLER, age 22 OH, house keeper.

1880 Census, Orrville, Green Twp, Wayne co OH, Dwelling 501, Family 501: James B. TAYLOR, age 39 OH, attorney, parents born VA; Emelie B, wife, age 37 PA; Harry, son, age 10 OH; Rob C, son, age 2 OH; Josephine, daughter, age 9 months, born August 1879; Matilda REDETT, age 65 PA, single, parents born PA.

1890 Veterans Schedule: Wooster, Wayne Co OH: Line 23, House 109, Family 125: James B TAYLOR, Captain, 120 OVI: Post Office: Wooster OH.

1900 Census, 125 North Market St, Wooster Ward 2, Wayne co OH, Dwelling 260, Family 299: James B TAYLOR, age 59 OH, born Aug 1840, married 32 yrs, parents born OH, lawyer; Emily D, wife, age 57 PA, born Dec 1842, married 32 yrs, 5 children/3 still living; father born MD, mother born PA; Josephine M, daughter, age 20 OH, single, born Aug 1879, student.

1910 Census, 109 North Market, Dwelling 140, Family 279: James B. TAYLOR, age 69 OH, widowed, parents born VA, lawyer general practice, UA for military service; Robert C, son, age 32 OH first marriage, married 7 yrs, lawyer general practice; Erma, daughter in law, age 30 PA, first marriage married 7 yrs, 2 children/2 still living, parents born PA; Emelie, granddaughter, age 5 OH; James H, grandson, age 1 OH; Henry A ROUCH, lodger, age 79 PA, widower, parents born PA, no occupation.

Family Search, Ohio, County Marriages, 1789-1994: James B. TAYLOR, attorney at law, married Mrs. Margaret Jane FIKE on 28 Nov 1912, Wayne Co OH. James, age 72, born 24 Aug 1840 at Fredericksburg, OH, previously married one time; his father was James TAYLOR and his mother was Elisabeth CURTIS.

Margaret FIKE, age 53, was born Morgan Co OH, previously married one time, ; her father was John S. SMITH and her mother was Caroline CHAMBERS. Her residence was Creston OH. Married by Wm Smith, Minister of the Gospel.

1920 Census, 1233 Beall Ave, Wooster Ward 3, Wayne co OH, Dwelling 11, Family 12: James B TAYLOR, age 79 OH, parents born VA, lawyer general practice: [next page] Margaret J, wife, age 60 OH, father born OH, mother born MI.

In the History of the Lawyers of Wayne County, Ohio, in 1900, Ben Douglas said of James B. as a newborn baby, he was "a speechless, disinterested, semi-conscious entity in swaddling clothes." Well, he certainly came a long way after that day.

James B. TAYLOR was born in Fredericksburg, Wayne county, OH 24 Aug 1840. His father was James Taylor, a native of Virginia. James, a farmer and lawyer, died in 1873 at age 72. His mother was Elizabeth CURTIS Taylor. She was also a native of VA and a Quaker. She died in 1878. They came together to Wayne County in 1825. They had nine children.

James was the youngest. The children listed in the 1850 census were John, Margaret, Benton, Bruce, and James. Bruce was also a veteran of the Civil War, serving in Company E, 169th OVI. Bruce is buried at [Wooster Cemetery Sec 1, Grave 2](#). Parents James and Elizabeth are buried at [Fredericksburg East Side Cemetery](#).



James B. went to college in PA, graduating from Westminster College in June 1861. He then organized and opened the Smithville Academy. He changed his plans when he joined the military to fight in the Civil War. After the war, he studied medicine and then law and ended up with the law

as his profession. He was a lawyer for 58 years, practicing part of the time in Orrville and then moving to Wooster. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church in Wooster, a mason and a member of the GAR.

His first wife and the mother of his children was Emilie EMMITT (EMMETT). She was a native of PA and the daughter of John Emmett. She was principal of the schools at Fredericksburg at the time of their marriage. She died 25 Sept 1905. Her grandfather had laid out Emmetsburg PA. In memory of her in 1906 he donated his house on North Market Street to be the city's hospital [see photo].

James B. and Emilie had six children. But three of them must have died fairly young. The only names in the articles were:

Rob C. Taylor, who had two children Emilie and James; Harry E. Taylor; and Josephine, who was married to Rev. Fred J. Slagle.

James B. died at age 85 in 1925...he died in Wooster at the Hospital which he had donated to the city. His widow was his second wife, Margaret Jane FIKE Taylor. They are buried at Wooster Cemetery.

Family Search, Death record in Ohio : File #72998, James B. TAYLOR of 1233 Beall Ave died at Wooster City Hospital on 7 Dec 1925. Married to Margaret J. TAYLOR. Born 24 Aug 1840. Lawyer. Father Jas H. TAYLOR born Fredericksburg OH. Mother Elizabeth CURTIS born Fredericksburg OH. Burial Wooster Cemetery. Informant, Robert TAYLOR

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