

Abstract from Mss. Memoirs of Gen'l James Taylor,
of Newport, Kentucky,
Copy of which is in the Archives of
The Filson Club.

"Col. George Taylor, one of the Grandfathers, (whose brothers were: James, ancestor of the Taylors of Newport Ky.; Zachary, grandfather of President Taylor; Erasmus, ancestor of the present family of Orange Co. Va. and whose sister, Martha, wife of Col. Ambrose Madison, was the grandmother of President James Madison- P.F.T.) had seven sons all of ficers in the Revolution, four in the Army and three in the Navy. In the latter was Captain Richard, called "Commodore", who had his thigh bone broken and was a cripple till his death.

He commanded the Virginia Revenue Boats after the adoption of the Constitution.

During the Revolution he commanded the ship "Tartar". His ship, as well as one of the British, was becalmed near the Capes of Virginia. He with a part of his crew attacked the British ship in an open tender and killed a number of the enemy, who had overshot them, but one of the Captain's crew in a kind of bravado shouted out to them to "raise your metal" (meaning for them to ~~ekaxataxthaxxaxxaxd~~ depress the mouth of their guns), the British poured in a volley of musketry and wounded the Captain and killed six others, they then backed off to their ship, the "Tartar".

Captain Richard went to Jefferson, in this State, in the year 1794 and died at an advanced age of upwards of eighty years, leaving a large family of sons and daughters.

Col. George's other sons were: Francis, a Colonel in the Revolution; Edmund, who died in Jefferson about the year 1786 leaving a large family; Major William; Dr. Charles, and Captain Reuben; who all served to the close of the War.

The other two sons, Naval Officers, were John, who died on board of the Prison Ship, the old "Jersey" at New York, and Benjamin, who died in Jefferson at about seventy years of age, as did James, William and Reuben.

All the sons left families except Col. Frank and Benjamin, the former died in Orange Co. Va., about seventy five years old. -----

Commodore Richard Taylor, son of Col. George Taylor, of Orange County Virginia, Commanded the ship "Tartar" during the War of the Revolution, had his thigh broken in an engagement with the enemy, remained in the service to the close of the war: removed to Kentucky in 1794 and had the following children:

William, who commanded a merchant ship and was lost at sea;
Thompson who was several years a member of the Kentucky Legislature, married Nancy Oldham.

Richard, Surveyor of the Virginia Army Lands in Kentucky, married his cousin, Mary Taylor, daughter of his uncle Edmund Taylor.

Catherine, who married Peter Fontaine of Kentucky.

Matilda, married Isaac Robertson, of Kentucky.

Colby, was a Colonel of Militia and several years a member of the Legislature.

Roger, married Hannah Fishback.

Commodore Richard married Catherine Davis."

Robert Taylor, of Orange County, Virginia,
Member of Congress, from Virginia, Certificate as to
services of John Taylor and Benjamin Taylor in the
Navy of the Revolutionary War.

I, Robert Taylor, of the County of Orange and State
of Virginia do hereby certify that I was acquainted with
John Taylor and Benjamin Taylor, who were my cousins and
brothers of Richard Taylor, commonly called "Commodore Taylor",
and have heard and have no doubt of the fact that they
both served with their said brother on board of the ship
of war which he commanded in the Revolutionary War, and
that John Taylor was taken prisoner in some other vessel
by the British, carried to New York whilst they possessed
it and died there a prisoner.

Given under my hand this Sixth day of March, 1838.

Robert Taylor.

Col. George Taylor, 3rd. son of James Taylor 2nd., married 1st.
Rachel Gibson, daughter of Jonathan Gibson and had by her
the following children:

- James, married Ann Pendleton,
- George, an Officer in the French & Indian War, died of 8
Smallpox.
- x Richard, "Commodore", married C. Davis.
- x Edmund, married a Stubbs.
- Jonathan, married a Barry.
- William, married 1st. Hoard, married 2nd Coats.
- Francis, died an old bachelor.
- Reuben, married a Moore.
- Charles, married a Conway.
- John, died on board a British Prison Ship, unmarried.
- Benjamin, died unmarried."

From- "Robertson-Taylor."

By William Kyle Anderson, Detroit, Mich. Published 1900.

"Col. George Taylor, born Feb. 10 1711. Vestryman, Justice and
Magistrate; Clerk of Orange County, (Virginia), repeatedly
serving from 1750 to 1772, when his son, James, succeeded
him: Member of the House of Burgesses, 1748 to 1758 (Din-
widdie Papers, II. p. 104; Burk's Hist. of Va. III. 133;
Journal of the House of Burgesses, Feb. 28 1752: Nov. 5 "
1753: Feb. 16 1754: May 15 1755: Apl. 19 1757: and Virginia Almanac
1756: 1758): Commissioned Colonel of Orange County July 18 "
1755, by Gov. Dinwiddie (Dinwiddie Papers II, 103-104), and ser-
ved in the French & Indian War.

Member of Orange County Committee of Safety, 1774,
Member of the Virginia Convention, 1775."

(See also "Calendar of Virginia State Papers."

Hayden's "Virginia Genealogies"

Slaughter's "St Marks Parish"

Fry's "Culpeper Notes"

Orange County Virginia Records.

Meade's "Historic Churches and Families"

From "Robertson-Taylor"

- Sons of Col. George Taylor, of Orange County, Virginia.
1. James Taylor, born Dec. 16 "1738, was Sergeant Major in the Continental Line. After the War he received 200 acres of land (in Kentucky) for his services. From 1772 to 1798 he was Clerk of Orange County, succeeding his father. He married his third cousin, Ann Pendleton, daughter of James Pendleton and granddaughter of Henry and Mary (Taylor) Pendleton. He moved to Jefferson County Kentucky ~~xx~~ in 1799 and died there leaving a numerous family.
 2. George Taylor, the second son, died before the Revolution. He served in the French & Indian War, died 1761 of smallpox. A Patent was issued by Virginia, to James Taylor, in what is now Kentucky, for the services of George Taylor in the French & Indian War.
 3. Jonathan Taylor, third son, born Dec. 3 "1742: Lieutenant "Virginia Convention Guards", married Ann Berry, and had thirteen children. He moved to Clark County Ky., and died there 1804.
 4. Edmund Taylor, fourth son, was born Oct. 21 "1744, was Captain of a Company in the Virginia State Line. He ~~was~~ married Sarah Stubbs and had ten children. He moved to Kentucky after the War and died there July 1 "1788. (Note--His daughter, Mary Taylor, married Richard Taylor Jr., son of #6 Commodore Richard Taylor and was my Grandmother. † J.T.J.)
 5. Francis Taylor, fifth son, was born Mar. 9 "1747: Commissioned May 8 "1776, Captain 2nd. Virginia Reg't: Mar. 20 " 1778, Major 5th. Virginia Reg't: Dec. 24 "1778, Lieut-Col., Virginia Convention Guards: Mar. 5 "1779, Colonel, Virginia Convention Guards. He died in 1799, unmarried.
 6. Richard, sixth son, born Jan 6 "1749, commissioned Feb. 1776, Captain in the Virginia Navy and during the War Commanded a squadron in the Chesapeake and captured several British vessels; was twice wounded. After the close of the war was made Commodore and Chief Officer of the Virginia Navy. (Married Catherine Davis.)
 7. John Taylor, seventh son, born Jan. 27 "1751, Commissioned Aug. 13 "1777, Midshipman Virginia Navy, Promoted Aug. 1778 to Lieutenant and served under his brother, Richard. He was captured by the British and died on the old Jersey Prison Ship at New York.
 8. William Taylor, eighth son, born Jan. 23 "1763, commissioned Jan. 29 "1776, First Lieutenant 2nd. Virginia Reg't: Captain, Dec. 28 "1776: Major 9th. Virginia Regiment Dec. 7 "1779: Retired Feb. 12 "1781. He received 7,110 acres of Bounty Land for his services. He removed to Kentucky in 1786 and lived at Louisville. He married first, 1786, Lucy Hord; married second, July 25 "1796 Elizabeth Coats, and died April 14 "1830.
 9. Dr. Charles Taylor, ninth son, born Jan 3 "1755, served as Surgeon's Assistant in Second Virginia Reg't. Commissioned Surgeon Oct. 26 "1779, of the Virginia Convention Guards and served in that capacity until until June 1781. He was awarded 6,000 acres of Bounty Land. He married Mar. 11 " 1777, Sarah Conway. He died Jan. 27 "1821.

From "Robertson-Taylor."

- 10. Reuben Taylor, tenth son, of Col. George & Rachel (Gibson) Taylor, born Jan. 14 "1757: was commissioned April 8 "1777, First Lieutenant of the Canadian Regiment: Promoted to Captain Feb. 2 "1778 and retired Jan. 1 "1783. He received 4,000 acres of Bounty Land. He married Feb. 11 "1782, Rebecca Moore: moved to Kentucky in 1797 and died there many years after.
- 11. Benjamin Taylor, eleventh son, of Col. George & Rachel (Gibson) Taylor, born Nov. 11 "1759, served as Midshipman on one of the vessels commanded by his brother, Richard. He received 2,666 acres of Bounty Land. He never married.

Note by P.F. Taylor.

Col. George Taylor, married in 1767, second, Mrs Sarah (Taliaferro) Conway, widow of Capt Francis Conway and daughter of Col. John & Sarah (Smith) Taliaferro, By this second marriage he had:

- 12. George Conway Taylor, his twelfth son, born Jan. 13 "1769 died Mar. 9 "1805: Married Elizabeth Dixon. He succeeded his brother, James Taylor, as Clerk of Orange County Va. and was a Member of the Governor's Council.

-----Calendar of Va. State Papers.

Virginia Land Office Military Warrants.
in the Kentucky Land Office.

- No. 132, William Taylor, 5,333 1/3 acres for 3 years service as Major in Virginia Line
- No. 133, Richard Taylor, 5,333 1/3 acres for 3 years service as Captain in the Navy of the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- No. 1,012, Benjamin Taylor, 2,666 2/3 acres for 3 years service as Midshipman in the Navy of the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- No. 1,499, James Taylor, 200 acres for 3 years service as Sergeant in the Continental Line.
- No. 1,936, Reuben Taylor, 4,000 acres for service as Captain in Virginia Continental Line.
- No. 1,937, Francis Taylor, 5,333 1/3 acres for service for 3 years as Major in the Virginia Continental Line
- No. 2,056, Charles Taylor, 100 acres, as soldier for 3 years in Virginia State Line.
- No. 2,341, James Taylor, 100 acres as soldier for 3 years in Virginia State Line.

From Kentucky Pension Roll. Doc. 514.

(A very rare book in the Kentucky State Library)
Richard Taylor, Invalid: Franklin County: Rank, Captain:
Amount Allowed, \$300.00: Sums Received, \$2,697.50:
Description of Service, Virginia State Navy:
Placed on Roll March 26 "1817: Pension Commenced,
Sept. 3 "1816: Under Law of Mar 1 "1817:
Died, Aug. 30 "1825.

William Taylor, Major, Jefferson Co. Amount Allowed, \$240.00:
Sums Received: \$1,470.49: Service, Virginia Line:
Placed on Roll Nov. 6 "1818: Commenced Pay May 1 "1818:
Age 81: Dropped under Act of May 1 "1820: Restored,
Commencing Nov. 23 "1824, and relinquished for benefit
of Act of May 13 "1828

-----Edmund Taylor. -----

4. Edmund Taylor, Fourth son of Col. George and Rachel (Gibson) Taylor, born Oct. 21 "1744, died July 1 "1788, one of the ten brothers who served in the Revolution, married, date unknown, Sarah Stubbs. On Oct. 1779, the Virginia Legislature passed an Act, Establishing the Town of Boonsborough, in the County of Kentucky and Appointed: Richard Callaway, Charles Mynn Thruston, Levin Powell, EDMUND TAYLOR, James Estes, Edmund Bradley, John Kennedy, David Gist, Pemberton Rollings and Daniel Boone, Gentlemen, Trustees. Hening's Statutes X.p.134.

May 1780, the Virginia Legislature Escheated the Lands of Robert McKenzie, Henry Collins and Alexander McKee to EDMUND TAYLOR and others as Trustees for the Town of Louisville. Hening's Statutes, X.p.287.

May 1780, Louisville established by Act of the Virginia Legislature, on Lands of Connelly and others, escheated, "Adjoining TAYLOR'S land" Hening's Statutes X. 293.

Edmund Taylor was one of the large purchasers at the first sale of lots in what is now the City of Louisville.

See, "Centenary of Louisville"

Edmund Taylor moved to Jefferson County Ky. at a very early day with his relative Col. Charles Mynn Thruston. He certainly received some land in Kentucky County for his services in the Revolution. He died in July 1788 leaving quite a family. By his wife, Sarah Stubbs, he had:

1. George Gibson Taylor, m. 1 "Mary Berry Taylor, m. 2 "Elizabeth Pearson.
2. Maj. Edmund Haynes Taylor, U.S.A., m. Eloisa C. Thruston.
3. Martha Thompson, born May 25 "1777, died Apl. 28 "1849, married Maj. William Christy.
4. Hannah, m. Reuben Eastin,
5. Sarah, m. John Eastin.
6. MARY TAYLOR, born Sept. 21 "1781, died Dec. 9 "1856, married June 8 "1797, her first cousin, RICHARD TAYLOR Jr., and they were my Grandparents. Buried in the Taylor Lot in the State Cemetery at Frankfort Ky.
7. William Taylor, died Sept 1 "1856, married Lucy Thom..
8. Thruston Taylor, married Mary Clark.
9. Francis Stubbs Taylor, married Sarah Lindsay,
10. Frances, married John Wallace.

-----Commodore Richard Taylor.-----

6. RICHARD TAYLOR, sixth son of Col. George and Rachel (Gibson) Taylor, was born Jan. 6 "1749, in Orange County Virginia, died and was buried in Oldham County Ky Aug. 30 "1825. He married Catherine Davis born Nov. 20 "1750, died before 1811. The records of Caroline County Virginia having been destroyed by the Federal Army it has been impossible to learn the date of their marriage but the Will of Col. William Rowley, Gent., Dated May 11 "1774, Probated in King George County Virginia June 2 "1774 bequeathed to Catherine Davis, "now the wife of Richard Taylor;" and to Lettice Wishart, forty six Slaves and other property.

Col. James Taylor of Newport, Ky., whose memoirs have been quoted, knew the wives of both Edmund Taylor and of Richard Taylor as he speaks of visiting them "At The Falls of the Ohio" and there can be no doubt of the fact that Edmund Taylor married Sarah Stubbs, and that Richard Taylor married Catherine Davis.

-----Robertson-Taylor-----

"Commodore Richard Taylor,-----, about 1771 married Catherine Davis born Nov. 20 "1750, a daughter of James Davis (Others say that her father was Rev. William Davis) and a niece of Col. William Rowley, a very wealthy Planter, of King George County, Virginia, who died May 25 "1774. In the latter's will he devised to James Davis and to Catherine herself, a large amount of real and personal property, and appointed Richard Taylor one of his executors. We are uncertain of the given name of Catherine's mother but think it was Ann.

After marriage, Richard Taylor and his wife lived in Caroline County, Virginia. He was the father of six sons and five daughters, of whom his wife, Catherine Davis, bore him five sons and five Daughters.

Commodore Taylor's eldest son, Richard, by another mother, was adopted by Catherine Davis and treated by her as her own son, and he returned the affection with a devotion, if possible, greater than any of her own children. Commodore Richard Taylor had children:

1. Richard Taylor, known as "Col. Hopping Dick", on account of lameness caused by a wound received in battle during the War of 1812. He was Colonel of a (Militia) Regiment and was greatly distinguished for bravery. General Harrison said of him, "If I wanted a man to storm the gates of Hell, I would send Dick Taylor." He married Mrs. Mary Ann (Martin) Buckner. Col. Dick Taylor was for many years Sergeant at Arms of the Court of Appeals, and was the Proprietor of the old Mansion House in Frankfort. He died July 16 "1830.
2. William Rowley, eldest child of Catherine Davis Taylor, born June 11 "1772, was Captain of the Schooner "Sally" owned by Alexander McCalley. She sailed from Norfolk, bound for Kingston, Jamaica, Oct. 21 "1793 and was lost at sea, the vessel having never been heard of afterward.
3. Thompson, born Sept. 23 "1775, married Ann Oldham. He was Major in the War of 1812 and was brevetted for gallantry.
4. RICHARD TAYLOR Jr. born Dec. 2 "1777, married his first cousin MARY TAYLOR (daughter of his uncle Edmund Taylor, and Sarah Stubbs, his wife)
(These were my Grandparents, Father and Mother of Col. Edmund H. Taylor Sr.)
(Richard Taylor Jr., born in Orange County Virginia, moved to Kentucky about Christmas 1796 and married

---Commodore Richard Taylor, Continued---

- June 8 "1797, he settled at "Iron Banks" now Columbus, Kentucky, of which he was Trustee and Treasurer. He was elected by the Legislature "Surveyor General of the lands West of the Tennessee River, set apart for the Soldiers of Virginia who were entitled to lands as Bounty." He and his wife are buried in the Family Lot in the Frankfort Cemetery. He died Oct. 9 "1835. His wife died Dec. 9 "1856.)
5. Colby Harrison, born Jan 8 "1780, married 1 "Elizabeth McGuire, married 2 "Lucy Taylor, married 3 "Lucy Minor.
 6. Roger, born Sept. 12 "1781, married Hannah Fishback, (In 1808 he had moved to Missouri, where he lived and died at an old age.)
 7. Catherine, born Feb. 6 "1783, married 1 "Peter Fontaine, married 2 " Capt. John Nelson.
 8. Matilda, born Dec 19 "1784, died March 5 "1833, married Isaac Robertson.
 9. Lucinda, born Dec. 12 "1786, married Philip Barbour.
 10. Elizabeth, born March 1788, died single.
 11. Sarah, born Mar. 3 "1790, died single.

 Soon after the outbreak of hostilities between the Colonies and the mother country, Richard Taylor offered his services to Virginia and on Feb. 6 "1776, was commissioned as Captain in the Navy. He served gallantly and with great distinction from that date until November 1781: was twice severely wounded once in the thigh and once in the knee, on account of the latter he was completely disabled, and was therefore obliged to retire from further active participation in the War. The term of his service is shown by the following Certificate of Benjamin Harrison, Governor of Virginia, taken from the "Calendar of Virginia State Papers."

No. 133. Council Chamber, Feb. 19 "1783.
 I do certify that Captain Richard Taylor is entitled to the proportion of land allowed a Captain in the Navy of the Commonwealth for Service from Feb'y 6 "1776 to Nov. 1781.

Benjamin Harrison,
 Thomas Merriwether.

Warrant for 5,333 1/3 acres issued to Richard Taylor Feb'y 19 "1783.

"Journal, Virginia Committee of Safety," p. 123. Mar 14 "1776."

Richard Taylor of Caroline is appointed Captain of the Armed Vessel fitted out by Col. Fielding Lewis and he is to recommend to the Committee as soon as possible, proper persons to be first and second officers, etc.

From "Virginia State Navy Papers" IV. 1785-1789, p. 357 The record shows that Captain Taylor was appointed to the command of the State Navy consisting of the vessels "Patriot" and "Liberty", in June 1787, upon the death of Captain Barron.

The armament of the "Patriot" consisted of 8 swivels mounted on carriages, 9 muskets and 6 pistols, with powder horns, flints, cutlasses, etc., that of the "Liberty" consisted of 6 swivels, 9 muskets and 3 bayonets, 6 pistols and 5 cutlasses.

Commodore Richard Taylor, Continued.

Notes from "Early Settlers of Alabama."
By Col. James Edmonds Saunders.

"A squadron rendezvoused at a station near the Capes of Virginia, consisting of the ships: 'Tartar', Captain John Taylor, who was also in command of the Squadron; the 'Tempest' Captain Celey Saunders; the 'Dragon' Captain Eleazer Callender; the Brig 'Home Forgot', commanded by John Leister, previously a lieutenant of the ship 'Dragon', and a tender.

Orders were soon received from the Navy Board to sail on a cruise, and in two or three days after leaving the station they were pursued by a 74 gun ship, which compelled them to separate and escape to their former station.

While the 'Dragon' was in that vicinity, under loose sail, she was approached by a British Privateer, and after exchanging two or three broadsides, the Privateer discovered its mistake in the character of her opponent, hauled off to escape; but the cannonade was heard by Captain Taylor, of the 'Tartar', who pursued, and in an engagement he received a dangerous wound, and his Lieutenant permitted the enemy to escape."

SUMMARY.

Col. George Taylor, Member of the Virginia Committee of Safety 1774:1775 and of the Virginia Convention of 1775: married Rachel Gibson, and his first wife, and had by her eleven sons, ten of whom served in the American Revolution either as Officer of Private in Army or Navy.

My descent is from two of these ten sons: Edmund, who was an Officer of the Virginia Line, and "Commodore Richard" who was Captain in the Navy of Virginia.

<p>4 Edmund Taylor, Born Oct. 1744, Died July 1 "1788, Married Sarah Stubbs, and had: among others: Mary Taylor, Born Sept 21 "1781, Died Dec 9 "1856</p>	<p>+ 6. Richard Taylor Born Jan 6 "1749 Died Aug. 30 1825, Married Catherine Davis and had: among others: Richard Taylor Jr. Born Dec 2 "1777, Died Oct. 2 "1836</p>
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Married June 8 "1797, and had:
among others:
Col. Edmund Haynes Taylor Sr. Born June 6 "1799 Died Apl. 24 "1873,
Married, his Fourth wife: Elizabeth Sarah Fall, Feb. 12 "1861,
~~Who were my Parents.~~ Born July 29 "1826, Died May 11 "1899,
who were my Parents.

Additional References:

- Catherine Davis, wife of Richard Taylor, Calls Va. Reports II. 376
- George Taylor, Meade II. 85:98.
- Richard Taylor Va. Doc. XXXI. 14.

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The above data compiled December 1909 by Philip Fall Taylor..