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FORWARD

Members of the Harford County Genealogical Society:

The following transcriptions from the business records of the J. C. TAYLOR MARBLE CO. are particularly exciting for the Harford County Genealogical Society to publish for several reasons.

The first, obviously, is the possibility of determining previously unknown burial locations for numerous, possibly hundreds, of our Harford County ancestors. Second, many of these entries have some additional tidbit of information, like a relative's name or address that may spur a completely new research path. Third, Arch Phillips, our 2007-2008 president, is a direct descendant and his INTRODUCTION gives us some TAYLOR family background; rarely do we have the opportunity to get information that is this "up close and personal".

This SPECIAL PUBLICATION (SP) will be the first of (probably) four, though not necessarily sequential, publications. This SP covers the 1878 to 1890 business ledger. Another SP will cover three business ledgers: 1891, 1891-1893 and 1935-1937. Then the 1906 to 1934 business ledger is large enough to produce two SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS.

The subsequent publications delineated above may be available for researchers at The Historical Society of Harford County headquarters at 143 North Main Street, Bel Air, Maryland, before actually being printed and distributed.

Notations used:

Each record in the ledger was transcribed as accurately as possible into the "Entry:" field. Any 'editorial comments' made are in braces "{...}." Records were typically for tombstones, grave markers, and monuments, but included corner posts, post and rails, and cornerstones, as well as other marble, slate, and granite products.

The "Surname:" field was usually completed with the "record label" used in the ledger, and was the surname inscribed on the tombstone. Often, other surnames were mentioned in the "Entry:" text, such as the buyer, the intended recipient, or other associates. Only names listed in the "Surname:" fields were included in the Index.

However, the transcriber completed the “Where:” field with the *most likely* delivery location, if mentioned. This determination was based upon the descriptive text in the “Entry:” field, plus other records in other Ledgers, and crosschecked against the Cemetery Records card file in the Family History Library of The Historical Society of Harford County, Inc.

This “Where:” field attempts to provide a specific reference to unique locations where products and services were delivered, while minimizing the use of aliases. Typically listed is the name of the church, followed by the name of a location or village, associated with the cemetery. For clarity, text after a dash "-" is the location, and may be the only determinable reference. In the case of private burial grounds, the phrase “FAMILY = ” is used in place of the church name, and followed by the burial ground’s Family surname. All references were limited to 25 characters, so some may appear to be prematurely truncated.

If a surname appears more than once on the same publication page, the page is listed multiple times in the index as an indication of such. In addition to grave plot markers, Mr. Taylor also sold products such as building cornerstones, graveyard row markers, and marble tabletops to churches, so these named churches appear at the end of the SURNAME INDEX under CHURCHES.

Your board hopes that you enjoy - - and, of course, find something useful.

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Indexed by Doug Washburn

INTRODUCTION

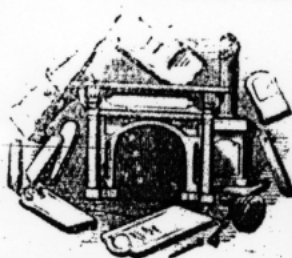
By Dr. J. Arch Phillips

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE JESSE C. TAYLOR MONUMENT WORKS

Jesse Clinton Taylor, eldest child of Anthony K. Taylor, a blacksmith, and Julia Ann Rutledge, was born June 20, 1857 in New Market, Shrewsbury Township, York County, Pennsylvania. As he was growing up, hard work was the order of the day in the Taylor household. In his youth, Jesse churned butter for ten cents a day in the springhouse from which the south branch of Deer Creek rises.

1878 First Marble Yard in the County. 1886

J. C. TAYLOR,
PRACTICAL
MARBLE WORKER,
JARRETTSVILLE, MD.



MONUMENTS,

Tombs,

HEADSTONES, &c.
made to order, at
short notice and at
moderate prices.

Having obtained a
complete knowledge
of my business, in
all of its details, in
the best establishments of the cities, and with
eight years' experience on my own account, I am
confident that I can give satisfaction.

Tombstones of various designs always on hand,
ready to be completed and erected in a few days.
Work delivered and erected in any part of the
county. Cemetery lots enclosed with curbing in
the best manner. Enquiries by mail promptly an-
swered. Designs and estimates furnished free of
charge. 18ap

J. C. Taylor newspaper advertisement
The Aegis & Intelligencer, 11-Nov-1887

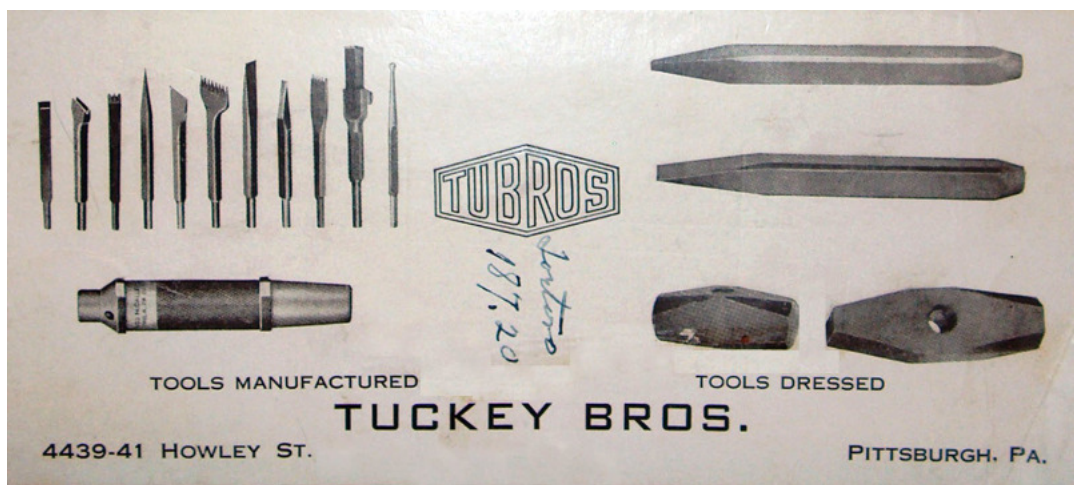
Not yet 21 years of age, J. C. Taylor came to Jarrettsville at the invitation of Mr. Martin Kurtz, cabinetmaker and undertaker; and on April 1st, 1878 began his monument business in Mr. Kurtz's wagon shed. (Martin Kurtz had come to Jarrettsville from Shrewsbury Township and opened his business in 1844.) Jesse Taylor had spent the four years prior to his arrival in Jarrettsville as an apprentice with W. C. Meads and Company, marble and granite cutters in New Market (approximately one mile north of modern Maryland Line, MD). He once said "he came to Jarrettsville with no money and no credit, knowing only one family."

In the latter part of the 19th Century, by virtue of its location at an important north-south and east-west crossroads, Jarrettsville was a thriving village in northwestern Harford County. It was in this setting that J.C. Taylor made his mark. It has been reported that his monument business was the

first of its kind in Harford County, and his records show that he conducted business with virtually every family in the region. Prior to the advent of motorized vehicles, monuments were shipped from the quarries by rail to White Hall, and hauled by horse and wagon to Jarrettsville for Mr. Taylor's careful carving and lettering. He was a skilled artisan with the chisel, cutting some of the more intricate designs and figures well into his 80's. Early records show that on frequent occasions several monuments were erected in a given cemetery on the same date, a concession to horse and wagon transport, especially to locations somewhat distant from Jarrettsville.

By 1880, Mr. Taylor had acquired land and established his own shop directly across the road from Mr. Kurtz. That shop stood and operated until 1963 when his son, Bland Taylor, replaced it with a more modern structure. Eighteen-eighty is also the year that J. C. Taylor married Ida Virginia Jarrett, daughter of William Bosley Jarrett and granddaughter of Luther Martin Jarrett for whom the village of Jarrettsville was named. [More about the family histories of Jesse C. Taylor and Ida Virginia Jarrett can be found in the publication, Jesse Clinton Taylor and Ida

Virginia Jarrett: Their Ancestors and Descendants J. C. Taylor remained active in the business until his retirement in 1946 at age 89. Some years prior to that, the business became known as J. C. Taylor and Son when C. Bland Taylor, joined him. Upon his father's retirement, Bland Taylor became sole proprietor until about 1965 when the business was sold to George P. (Pete) Shelton who had worked for the establishment for many years. Mr. Shelton continued to operate the business as J. C. Taylor and Son until his death in 1976, after which it was sold to Silbaugh Memorials of Shrewsbury, PA. One might say that J. C. Taylor's legacy and business acumen had come full circle – from Shrewsbury and back to Shrewsbury.



Ad for tools of the trade found loose in the 1891 led ger.

In addition to his successful monument business, J. C. Taylor was also actively involved in the Jarrettsville community. In concert with George Andrew Cairnes, he was instrumental in establishment of a High School in Jarrettsville, the Jarrettsville Academy, in 1903. He served as a Harford County school trustee representing Jarrettsville for 57 years. He was named to the Board of Directors of the Jarrettsville Building Association (now Jarrettsville Federal Savings and Loan) in 1900, becoming President in 1920, the position he held for 30 years until stepping down in 1950 at age 93. He was instrumental in forming the Jarrettsville Cemetery Company in 1905, establishing the Jarrettsville Cemetery as a non-profit organization separate from Calvary Methodist Episcopal Church South (now Jarrettsville United Methodist Church) with which it had been affiliated. By this action, he made certain that community residents had access to a local burial place regardless of church affiliation. J. C. Taylor died June 19, 1955 on the eve of his 98th birthday, and six months after he and Ida had celebrated their 74th wedding anniversary.

J. C. Taylor Business Card found in the 1878-1890 Led ger





Mr. Taylor in front of his shop on Baldwin Mill Road in Jarrettsville.

GEORGE P. SHELTON

C. BLAND TAYLOR

JESSE C. TAYLOR

Authorized Dealer
'ROCK OF AGES'
AND
ALL TYPES OF MARBLE
AND GRANITE

J. C. TAYLOR & SON
EST. 1878

Branch Office
3700 TAYLOR AVENUE
Phone CL. 5499
BALTIMORE 6, MARYLAND

PHONE 2582 JARRETTSVILLE, MD.

J.C. Taylor ad in the 1953 Harford County Directory

Business Records Of J.C. TAYLOR MARBLE
BALDWIN MILL ROAD
JARRETTSVILLE, MD

BUSINESS LEDGER DATES: 1878-1890

The 'Pg:' number below is the page number from the above source.

Surname: GLADDEN	Where: OLD BRICK - JARRETTSVILLE	Pg: 1
Entry: A. Gladden's wifes tombstone was put up May 4 th 1878 at the Baptist Church 16.00 Rec'd payment May 4 th 1878 16.00		
Surname: SCARFF	Where: OLD BRICK - JARRETTSVILLE	Pg: 1
Entry: Israel A. Scarff's wifes childs tombstone was put up May 4 th 1878 at the Baptist Church 33.00 Rec'd payment June 15 th 1878 33.00		
Surname: WAGNER	Where: NORTH BEND - ROCKS	Pg: 1
Entry: Jacob Wagner's daughters tombstone was put up May 18 th 1878 at North Bend Church yard 18.00 Rec'd on account March 5 th 1879 7.00 +Jan 20 th 1880 4.00 +June 29 th 1878 3.00 +{no date} 4.00 = 18.00		
Surname: KNIGHT	Where: JARRETTSVILLE CEM	Pg: 1
Entry: Wesley Knights childs tombstone was put up June 1 st 1878 at the church South Jarrettsville 15.00 Rec'd payment June 1 st 1878 15.00		
Surname: BAIRD	Where: NORTH BEND - ROCKS	Pg: 1
Entry: William & Annie Baird's childs tombstone was put up May 18 th 1878 at North Bend Church yard 13.00 Rec'd payment June 1878 13.00		
Surname: DURHAM	Where: JARRETTSVILLE CEM	Pg: 1
Entry: William Durham's childrens tombstone was put up June 3 rd 1878 Church South Jarrettsville 16.00 Rec'd on account June 3 rd 1878 10.00 +Aug 24 th 1878 6.00 = 16.00		
Surname: HORN	Where: SALEM - JARRETTSVILLE	Pg: 1
Entry: William Horn's wifes tombstone was put up June 1878 German Church yard {Salem see p.30} 35.00 Rec'd payment June 1878 35.00		
Surname: LOWE	Where:	Pg: 2
Entry: John Lowe's tombstone was put up 75.00 Rec'd payment 1878		
Surname: LOWE	Where:	Pg: 2
Entry: Jemina Lowe's tombstone was put up 75.00 Rec'd payment 1878		
Surname: STANDIFORD	Where: EBENEZER ME - TAYLOR	Pg: 2
Entry: Charles R. Standiford's childs tombstone was put up Oct 19 th 1878 at Ebenezzer Church yard 10.00 Rec'd payment July 1878 10.00		
Surname: FIFE	Where: ROCK CHAPEL	Pg: 2
Entry: Jacob Fife's tombstone was put up at Rock Chapel burying ground 11.00 Rec'd on account July 12 th 1878 10.00 +March 3 rd 1880 1.00 = 11.00		
Surname: GILBERT	Where: CHURCHVILLE PRESBYTERIAN	Pg: 2
Entry: Cassandra Gilbert's tombstone was put up at Churchville burying ground Oct 4 th 1878 25.00 Rec'd payment Oct 17 th 1878 25.00		

Business Records Of J.C. TAYLOR MARBLE
BALDWIN MILL ROAD
JARRETTSVILLE, MD

Surname: BOSLEY	Where: TRINITY - UNION VILLE	Pg: 100
Entry: S. Parker Bosley's tombstone was put up at Trinity church Union Ville Sept 4 th 1890 Also lot enclosed 18ft x 18ft {with} 6"x8" curbing, 8 posts 274.00 Rec'd on account Sept 5 th 1890 by check #150.00 +Rec'd Balance on account in Dec 1890 124.00 = #274.00		
Surname: PRESTON	Where: JARRETTSVILLE CEM	Pg: 100
Entry: James W. Preston's tombstone & 4 corner posts & brown stone base for small stone was put up Sept 3 rd 1890 Southern M.E. Church Jarrettsville Headstone 65.00 +Posts 4.00 +Base 2.50 = #71.50 Rec'd payment in full #71.50		
Surname: PRESTON	Where: JARRETTSVILLE CEM	Pg: 100
Entry: Franklin Preston's child's tomb was put up Sept 3 rd 1890 M.E. Church South Jarrettsville Headstone 6.00 +Posts 2.00 = #8.00 Rec'd payment in full #8.00		
Surname: SMITHSON	Where: WATTERS - THOMAS RUN	Pg: 100
Entry: Dr. F.P. Smithson's child's tomb was put up Sept 10 th 1890 Watters' Chape, Thomas Run #15.00 Rec'd payment in full by note & Paid when due 15.00		
Surname: WALTER	Where: MT TABOR - HICKORY	Pg: 100
Entry: W.O. Walter's child's tomb was put up Sept 10 th 1890 Mt Tabor church yard #5.00 Rec'd payment Sept 10 th 1890 #5.00		

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