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FORWARD

Members of the Harford County Genealogical Society:

Special Publication #39 is installment three of the transcriptions from the business records of the J. C. TAYLOR MARBLE CO. This installment covers a portion of the ledger marked "1906 – 1934". This SPECIAL PUBLICATION (SP) is the third of (probably) five, though not necessarily sequential, publications. If you read these data carefully, you will no doubt notice that the ledger marked 1906-1934 is regrettably missing years 1907-1925. Additionally, we have only included years 1927-1930.

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. SP-37 and SP-38 are available at the headquarters building in searchable electronic format (PDF).

Notations used (revised):

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 ledger "record label," and was usually the surname inscribed on the tombstone. Often, other surnames were mentioned in the "**Entry:**" text, such as the buyer, the intended recipient, estate administrator, or other associates. Every surname listed in "**Surname:**" and "**Entry:**"

fields has been included in the **INDEX**. Records for surnames found in the “**Entry:**” fields simply refer the reader to the record containing the associated surname, ex. “[see page ##, <surname>]. Lastly, “??” are used to indicate questionable spellings of the data.

To enhance the index, 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.

If a surname appears more than once on the same publication page, the page number is listed multiple times in the index as an indication of such.

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

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INTRODUCTION

By Dr. J. Arch Phillips

Jesse C. Taylor Marble Works

Those who have been following our publications of the J. C. Taylor Records will be familiar with most of the information in this introductory note to Volume 3 of the *Business Ledgers of the J.C. Taylor Marble Co.*, (Special Publication No. 39 of the Harford County Genealogical Society, dated 2009.) Volume 3 includes transcriptions of Mr. Taylor's records spanning the years 1927 thru 1930. Regrettably, records for the years 1907 – 1924 have been lost. It is remarkable that by a very circuitous and unexpected route, we were able to retrieve the large number of records we do have. Through the untiring dedication of Richard Appel and Douglas Washburn, members of the Harford County Genealogical Society, three volumes of records have thus far been transcribed and made readily available for current and future family historians.



Jesse and Ida Taylor at their 70th wedding anniversary.

Jesse Clinton Taylor was born in 1857 in New Market, York Co., Pennsylvania (1 mile north of Md. Line, MD.) He established his monument business in Jarrettsville in 1878, and remained active in the business until age 89, retiring in 1946. From about 1920 until 1976 the business was operated as J. C. Taylor and Son. C. Bland Taylor had joined with his father in the business and was the owner and operator from

1946 until 1965 when he sold the business to George P. Shelton who had worked for J. C. Taylor and Son for many years. Silbaugh Memorials of Shrewsbury, PA subsequently bought the business after Mr. Shelton's Death in 1976.

J. C. Taylor's records are of significance for genealogical research given that at one time or another he *did* business with virtually every family in Harford County. He also erected monuments for families in Cecil, Baltimore and Carroll Counties, and Baltimore City in Maryland, and York and Lancaster Counties in Pennsylvania.

Mr. Taylor was a skilled craftsman and was known for the many intricate designs he carved on tombstones. He lived a long and productive life in Jarrettsville. In 1880 he Ida Jarrett, a member of the family for whom the village was named. He was prominent in banking, business and civic affairs in the community until shortly before his death on the eve of his 98th birthday in 1955.

(For a more extensive background and history of J. C. Taylor and his business, see the Introduction to Volume I, Business Ledger of the J. C. Taylor Marble Co., Harford County Genealogical Society Special Publication 37, 2007.

More about the family histories of Jesse C. and Ida Jarrett Taylor are reported in the publication, Jesse Clinton Taylor and Ida Virginia Jarrett: Their Ancestors and Descendants, a copy of which is available in the Historical Society of Harford County collection.

J. Arch Phillips, Jr.

January, 2009

The advertisement features three circular portraits of the business owners: George P. Shelton on the left, C. Bland Taylor in the center, and Jesse C. Taylor on the right. Below the portraits is a photograph of a large, rectangular granite monument with two tall, fluted columns on either side. The name "PRENDER" is engraved in the center of the monument. To the left of the portraits, text reads: "Authorized Dealer 'ROCK OF AGES' AND ALL TYPES OF MARBLE AND GRANITE". To the right, text reads: "Branch Office 3700 TAYLOR AVENUE Phone CL. 5499 BALTIMORE 6, MARYLAND". At the bottom, the company name "J. C. TAYLOR & SON" is prominently displayed, along with "PHONE 2582", "EST. 1878", and "JARRETTSVILLE, MD."

This advertisement for J.C. Taylor Marble appeared in the 1953 Harford County Directory (State Directory Publishing Co.) and shows the three owners of the business that spanned from 1878 to 1976.

Business Records of J. C. TAYLOR MARBLE
BALDWIN MILL ROAD, JARRETSVILLE, MD

Surname: CAIRNES Where: BETHEL - MADONNA Pg: 84 (1906-1934)
Entry: George Richard Cairne's head stone was put up March 29th 1927 Bethel Cemetery 140.00
Paid by check Aug 13th 1927 140.00

Surname: BIDDISON Where: BIDDISON CEM - OVERLEA BA CO Pg: 84 (1906-1934)
Entry: Aunt Susie Biddison's inscription and marker was put up March 8th 1927 Biddison
Cemetery Overlea ordered by Hammond Biddison 100.00 Paid in full by check April
25th/27 100.00

Surname: BROWN Where: BIDDISON CEM - OVERLEA BA CO Pg: 84 (1906-1934)
Entry: Mrs. Mary Helen Browns Marble head stone was put up April 13th 1927 Biddison
Cemetery Overlea ordered by Mrs. Ella Kaufman #5 West Franklin Ave. Raspeburg MD
135.00 Paid in full by check May 28th 1927 135.00

Surname: KAUFMAN Where: BIDDISON CEM - OVERLEA BA CO Pg: 84 (1906-1934)
Entry: {see page 84, BROWN}

Surname: BEYER Where: BLENHEIM - HAVRE DE GRACE Pg: 84 (1906-1934)
Entry: Charles F. Beyer's and Wife's Granite Monument was put up April 20th 1927. Blenheim
Cemetery ordered by his wife LYDIA R. BEYER 285.00 Paid by check April 20th 1927
285.00

Surname: POHL Where: MT ERIN - HAVRE DE GRACE Pg: 85 (1906-1934)
Entry: Mr. L. C. Pohl's and Wife's Granite Monument was put up April 26th 1927 Havre de Grace
Catholic Cemetery Monument 625.00 4 - 8in Granite posts pol {polished} top with L 75.00 =
700.00 Paid by check May 5th 1927 700.00

Surname: HOLLAHAN Where: MT ERIN - HAVRE DE GRACE Pg: 85 (1906-1934)
Entry: Thomas J., Johanna C., Michael T., and Katherine J. Hollohan's Granite Monument was put
up April 26th 1927 - Havre de Grace Catholic Cemetery Monument 300.00 4 - 6in posts H
65.00 ordered by Miss KATHERINE HOLLOHAN 365.00 Paid in full by check April 30th
1927 365.00

Surname: SPICER Where: FRIENDSHIP - FALLSTON Pg: 85 (1906-1934)
Entry: 2726 Calvert St. Balto. MD D. R. Spicer's father's mother's Brother's and Sisters Granite
Monument was put up April 27th/27 Friendship Cemetery ordered by D. R. Spicer
Fallston MD. 350.00 Paid on acct by Mrs. A. B. Smithson June 15th 1927 25.00 Paid on acct
by S. Elizabeth Spicer Gerlack June 15th/27 100.00 Paid on acct Dec 6th 1927 50.00 Paid on
acct Oct 11th 1927 30.00 Paid on acct June 21st 1928 25.00 Paid on acct Nov. 27th 1928 25.00
Paid on acct by note Mrs. A SIBELLA Smithson for 4 mo. Forest Hill

Surname: SMITHSON Where: FRIENDSHIP - FALLSTON Pg: 85 (1906-1934)
Entry: {see page 85, SPICER}

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BALDWIN MILL ROAD, JARRETSVILLE, MD

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Entry: Date cut on Granite Monument for Mrs Frank M. Gorsuch and furnishing Marker for grave ordered by Mr Frank M. Gorsuch, Kingsville, MD 50.00 +little marble marker 5.00 = 55.00 Paid Oct 30th 1930 55.00
- Surname: HARRISON Where: unknown Pg: 197 (1906-1934)
Entry: Harrison's Mother's and Father's Granite Monument was put up Cemetery _____ Baltimore, MD May 2nd 1930 ordered by Mrs E. Estelle Harrison or Mrs Geo. R. Harrison, 2902 Chelsea Terrace, Baltimore, MD 300.00 Paid for May 12th 1930 300.00
- Surname: WILLIAMS Where: ST MARYS - EMMORTON Pg: 198 (1906-1934)
Entry: *** CROSSED OUT *** "Balance No good" This work was ordered done by Mr S.A. Williams Fixing foundation resetting work in the Proctor lot 10.00 +Wm Barnard lot [Paid] 15.00 +McHenry lot [Paid] 10.00 +E.H. Hall lot [Paid] 5.00 =40.00 St Mary's Cemetery Paid on acct 30.00 Balance No good
- Surname: PACA Where: MT ZION - FOUNTAIN GREEN Pg: 198 (1906-1934)
Entry: Miss Elizabeth G. Paca's Mother's head stone cleaned Oct 5th 1930 Mt Zion Cemetery ordered by Miss Elizabeth G. Paca, Bel Air, MD 5.00 Paid Oct 24th 1930 5.00
- Surname: CALDER Where: JARRETSVILLE CEM Pg: 198 (1906-1934)
Entry: James J. Calder's 4 corner stones was put up Nov 1930 Jarrettsville Cemetery ordered by Jas. J. Calder, Rocks 7.00 Paid by check Nov 1930 7.00
- Surname: BARNES Where: FAMILY = BARNES Pg: 198 (1906-1934)
Entry: Wilmer L. Barnes' Uncle's WILLIAM HENRY BARNES head stone was put up May 1930 family burying grounds near Havre de Grace ordered by W.L. Barnes, Bel Air 60.00 Paid for June 26th 1930 60.00
- Surname: TAYLOR Where: JARRETSVILLE CEM Pg: 199 (1906-1934)
Entry: J.C. Taylor's Monument was put up Aug 1930 Jarrettsville Cemetery Actual Cost Below: Die and Base 510.00 +3-Markers Regular Price \$26.00 each = 100.00 +Lettering die and 3-markers 171.00 +Freight 27.00 +Foundation 47.20 +hauling from R.R., Extra work and setting 44.80 = Actual Cost 900.00 Paid 900.00 {This is the business owner's personal tomb stone}

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