

Working Notes on Lewis Ball¹ Taylor

Believed to be born prior to 1772², presumably in Virginia.

Married Elizabeth “Betsy” Braswell: **January 20, 1793** in Brunswick County, Virginia.³ Ceremony performed by Rev. John King, a Baptist minister.⁴

1793 - Listed on Brunswick County Personal Property Tax List, Fletcher’s District, showing one white male over the age of 16 and one horse.⁵

1794 - Listed on Brunswick County Personal Property Tax List, Fletcher’s District, showing one white male over the age of 16, one negro over the age of 16, one negro between the age of 12-16, and one horse.

1795 - Listed on Brunswick County Personal Property Tax List, Watson’s District, showing three white males over the age of 16, and one horse.

1796 - Listed on Brunswick County Personal Property Tax List, Watson’s District, showing three white males over the age of 16, one negro over the age of 16, and one horse.

1797 - Listed on Brunswick County Personal Property Tax List, Watson’s District, showing three white males over the age of 16, one negro over the age of 16, and one horse.

1798 - Listed on Brunswick County Personal Property Tax List, Watson’s District, showing three white males over the age of 16, one negro over the age of 16, and one horse.

1799 - Listed on Brunswick County Personal Property Tax List, Watson’s District, showing three white males over the age of 16, one negro over the age of 16, and one horse.

1800 - Listed on Brunswick County Personal Property Tax List, Watson’s District, showing three white males over the age of 16, one negro over the age of 16, and two horses.

1801 – Constable of Brunswick County.⁶

1801 - Listed on Brunswick County Personal Property Tax List, Watson’s District, showing two white males over the age of 16, one negro over the age of 16, and two horses.

¹ Need a source for middle name.

² Presumes that Lewis B. Taylor was at least 21 years old at the time of his marriage in 1793.

³ Marriage bonds of Brunswick County, Virginia, as recorded in the Clerk’s Office of the Brunswick County Circuit Court.

⁴ Need a source for this.

⁵ Personal Property Tax Records, Brunswick County, Virginia; recorded on microfilm at the Library of Virginia. See <http://www.lva.virginia.gov/public/guides/pptax.htm>

⁶ Neale, Gay. Brunswick County, Virginia, 1720-1975. Appendix, page 399.

1802 - Listed on Brunswick County Personal Property Tax List, Watson's District, showing one white male over the age of 16, one negro over the age of 16, three horses, and one carriage.

1803 - Listed on Brunswick County Personal Property Tax List, Watson's District, showing one white male over the age of 16, one negro over the age of 16, and three horses.

1804 - Listed on Brunswick County Personal Property Tax List, Watson's District, showing one white male over the age of 16, two negroes over the age of 16, and two horses.

1805 - Listed on Brunswick County Personal Property Tax List, Watson's District, showing one white male over the age of 16, two negroes over the age of 16, and one horse.

1806 - Listed on Brunswick County Personal Property Tax List, Watson's District, showing one white male over the age of 16, two negroes over the age of 16, and one horse.

1806 – May 9. A Lewis Taylor is noted as having preached at a camp-meeting at Olive Branch meeting house, in Brunswick County.⁷

1807 - Listed on Brunswick County Personal Property Tax List, Chapman's District, showing one white male over the age of 16, two negroes over the age of 16, and one horse.

1809 - Listed on Brunswick County Personal Property Tax List, Powell's District, showing one white male over the age of 16, one negroes over the age of 16, and one horse.

1810 Census, Brunswick County, Meherrin Parish.

1810 - Listed on Brunswick County Personal Property Tax List, Powell's District, showing one white male over the age of 16, and one horse.

1811 - Listed on Brunswick County Personal Property Tax List, Meherrin District, showing two white males over the age of 16, one negro over the age of 16, and two horses.

1812 – Veteran, War of 1812.⁸

1812 - Listed on Brunswick County Personal Property Tax List, Meherrin District, showing two white males over the age of 16, one negro over the age of 16, and one horse.

⁷ Thrift, Minton. *Memoir of the Rev. Jesse Lee. With Extracts from his Journals.* 1823. Page 294. While Lewis B. Taylor was living in Brunswick County at the time, this may also be the Rev. Lewis Taylor, Jr. from Granville County, North Carolina.

⁸ Neale At 411. Please note, however, that the source of this military record has been undetermined. Despite this, there is at least one record that refers to Lewis B. Taylor as "Capt. Lewis B. Taylor," found at John S. Harris, Exr. of James W. Smith, etc. v. James P. Harrison, etc. and Benjamin Taylor, etc. Brunswick County, Virginia, Chancery Records. 1847-019. See <http://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery>.

1812 – Deed of Gift from Jesse Braswell, father-in-law, to Lewis B. Taylor, containing ninety-two (92) acres of land, lying on the road to Powellton, approximately 12 miles southeast of the Courthouse.⁹

1813 - Listed on Brunswick County Personal Property Tax List, Meherrin District, showing two white males over the age of 16, one negro over the age of 16, and two horses.

1814 - Listed on Brunswick County Personal Property Tax List, Harrison's District, showing two white males over the age of 16, one negro over the age of 16, and two horses.

1815 - Listed on Brunswick County Personal Property Tax List, Harrison's District, showing two white males over the age of 16, one negro between age 9-12, one negro over the age of 16, one horse, 7 cattle, and one chest of drawers.

1820 Census, Brunswick County, Meherrin Parish.

1820 - Listed on Brunswick County Personal Property Tax List, Meherrin District, showing two white males over the age of 16, two negroes over the age of 16, and one horse.

1822 - John Taylor and others to Lewis B. Taylor (deed actually written in 1821 and recorded in 1822). 233 acres. Beginning on Stage Road, along road to Willie Harrison's line, to estate of R. Black, to Edward Wesson's line, along line to Rattlesnake Creek, up creek to beginning.¹⁰

1823 – Surveyor, Brunswick County.¹¹

1825 - Listed on Brunswick County Personal Property Tax List, Meherrin District, showing two white males over the age of 16, two negroes over the age of 16, two negroes between the age of 12-16, three horses, and one gig valued at \$50.00.

December 1827 – Served as co-Executor of the Estate of his father-in-law, Jesse Braswell.¹²

1830 Census, Brunswick County, Meherrin Parish

1830 - Listed on Brunswick County Personal Property Tax List, Meherrin District, showing three white males over the age of 16, four negroes over the age of 16, and five horses.

Died before **December 31, 1831** in Brunswick County, Virginia.¹³

⁹ Brunswick County Deed Book 21, page 392. Additionally, Virginia Land Tax Records for 1814 et seq., LVA.

¹⁰ Brunswick County Deed Book 25, page 314.

¹¹ Neale at 390.

¹² Will of Jesse Braswell, Brunswick County, Virginia, recorded December 24, 1827.

<http://braswellgenealogy.blogspot.com/2007/10/will-of-jesse-braswell-brunswick-co-va.html>

¹³ Inventory and Appraisal of the Estate of Lewis B. Taylor, dated December 31, 1831. Recorded May Term, 1832, in the Circuit Court of Brunswick County, Virginia.

Children Of Lewis B. Taylor¹⁴ and Elizabeth Braswell Taylor:

- **Benjamin Taylor**
 - o Born ca. 1793 in Brunswick County, Virginia
 - o Married Mary Ann Elizabeth Claiborne Parham
 - December 15, 1820, Brunswick County, Virginia
 - o Died bef. December 23, 1847 in Brunswick County, Virginia

- **John W. (Warterm[?]¹⁵) Taylor**
 - o Born ca. 1797 in Brunswick County, Virginia
 - o Married Elizabeth J.W. Buckner, born ca. 1805
 - Married November 5, 1832, Brunswick County, Virginia
 - Daughter of William Buckner¹⁶
 - o 1830 Census: Brunswick County, Virginia
 - o 1840 Census: Brunswick County, Virginia
 - o 1850 Census: Southern District, Brunswick County, Virginia (Carpenter)
 - o 1860 Census: Meherrin Parish, Brunswick County, Virginia (Carpenter)
 - Value of personal estate: \$100.00
 - o 1870 Census: Meherrin Township, Sturgeonville PO (Retired Carpenter)
 - o Died after 1870.

- **Jesse Lewis Taylor**
 - o Born 1801 in Brunswick County, Virginia
 - o Married Sarah S. Hawkins
 - November 5, 1832
 - o Moved to Tallapoosa County, Alabama, prior to 1860.

- **Napoleon Bonaparte D. Taylor**
 - o Born February 22, 1804 in Brunswick County, Virginia
 - o Married Sarah A. York on March 3, 1843 in Notasulga, Macon County, Alabama.
 - o Died June 16, 1885. Buried at Antioch United Methodist Church in Notasulga, Macon County, Alabama

¹⁴ John S. Harris, Exr. of James W. Smith, etc. v. James P. Harrison, etc. and Benjamin Taylor, etc. Brunswick County, Virginia, Chancery Records. 1847-019. See <http://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery>

¹⁵ This middle name of Warterm shows up in family records, but need a source for this.

¹⁶ See *Phipps v. Estate of William Buckner*, chancery records at the Library of Virginia, July 1845, Brunswick County, Virginia.

- **Jane Henrietta Taylor**
 - Born 1805
 - Living with brother William N.M. Taylor in 1850 and 1860.

- **James Mortimer Taylor**
 - Born June 1, 1809 in Brunswick County, Virginia.
 - Married to Lucy Griffin White
 - December 18, 1833 in Brunswick County, Virginia
 - Died August 15, 1866.

- **George Washington Taylor**
 - Born 1814 in Brunswick County, Virginia
 - Married to Eveline Gilliland Hawkins (ca. 1824 – March 1, 1854 in Brunswick Co, Virginia)
 - December 19, 1835 in Brunswick County, Virginia

- **William Ney Murat Taylor**
 - Born 1816 in Brunswick County, Virginia
 - Married to Alpha Ann Elizabeth Bishop
 - August 13, 1849 in Sussex County, Virginia
 - Post Master at Gholsonville, Brunswick County, Virginia.
 - 1850 Census: Southern District, Brunswick County, Virginia (Wheelwright)
 - 1860 Census: Meherrin Parish, Brunswick County, Virginia (Buggy Maker)
 - Value of real estate: \$1,700.00
 - Value of personal estate: \$2,400.00
 - Died July 15, 1896 in Brunswick County.

- **Elizabeth L. Taylor**
 - Born 1823 in Brunswick County, Virginia
 - Living with brother William N.M. Taylor in 1850.
 - Married to William A. Wright
 - December 26, 1855 in Brunswick County, Virginia