

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Taylor, Thomas Eddy Senator Taylor
Thomas Eddy - Represented Buchanan and Delaware counties

1. Birthday and place 20 June 1864 Lake County, Illinois

2. Marriage (s) date place

Nellie Margaret Heise 12 June 1889 Holbrook, Maricopa County, Arizona

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business In 1901 his alma mater conferred the Doctor of Divinity degree upon him; he wrote and published several religious books

B. Civic responsibilities

C. Profession Minister; farmer

4. Church membership Methodist Episcopal

5. Sessions served 36th General Assembly 1915 - House of Representatives

6. Public Offices 37th and 38th General Assemblies 1917, 1919 - Senate

A. Local

B. State

C. National

7. Death 20 Feb 1936 Holbrook, Arizona; buried Oakwood Cemetery Holbrook, Arizona

8. Children Nathaniel D.; Karl S.; Lloyd M.

9. Names of parents Charles Henry and Elizabeth Ann (Rawson) Taylor

10. Education He was educated in public schools in Mitchell and Boone
Counties

11. Degrees Upper Iowa University, Fayette, Iowa - Graduate in 1887;
Ward's Bible Institutes - became a minister

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He came to Iowa as an infant with his parents locating in
Mitchell County Iowa where they lived until 1876.
- The family moved to Manchester Iowa where his father served
in the ministry.
- He became a minister at near Waterloo, Marble Rock, Greene,
Oresco, Independence, Jonesville and Auger for a total of 25 years.
- He retired from active ministry in 1911 but continued as a supply
minister and preaching at the hospitals.
- He took an interest in farming and owned 240 acres in Audubon
County and operated the farm named "Idlewild."
- He was a trustee of Upper Iowa University, Fayette, Iowa 1896-1904



Delegates To State Meeting Are Selected

DELEGATES' CONVENTION

Large Gathering At City Friday Names Nineteen Delegates—Endorse Charlton and ... As Candidates.

Delegate List.

McKay, Byron; Mrs. Harry Newton; H. D. Beeman, A. F. Pitman, Madison; Campbell, Perry; W. W. Jefferson; I. C. Plane, Third Mrs. Geo. Emry, Fourth Ray G. Whitney, Fourth J. L. Parker, First ward; ... Z. Wallace, Second ward; Silka, Hazleton; Roy Craw-erry; P. F. McCunniff, ... J. B. Elliott, Third ... F. Slemmons, Liberty; ... Loeck, Buffalo.

Holland Chairman.

... list of delegates to attend ... can state convention ... tomorrow was ... county convention ... city hall here Friday ... 11 o'clock. Owing to ... and weather, the attend- ... cut down some, but at ... were sixty or more in ... There were about a ... ideas among the delegates ... A few precincts were not ... The county chair- ... L. Parker, called the con- ... to order. J. L. Holland ... as chairman on motion ... Gray, F. G. Whitney of- ... as secretary. Secretary ... read the convention call ... Harry Parker, the new coun- ... chairman, was introduced. ... on was taken on a motion ... way with a credentials com- ... but another motion to pro- ... the naming of state con- ... delegates was adopted. ... in Holland named J. N. ... B. McKay and State Sen- ... L. Parker as a commit- ... ant a list of delegates, the ... precinct delegations being ... and requested to submit ... if they had individuals who ... to and would attend the ... the meeting.

... the committee was deliber- ... chairman Holland called ... Harry Parker, the new ... vice chairman, and Mrs. ... Emry, president of the Bu- ... county Republican Wo- ... club, for remarks. Mrs. ... said ... was a believer in ... an ... principles and that in ... ion would do what ... Mrs. Emry told of the re- ... women's clubs, its past ... and its future plans.

Endorse Two Men.

... Reatty, Homer, presented ... following resolution, which ... unanimously ... of Buchanan county, in ... tion assembled, hereby en- ... the candidacy of Shannon B.

Funeral For C. W. Williams

HELD HERE LAST SATURDAY

Services In M. E. Church Well At- tended—The Rev. F. H. Weed, Pastor, Officiates.

The body of the late C. W. Williams, 79, former Independence resident, who died in Copley hos- pital, Aurora, Ill., his home, Tues- day evening, Feb. 18, 1936, of in- fection, arrived here Saturday morning at 8:33 over the Illinois Central. Funeral services had been held in the Healy chapel in Aurora Friday afternoon. Accom- panying the body to Independence were his three sons, Ross, Parke, Hollis, and his daughter, Mrs. Etholeen Petersmeyer, all of Sas- katchewan, Can.

Services were held in the First M. E. church at 11 a. m. Saturday. The local business houses were closed during the period from 11 to 11:30. A goodly number of old friends attended the services, at which the Rev. Floyd H. Weed, pastor, officiated. Pallbearers were M. A. Smith, C. A. McEwen, P. C. Heege, R. Z. Wallace, R. B. Hovey, M. O. Fouts. There were beau- tiful floral offerings, one a large wreath of roses and greenery from the "city of Independence." Mrs. F. A. Barker presided at the organ. A quartet composed of James Rosemond, Robert Mont- gomery, C. L. Raymond and John Pappas sang "Abide With Me."

The Rev. Mr. Weed read as a Scripture lesson the twenty-third Psalm and a part of the fourteenth chapter of John, after which he offered prayer, in which the God- liness of Mr. Williams was spoken of. The pastor gave a beau- tiful eulogy of Mr. Williams' eventful life, quoting from the last issue of the Bulletin-Journal. He mentioned his surviving widow, who was unable to come here on account of feeble health; the three sons and daughter above mentioned; a brother, F. E., formerly associated with him in the horse business, now farming near Rouleau, Sask.; eleven grandchildren.

Mr. Weed took his text from the twelfth chapter of Hebrews, first and second verses: "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of wit- nesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us." Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him, endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." He said he had been thrilled with the stories of Mr. Williams' days here, stories indicating that truth is even more thrilling than fiction. He advised his hearers to read the history of Mr. Williams' life in Buchanan county history, starting at page 581. He spoke of ... Mr. Williams' work here, the im- port of their stories being that "Charley Williams did ... for

T. E. Taylor Passes Away In Arizona

A FORMER PASTOR, SENATOR

And Representative—Well Known Man Answers Call in Holbrook, Arizona, Thursday—Burial Here Tuesday Afternoon.

Hon. T. E. Taylor.

Hon. T. E. Taylor, 71, former state senator and representative here, died at his home, Holbrook,



Arizona, Thursday afternoon, Feb. 20, 1936, at 4 o'clock. He had been ill for several days with heart trouble. His son, H. D. Taylor, Waterloo, had returned Tuesday of last week from Holbrook, where he had visited his father, owing to his illness, his condition showing improvement when his son returned home.

Thomas E. Taylor, son of the Rev. and Mrs. C. H. and Elizabeth Ann (Rawson) Taylor, was born in Lake county, Ill., June 20, 1864. He was the oldest of a family of five children. He came with his par- ents to Iowa as an infant, locating in Mitchell county, where they made their home until 1871. His father was admitted to the M. E. Iowa conference as a minister and served in the ministry until eighteen months before his death in Burbank, Cal. He was presiding elder of N. E. Iowa district and resided at Manchester for many years, being one of the finest of men and beloved as a pastor and friend. Thomas E. supplemented his public school studies with a course at the U. I. U., Fayette, graduating there with the class of 1887. He later attended the Moody Bible Institute and afterward became a minister in the Upper Iowa conference. His first charge was what was known as the eleventh ... was a pastor at Marble Rock, Greene, Cresco, Independence, ... and ... at Independence

Local Man To Be An Admiral

WILL HEAD ASIATIC FLEET

Rear Admiral Harry E. Yarnell To Become Admiral in October.

Charles E. Begun, former Inde- pendence resident, sends us a clipping from the Long Beach Sun, stating that Rear Admiral Harry E. Yarnell, U. S. navy, also formerly of this city, is slated to become commander in chief of the Asiatic fleet in October, with the rank of admiral, succeeding Ad- miral Orin Gould Martin. He has been commandant of the four- teenth naval district and the navy yard at Pearl Harbor, T. H. The clipping speaks of Admiral Yar- nell being recognized as an en- ginnering authority, having serv- ed as chief of the bureau of en- gineering of the navy beginning Sept. 28, 1928; in 1930 transferred a member of the technical staff of the American delegation to the conference on limitation of arma- ments at London; in 1917 com- manded the U. S. S. Nashville, on patrol duty at Gibraltar, a year later on the staff of Admiral W. S. Sims, then in command of the American naval forces in European waters. In the Spanish-American war he served on the Oregon, mak- ing the historic cruise to the east coast. In the Philippine Boxer re- volution he was on the Yorktown, was in the Vera Cruz occupation in 1914 and in 1915 finished his course in the naval war college. Yarnell was a member of the class of 1897.

BUSINESS CENSUS REPORTS

To Be Taken By Four Enumerators—Reports Confidential.

The 1935 business census con- ducted by the federal government began last week with the appoint- ment of four enumerators for Bu- chanan county, who are: Frank Schmidkonz, Owen Downs, and Philip Shutt, Independence, and Miss Estella Strain, Jesup. The in- formation given to the enumera- tors will be held in the strictest confidence. All enumerators and other persons connected with the census work are under a drastic census oath not to disclose or dis- cuss any information submitted for census purposes. Under the census law it is a criminal offense to violate this confidence; no ac- cess to individual reports is per- mitted, not even to other govern- mental, state, or local agencies, and no information will be disclosed which would reveal any of the facts or figures in the returns. The census is the oldest bureau of the government, established nearly 150 years ago, and never has it been convicted of a violation of confi- dence. Lester E. Van Pelt, district supervisor, Decorah, is asking all business concerns to cooperate with the enumerators who call upon ... Describing the value of the cen- sus, Mr. Van Pelt states that from the results banks and firms

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Endorse Two Men.
Beatrice Homer, presented with resolution, which was adopted: "We the women of Buchanan county, in an assembled, hereby endorsing of Shannon B. of Manchester, as one of the (Iowa) congressional delegates to the republican convention, to be held in O., on June 9, 1936."

She presented the following resolution, which also was adopted: "We, the women of Buchanan county, in an assembled, hereby endorsing of G. L. Parkerson senator from Buchanan county. Chairman spoke of Parker, during his term as senator, "having a good senator, voting on the right side for the best in the state."

She, chairman of the committee named to select state delegates, submitted a resolution. On motion of G. H. secretary was empowered to the unanimous vote of the delegates for the delegate. All voted aye.

She wanted to know the financial status of the organization. Secretary reported informally there was a harmonious convention. County convention adjourned.

List Of Delegates.
—W. D. Wilson, Bessie T. W. Rogers, Ed Matthei, F. M. Mark Elliott, Carl Jenks, E. D.

C. W. Elliott, Frank Mrs. Leona Jolley, E. A. Bentley, Wm. Miller, Dunning.

G. E. Stimmens, T. H. Guy Reed, Marshall Baude L. Kimball, Ed de Walton.

Clarence Oline, E. B. Mrs. C. H. Polham, L. H. Beatty, A. E. Nor-

Beeman, Blanche Stary, J. W. McGrath, Fred Foote, Joseph Mc-

and Mrs. Will Ferrin, Gray, H. E. Frantz, Clate

E. F. Latham, J. N. Mrs. Royce Vargason, Mrs. Rhoads, Arthur Silka, Mrs. ort, C. I. Nelson.

Frank Klotz, Clarence Charles Rowe, alternate

Arlo Craig, Hilton Luena Miller, Wm. Morgan, Thun, Bessie Loeck.

W. W. Bala, Harold F. Short, Virgil Bagley, R. E. Bower, J. M.

Roy H. Crawford, Ruby Olive May, H. J. Ganiere, ne Stoddard, Mrs. H. S. L. Fox, F. F. Walker, d, M. H. Houser, W. D. Mrs. L. V. T. Francis, N. sh, P. C. Freeburg.

Havens, Karl J. Thom, J. H. Polk, Wilda berger.

D. A. Pennell, Hattie Eva Anderson, E. A. and Slaughter, Charles Crawford, Carrie Martin Kress, Lela Mar-

at the right hand of the throne of God." He said he had been thrilled with the stories of Mr. Williams' days here, stories indicating that truth is even more thrilling than fiction. He advised his hearers to read the history of Mr. Williams' life in Buchanan county history, starting at page 381. He spoke of hearing the old residents tell of Mr. Williams' work here, the importance of their stories being that "Charley Williams did more for Independence than any other man." He spoke of Mr. Williams' good fortune with Axtell and Alerton and quoted M. A. Smith as saying that it was not so surprising that he got one fine animal but to get two in the purchase was especially surprising; of Mr. Williams having other days not so successful and pleasant; of his selling his horses and buying Canada land; of his becoming a lay evangelist and coming here to preach the gospel earnestly and effectively. He said that we run here on earth a race different from the race track and the marathon, a race all through life, the most important, floral crowns may be given the jockey who wins in a track race, but they wither, and the important race is the Christian race for which we get an eternal crown, the privilege to enter into the gates of the New Jerusalem and companionship with God, a race in which we must have patience, tacking into the wind as the sail boat sailor does. Such a race did Mr. Williams run. Inclosing he quoted from "Crossing the Bar" and Riley's poem on death, "I cannot say, I will not say that he is dead, he is just away." Prayer by the pastor and the singing of "When I See The King" by the quartet closed the impressive service, in which deserved tribute was paid to Mr. Williams. Burial was in Oak Grove. The sons and daughters returned to Aurora on an afternoon train.

Mr. Williams was born in Chatham, N. Y. Dec. 4, 1856, son of George W. and Juliana Williams. At the age of 11 he came to Iowa with his parents, locating on a farm near Jesup. His body was laid away in Oak Grove by the side of his parents, his first wife and a son, Rush.

At Sunday Memorial.

Mrs. Ora Fox, St. Petersburg, Fla., on Feb. 9 attended at Ritchie's tabernacle a memorial service for the late "Billy" Sunday. C. W. Williams, Aurora, Ill., who was buried in Independence Saturday, was present. Mr. Sunday's song leader, Mr. Rhodeheaver, was in charge of the program. The service was attended by 4,500 people. Mrs. Fox is a sister of Mrs. Dora Hunt, Independence.

Mr. Sunday and Mr. Williams were close friends. In the funeral service here Saturday the Rev. Mr. Weed, who officiated, recalled that four years ago he and other local ministers called on Mr. Sunday at his room in a Waterloo hotel to ask him to come to Independence for a meeting. When Mr. Sunday was told that the delegation were from Independence he spoke up: "Independence, that's where my old friend, Charley Williams, formerly lived."

Second ward—R. Z. Wallace, Ann Elliott, P. F. Hansen, C. L. Catt, W. E. Barske, Irene Blank, Clara Boles.

Third ward—G. M. Vincent, Al-Plane, F. B. Ireland, Mrs. J. B. El-Bolt, J. L. Holland, W. L. Gray, S. E. Lindzey.

men and beloved as a pastor and friend. Thomas E. supplemented his public school studies with a course at the U. I. U., Fayette, graduating there with the class of 1887. He later attended the Moody Bible Institute and afterward became a minister in the Upper Iowa conference. His first charge was what was known as the eleventh circuit, north of Waterloo. He later was a pastor at Marble Rock, Greene, Cresco, Independence, Osaage and again at Independence. He retired from active ministry work in 1911, but continued to do supply work and frequently preached at the Hospital here. In 1901 his alma mater conferred the D.D. degree upon him. He wrote and had published several books, "Studies in the Life of Christ," "Studies in the Apostolic Church," "Studies in the Old Testament," which were adopted as the official Bible study textbook of the Epworth League, the United C. E. society, and the Young People's societies of Canada. For three years beginning in 1901 he had charge of the Bible study work of the Epworth League. He also took an interest in farming and at one time owned 240 acres of Buchanan county land, his farm, Idlewild, being west of town, operating this modernly equipped farm for many years.

June 12, 1889, he was married to Miss Nellie Margaret Hule, who survives him. The widow and three children survive. Hartness D., for many years principal of the East Waterloo junior high schools; Lloyd, of Holbrook, and Karl, of Ventura, Cal. His aged mother, two sisters and a brother, all in California, and grandchildren survive.

Mr. Taylor's ability also brought him honors in the political field. He was state representative for this county for four years and state senator for the Buchanan-Delaware district for the same length of time. The Taylor family left here in 1924 for Holbrook, where he had since been engaged in business.

Buchanan county people regret to learn of the death of Mr. Taylor, for so long a prominent resident here, as pastor, legislator and farmer. He was a man of rare ability, forceful, a man of affairs, who took an active part in community movements. Many friends here mourn his passing.

The body arrived here Tuesday. Funeral services were held that afternoon at 2:30 in the M. E. church, and was largely attended by oldtime friends. The Rev. F. H. Weed officiated. Interment was in Oak Grove. Pallbearers were O. E. Finuf, C. W. Kline, Ira Hoemer, A. G. Rigby, R. F. Tidball, Dr. F. T. Plank. Interment was in Oak Grove.

Relatives and others in attendance from away: Mrs. H. D. Taylor, son Gordon and daughter Zineta, Mrs. C. H. Gilbert, Mrs. Hazel Hollowell, Carlton Isley, Mr. Anderson, Waterloo; Mr. and Mrs. Alaxaper, Mr. and Mrs. Beck, Mr. and Mrs. McCann, Shell Rock, H. D. Taylor, Waterloo, was unable to attend being ill with the flu.

Must Pay Teachers.

Miss Agnes Samuelson, state superintendent, asked for and received an opinion from the attorney-general's office of interest regarding payment of salaries of school teachers during the period of cold weather and impassable highways. The opinion is that the common schools were closed for weeks.

which would reveal any of the facts or figures in the returns. The census is the oldest bureau of the government, established nearly 150 years ago, and never has it been convicted of a violation of confidence. Lester E. Van Pelt, district supervisor, Decorah, is asking all business concerns to cooperate with the enumerators who call upon them for business census data.

Describing the value of the census, Mr. Van Pelt states that from the results, banks and financial agencies are enabled to extend commercial credit more freely because of more accurate knowledge of what constitutes sound operating expenses and stock ratios; newspapers are enabled to establish the consumer market in their circulation fields; wholesalers are able to make a better appraisal of their immediate and potential trade territories and thus avoid unproductive expense; advertising agencies can determine comprehensive and accurate markets for various products; retailers are supplied with needed data on their competitive situation, not only in their particular field but also regarding the extent of other kinds of competitive business. Real estate values, proper rentals and the basis for percentage leases are frequently determined from business census data, which have great weight because they are strictly factual statements without prejudice.

As fast as reports are received they are sent to Philadelphia by registered mail, where they are carefully guarded. Five to eight tabulating cards are punched to record the formation on each report, and no names or addresses appear on these cards. The cards are tabulated with other cards to produce the figures which are published and become the recognized basic statistics of business.

The census of Independence is being taken by Philip Shutt.

From "Catfish Charley."

J. J. Plank has been receiving some interesting letters from Charles Hancock, formerly a resident of this city, better known as "Catfish Charley." Hancock left here last summer, after having been a resident here for about three years. He writes Mr. Plank from Trenton, N. J., where he had been ill and in a hospital for two weeks. He had seen Hauptman and sat in the electric chair in which Hauptman may be electrocuted this spring. Hancock has a job as cook on a vessel plying the coast line from New York to Texas ports. Following his illness, he was to report for duty last week and upon arrival in the south the steward was to go on a vacation and he was to take his place as substitute.

Participated In Exposition.

Harry L. Monroe, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Lile, who is in the U. S. Naval Training station at San Diego, Cal., writes that his company won the infantry competitive drill and were awarded the honor of participating in the opening of the San Diego exposition there recently. He was one of the honor guards who escorted the officials, among whom were Gov. Merriam, of California, and Josephus Daniels, ambassador to Mexico. Harry will be graduated from the school March 8 and expects to be in Independence about March 12 for a visit with relatives and friends.

Is Moving Day.

Next Sunday is March 1. March 1 is the usual moving day on Iowa farms. Just how moving can be

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children: Edna M., who has lived in various places in the west and has been a music teacher, but is now engaged in the millinery business in Montana; and Marie, at home.

Mr. Woodrum is a republican and takes a keen interest in everything relating to the welfare of the community. Fraternally he belongs to Safety Lodge, No. 416, K. P.; Jesup Lodge, I. O. O. F.; to the Encampment; and to the Patriarchs Militant. His energy and business acumen have enabled him to prosper materially and he has won also the respect of those who know him.

REV. THOMAS EDDY TAYLOR, D. D.

For many years Rev. Thomas Eddy Taylor devoted his life to the active work of the ministry but has now retired, although there are few Sundays in which he does not act as a supply in some pulpit and his interest in the work of the church has never abated in the slightest degree. He was born in Lake county, Illinois, June 20, 1864, a son of Charles H. and Elizabeth Ann (Rawson) Taylor. The father's birth occurred in Devonshire, England, January 24, 1837, and he passed away on the 12th of October, 1905. As a boy he began earning his own living and the necessity of providing for his own support greatly limited his opportunities for acquiring an education. He came to the new world when about eighteen years of age and settled in Lake county, Illinois. There he was married on the 12th of October, 1861, to Miss Elizabeth Ann Rawson, who was born in Michigan in 1841. Mr. Taylor afterward engaged in farming and also became a local preacher of the Methodist Episcopal church. He resided in Illinois until the fall of 1864, when he came with his family to Iowa, settling on a farm in the northern part of Mitchell county, where he continued to make his home until 1871. He was then admitted to the upper Iowa conference and from that time until within eighteen months of his death he continued active in the work of the ministry, being called to the pastorate of various churches in northeastern Iowa. Near the close of his ministry he served as a presiding elder for a term and a half, but because of failing health he went to California and died at Burbank, that state. Mrs. Taylor survives and is now a resident of Manchester, Iowa.

Rev. Thomas Eddy Taylor is the eldest of a family of five children. He supplemented his public-school course by study in the Upper Iowa University, from which he was graduated with the class of 1887. He also attended the Moody Bible Institute and when he had finished school he took up the task of preaching the gospel, joining the upper Iowa conference of the Methodist Episcopal church. His first charge was what was known as the eleventh circuit north of Waterloo. He later filled the pastorates of the churches at Marble Rock, Greene, Cresco, Independence, Osage and then again at Independence, and in 1911 he retired from the active work of the ministry, although he still preaches almost every Sunday, doing supply work. He also frequently preaches at the hospital at Independence. In 1901 his alma mater conferred upon him the Doctor of Divinity degree. In the previous year Dr. Taylor began the publication of a series of books, his authorship having since made him widely



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known. His first volume was "Studies in the Life of Christ," which has since been followed by "Studies in the Apostolic Church" and "Studies in the Old Testament." These volumes were adopted as the official Bible study text-book in the Epworth League and also as the official text-book of the United Christian Endeavor Society. It has likewise become the official text-book of the Young People's Societies of Canada, and in 1901 he was given charge of the Bible study department of the Epworth League for three years. In addition to his active work along the lines of moral progress and development Dr. Taylor has become interested in agricultural pursuits and is the owner of two hundred and forty acres of land in Buchanan county comprised in two farms, to one of which he gives his personal attention and supervision. This is known as Idlewild and is situated in Washington township. He operates this farm of one hundred and sixteen acres in a general way but also specializes in the raising of shorthorn cattle and Duroc Jersey hogs. The farm adjoins the city limits and is supplied with all modern equipments and accessories.

On the 12th of June, 1889, Dr. Taylor was united in marriage to Miss Nellie Margaret Huie, who was born at Polo, Ogle county, Illinois, a daughter of Robert J. and Julia (Hammond) Huie. The mother was born in New York and about 1841 was taken to Illinois by her parents, her marriage being celebrated in Polo in 1862. Mr. Huie's birth occurred in Ogle county, Illinois, in 1840, and in early life he followed farming. Later he engaged in the lumber business and was also employed as an official weigher at the stock yards at Polo by the Illinois Central Railroad Company. In 1862, immediately after his marriage, he enlisted for service in the Union army as a private of Company A, Ninety-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He was afterward promoted to the rank of orderly sergeant, subsequently became second lieutenant and still later first lieutenant, serving altogether for three years, when he was mustered out. He was with Sherman on the celebrated march to the sea and for a short time was confined in the hospital with fever. At the close of his military experience he returned to Illinois and assisted his father in the further development and improvement of a large farm. In the meantime he purchased a farm in Floyd county, Iowa, and later came to this state with his wife and daughter, now Mrs. Taylor. For seventeen years he resided upon his Floyd county farm and then removed to Charles City, where he engaged in the lumber business until about 1895, after which he returned to his native county. A few years later he became official weigher for the Illinois Central Railroad and is still a resident of Polo but is now living retired. He also engaged at one time in the life insurance business, representing a mutual benefit association of New Jersey, but made that simply a side issue to his other interests. While living in Floyd county, Iowa, he served as assessor. His wife passed away in May, 1901. Mrs. Taylor was the eldest of their five children. She attended the Upper Iowa University, from which she was graduated with the class of 1888, and she is a member of the Chautauqua, Literary and Scientific Circle and other organizations advancing educational and church work.

Dr. and Mrs. Taylor have three children. Hartness D., who was born July 16, 1891, and was graduated from the Upper Iowa University in 1913, on the completion of a course in the College of Liberal Arts, has been superintendent of the public schools at Stanwood, Iowa, and is now studying law at Iowa City.

Karl S., born July 20, 1898, is in the second year of high school. Lloyd M., born September 20, 1901, is attending grammar school.

In his political views Dr. Taylor is a stalwart republican and at the present time is a candidate for the office of representative to the state legislature. His life interests have been broad and varied and he is identified with that class of men who ever stand for progress and improvement. He is usually to be found in those circles where intelligent men are met for the discussion of important questions and association with him means expansion and elevation.

WILLIS F. VAN ORSDOL.

It has been said that death loves a shining mark and many times this seems to be exemplified when a leading and valued citizen is called from the scene of his activities. Willis F. Van Orsdol was one of the valued residents of Rowley and throughout his entire life displayed qualities and characteristics that endeared him to all who knew him, causing his death to be greatly regretted wherever he was known. He was born in this county in November, 1863, a son of James and Jessie Van Orsdol, who were pioneer settlers of this part of the state. The father was for many years actively and successfully engaged in general farming and eventually removed to Rowley, where he conducted a grain and live-stock business in connection with his two sons, Willis F. and Frank J., remaining active in that partnership until his death, which occurred July 24, 1912. His widow still resides in Rowley and extended mention of them is made on another page of this work.

Willis F. Van Orsdol spent his youthful days in his parents' home and good opportunities and advantages were afforded him. He attended the public schools and also continued his education in Vinton, Iowa. After reaching his majority he took up his abode in Rowley, where he became connected with the live-stock and grain business, carrying on operations along that line until his life's labors were ended in death on the 27th of August, 1910, after he had been ill for only a brief period. In business he was a resourceful, energetic man who readily recognized and utilized opportunities and as the years went on his reliable business methods, combined with unfaltering energy and determination won for him a gratifying measure of prosperity.

In January, 1890, Mr. Van Orsdol was married to Miss Emma Page, a daughter of George W. and Lenora (Chandler) Page, the former a native of New Hampshire and the latter of Maine. Her father was one of the first settlers of Linn county, Iowa, where he purchased wild land and developed and improved a farm, being busily engaged in agricultural pursuits until after the outbreak of the Civil war, when he considered his duty to his country his foremost interest and enlisted from Linn county as a member of Company H, Twentieth Iowa Infantry, with which he served for ten months. He then returned to Linn county and throughout his remaining days was actively engaged in farming, his death occurring June 5, 1888. His wife survives and took up her residence in Rowley in 1904. To Mr. and Mrs. Van Orsdol were born three children: Jay W., now engaged in the grain and stock business in Rowley,

Outline of Personal History of

T. E. Taylor

RESIDENCE

Independence, Mo

Kindly furnish on this sheet the necessary data for a personal sketch and return at your early convenience. Every question is important.

EDGAR R. HARLAN, CURATOR

The Historical Department of Iowa

DES MOINES, IOWA

(This form is for use in collecting data on deceased as well as living persons. Appropriate alterations may be made in matter below.)

1. Name in full (all names)

Thomas Eddy Taylor

2. Chief occupation or profession

Farming

3. Former occupation or profession

Ministry

4. Date and place of beginning each

Ministry 1887 Farming 1910

5. Present residence address

Independence, Iowa

6. Present business address

Independence, Iowa

7. Date of birth

June 28, 1864

8. Place of birth

Diamond Lake, Lake Co, Ill

9. If born abroad, where

10. Emigrated to America, when

11. First migrated to what state and county, whether born abroad or in America

First moved to Mitchell Co, Iowa fall '64

12. Emigrated the second time to what state or county

Howard Co, Iowa

13. Further emigration, if any

never lived in another state

14. Education. Give name and location of rural, high, business or technical school, college or university

Upper Iowa University - AB 1887
AM 1889 and DD 1900

15. Date of graduation and degree if any

See above

- 16. Place of death
- 17. Date of death
- 18. Place of burial
- 19. Name of father in full (all names) *Charles Henry Gayler*
- 20. Occupation of father *llerg*
- 21. Full Maiden name of mother (all names) *Elizabeth Ann Rowson*
- 22. Residence when married *Soke Col, Ill*
- 23. Military service, if any (exact dates)
- 24. Political offices, (from the smallest to the largest, with dates)
- 25. Director or trustee of financial, religious and educational institutions
Trustee of Upper Iowa University from 1896 to 1904
- 26. Politics *Republican*
- 27. Religious denomination if any *Methodist Episcopal*
- 28. Religious preference if non-affiliated with a denomination
- 29. Member of what societies or associations of learning
- 30. Member of what secret organizations, with honors or offices held, with dates
- 31. Member of what clubs if any
- 32. Belonged to what firms (give names in full and dates if possible)
- 33. Officer or director in any corporation
- 34. Enclose business card if possible
- 35. Enclose photograph and autograph

36. Author of books or pamphlets, with titles and publishers in full and dates of publication

"Studies in Life of Christ" "Studies in Apostolic Church" & "Studies in Old Testament History"

37. Miscellaneous

I was pastor of Methodist church at Green Iowa 5 yrs + Cresco 1 yr, Osage 2 yrs + Independent Church 13 yrs. I now own 240 acres of Buchanan Co Iowa land

FAMILY HISTORY

1. To whom married *Mellie May Heise*
2. Date of marriage *June 12 1889*
3. Place of marriage *Fayette Iowa*
4. Date of his or her birth *June 12 1864*
5. Place of his or her birth *Polo, Ogles Co Ill*
6. Religious denomination *Methodist*
7. Date of his or her death
8. Place of his or her death
9. Place of his or her burial
10. Father's full name *Robert James Heise*
11. Born where and when *Polo, Ogles Co, Ill*
12. Occupation of his or her father *Farmer*
13. ~~her~~ her mother's full name *Julia Hammond*
14. Born when and where *New York*
15. Parents' residence at time of their marriage *Charlottesville Va*
16. Miscellaneous remarks on their family



You searched for **Thomas E Taylor** in **Iowa**

1880 United States Federal Census

| | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Name: | Thomas E. Taylor |
| Home in 1880: | Luana, Clayton, Iowa |
| Age: | 15 |
| Estimated birth year: | abt 1865 |
| Birthplace: | Illinois |
| Relation to Head of Household: | Son |
| Father's Name: | C. H. |
| Father's birthplace: | England |
| Mother's Name: | Elizabeth A. |
| Mother's birthplace: | Ohio |
| Neighbors: | View others on page |
| Occupation: | At Home |
| Marital Status: | Single |
| Race: | White |
| Gender: | Male |
| Cannot read/write: | |
| Blind: | View image |
| Deaf and dumb: | |
| Otherwise disabled: | |
| Idiotic or insane: | |

| Household Members: | Name | Age |
|--------------------|---------------------|-----|
| | C. H. Taylor | 42 |
| | Elizabeth A. Taylor | 38 |
| | Thomas E. Taylor | 15 |
| | Nellie G. Taylor | 13 |
| | Mary E. Taylor | 11 |
| | Stephen E. Taylor | 7 |
| | Luana B. Taylor | 5M |

Source Citation: Year: 1880; Census Place: Luana, Clayton, Iowa; Roll: T9_333; Family History Film: 1254333; Page: 519,20100; Enumeration District: 144; Image: 0682.

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You searched for **Thomas E Taylor** in **Iowa**

1900 United States Federal Census

Name: **Thomas E Taylor**
 Home in 1900: **Osage, Mitchell, Iowa**
 Age: **34**
 Birth Date: **Jun 1865**
 Birthplace: **Illinois**
 Race: **White**
 Ethnicity: **American**
 Gender: **Male**
 Relationship to Head of House: **Head**
 Father's Birthplace: **England**
 Mother's Birthplace: **Ohio**
 Spouse's name: **Nellie M**
 Marriage Year: **1890**
 Marital Status: **Married**
 Years Married: **10**
 Residence: **Osage City, Mitchell, Iowa**
 Occupation: [View on Image](#)
 Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

| Household | Name | Age |
|-----------|-----------------|-----|
| Members: | Thomas E Taylor | 34 |
| | Nellie M Taylor | 35 |
| | Hartness Taylor | 8 |
| | Karl S Taylor | 1 |
| | Anna L Huie | 33 |
| | Arthur D Knopp | 32 |
| | Jessie Knopp | 30 |
| | Robert H Knopp | 4 |

Source Citation: Year: 1900; Census Place: Osage, Mitchell, Iowa; Roll: T623_448; Page: 7B; Enumeration District: 118.

Source Information:

Ancestry.com. 1900 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2004. Original data: United States of America, Bureau of the Census. *Twelfth Census of the United States, 1900*. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1900. T623, 1854 rolls.

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You searched for **Thomas E Taylor** in **Iowa**

1920 United States Federal Census

| | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| Name: | Thomas E Taylor | |
| Home in 1920: | Washington, Buchanan, Iowa | |
| Age: | 55 years | |
| Estimated birth year: | abt 1865 | |
| Birthplace: | Illinois | |
| Relation to Head of House: | Head | |
| Spouse's name: | Nellie M | |
| Father's Birth Place: | England | |
| Mother's Birth Place: | Ohio | |
| Marital Status: | Married | |
| Race: | White | |
| Sex: | Male | |
| Home owned: | Own | |
| Able to read: | Yes | |
| Able to Write: | Yes | |
| Image: | 76 | |
| Neighbors: | View others on page | |
| Household Members: | Name | Age |
| | Thomas E Taylor | 55 |
| | Nellie M Taylor | 55 |
| | Karl S Taylor | 22 |
| | Lloyd S Taylor | 18 |
| | Ethel Taylor | 22 |
| | Nellie M Taylor | 1 |
| | | 0/12 |

Source Citation: Year: 1920; Census Place: Washington, Buchanan, Iowa; Roll T7025_480; Page: 1B; Enumeration District: 73; Image: 76.

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Note: Enumeration Districts 819-839 on roll 323 (Chicago City).

Original data: Fourteenth Census of the United States, 1920; (National Archives Microfilm Publication T625, 2076 rolls); Records of the Bureau of the Census, Record Group 29; National Archives, Washington, D.C.

Description:
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