

Farm Residence of Silas Taylor, Sec. 12 Florida township, Parke county, Indiana
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**SILAS TAYLOR
 AND HIS WABASH AND ERIE CANAL CONNECTIONS**
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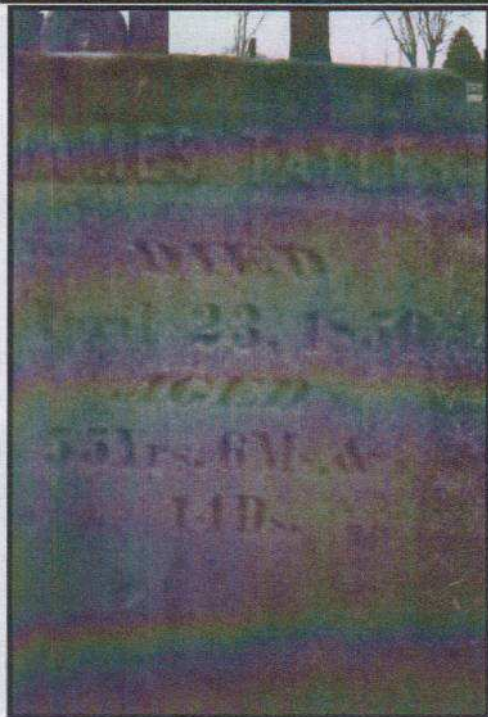
Silas Taylor was born November 28, 1830 to James T. and Sara Taylor in Wabash township, Parke county, Indiana. His father, James T. Taylor, came to this country from Ireland and to Parke county in 1823 from Ohio where he had been a farmer since his arrival. His mother, Sara, was a member of the Bethel (Methodist Episcopal) church that once stood in the Northeast ¼ of section 25, Wabash

township, on the Armiesburg or Lafayette road. She died on November 13, 1839 when Silas was just nine years old. James lived in Parke county until his death on April 23, 1850. Both Sara and James are buried in the Hixon cemetery, Wabash township.

Silas knew hard ward. He not only worked on his father's farm but also by the month on another farm until his 24th year. He then found a job working on the Wabash and Erie canal for two summers in 1854-55. This more than likely was at Clinton Locks. At this time the canal was

GENEALOGY OF SILAS TAYLOR

James T. Taylor	b. 1804	d. April 23, 1859	Hixon Cemetery
m Sara ?	b. 1800	d. November 13, 1839	Hixon Cemetery
<u>child</u>			
Silas Taylor	b. November 28, 1830	d. May 2, 1922	Fletcher Chapel Cemetery
m Lucinda Davis	b. 1835	d. April 7, 1880	Columbus Kansas
<u>children</u>			
1 Henry Harrison Taylor	b. 1858	d. 1931	Fletcher Chapel Cemetery
m Rose Ellen ?	b. 1858	d. 1945	Farmersburg, In.
<u>children</u>			
1 Charley B. Taylor	b. June 6, 1884	d. Stone moved, can't read	Farmersburg, In.
2 Silas M. Taylor	b. 1886	d. 1946	Fletcher Chapel Cemetery
3 Clifford K. Taylor	b. February 2, 1895	d. April 26, 1895	Fletcher Chapel Cemetery
4 Blanch Taylor	b. September 10, 1897	d. October 12, 1898	Farmersburg, In.
2 Harrison W. Lin. Taylor	b. 1859	d. August 1860 9 mo. Old	
3 James A. Taylor	b. August 10, 1863	d. March 1938	Rosedale, Parke co.
m Amanda Salmon	b. 1865	d. 1943	Rosedale, Parke co.
4 Edward Taylor	b. 1866	d. ?	
5 Sarah I. Taylor	b. ?	d. ?	



JAMES TAYLOR
D. April 23, 1850
Aged 55 Yrs. 6 Ms. & 14 Ds.

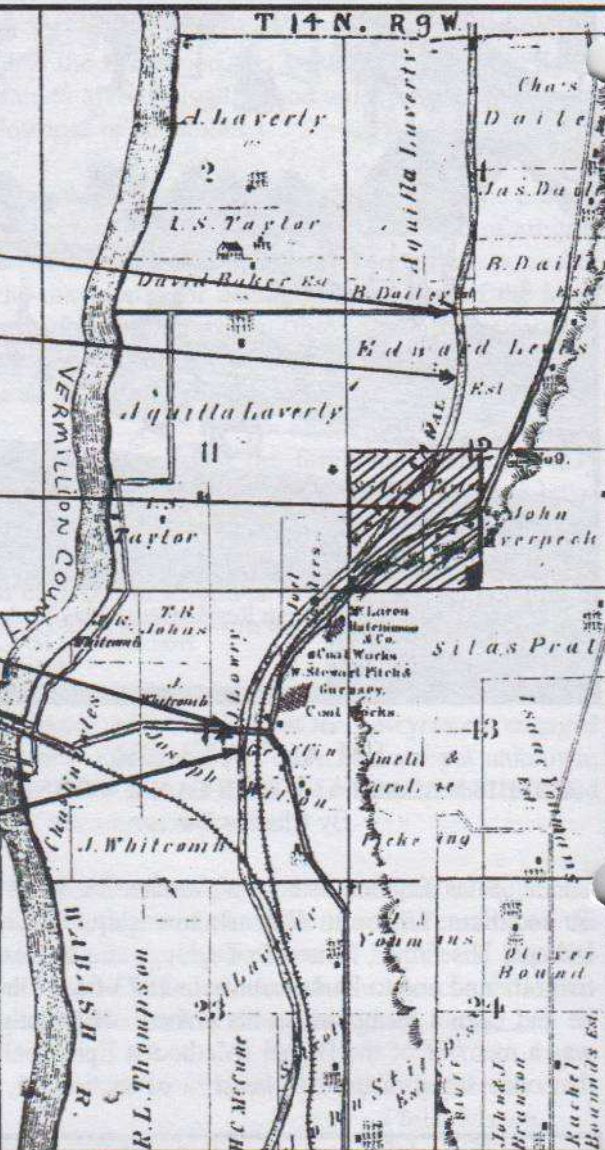
Hixon Cemetery
Wabash township
Parke county
Indiana

Father of Silas Taylor

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1874
PLAT
FLORIDA
TOWNSHIP

Road Bridge 84
Wabash & Erie
Canal
Silas Taylor
Farm
Clinton
Locks
Road
Bridge 85
Clinton
Locks
No. 40



SILAS TAYLOR
B. November 29, 1830
D. May 2, 1922

2nd wife
AMELIA TAYLOR
B. 1843
D. 1919

Fletcher Chapel Cemetery
Farmersburg,
Indiana

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closed south of Newberry in Greene county.

In 1857, Silas was married to Lucinda Davis on January 6 in Florida township and that year he began farming for himself. At first he rented the land. While living on the farm Silas and Lucinda became the parents of five children: Henry Harrison Taylor, Harrison W. Lincoln Taylor, James A. Taylor, Edward Taylor and Sarah I. Taylor. Unfortunately their second son, Harrison, died when only 9 months old.

Then on April 29, 1867, Silas bought 160 acres in the southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 12. Deed Record 26/70 The canal nearly went through the center of his farm, which was just under a mile north of Clinton Locks. His home stood against a bluff and faced the canal. The Armiesburg or Lafayette road ran in front of it.

Lucinda's health began to fail. She died on April 7, 1880, while they were traveling in the west for her health. She was buried in Columbus, Kansas. Silas and the children stayed on the farm until October 5, 1888, when he sold it to Caines M. Stone for \$6,620. The farm is still in that family in 2012.

Shortly after selling the farm Silas moved to Farmersburg, Indiana where his son Henry H. was living. During this time Silas married Amelia ?.

Silas Taylor passed away on May 2, 1922 at the age of 92. He was buried in the Fletcher Chapel Cemetery near Farmersburg, Indiana on Route 246.

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1874 Plat of Parke County, Indiana

Combined 1874-1908-1916 Isaac Straus Memorial Atlas.

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1870-1880 Parke County, Indiana Federal Census

Visual walks of Hixon and Fletcher Chapel Cemeteries recording dates.