

The Taylor Family Part 4 – The Next Generation

The next child of James and Jessie, Orville Isaac Taylor, was born on November 7, 1912. He married Margaret Johnson, the daughter of Harland Johnson and Harriet Holland. Harland and Harriet Johnson's children include Margaret, Enda, Betty (cofounder of the Amherstburg Freedom Museum with her husband Mac Simpson), Lloyd and Harland. Margaret Johnson also had a half-sister named Charlotte. Margaret and Orville's children include Len (deceased), Shirley Pulley, Ron (Judy), Linda (Wayne) Logan and Janice (Donald) Taylor-Harris who kindly shared information on the Taylor family with us. According to Janice she and her late husband, Donald Harris, were married on May 27, 2000 in the Nazrey AME Church (located on the Museum's property) and it was Janice's son Cory who officiated the wedding. Janice's mother Margaret Johnson Taylor Hurst and Donald's son Blair were witnesses to the happy day.

Orville's brother Lloyd married Greta Hurst, the daughter of Wiley and Martha Hurst on December 24, 1936 and the wedding took place at the residence of the Reverend Edwards in Windsor. Lloyd's best man was his brother Warden Chester, while Greta's maid of honor was Zella Talbert. According to the *Amherstburg Echo*, "Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Taylor were guests of honor at a miscellaneous shower Wednesday evening, February 3. Mrs. Taylor was before her marriage Miss Greta Hurst. They were the recipients of many lovely and useful gifts for which they expressed their thanks in a few well chosen words. Among the guests were Elder and Mrs. Morton. A tasty lunch was served after which the guests departed after having had a very pleasant time."

As mentioned, James Taylor was a very successful farmer who sold what he produced. Lloyd's son Michael adds that this is something that his father did as well. He purchased a farm on Walker Road circa 1941, farmed the land and sold his produce in front of the farm during

harvest time, in addition to taking his products to market. Additionally, Lloyd also worked at the foundry and sold ice to residents in Colchester South. In 1949, Lloyd moved to Sarnia to open a wholesale produce business. During the summertime Lloyd would make weekly trips to Harrow to buy produce from his brother Orville and his cousins Fred and Marcellus Johnson's farms to sell to his customers in Sarnia. Additionally, Lloyd purchased produce from other wholesalers and sold it to restaurants and food markets in Sarnia. Lloyd's wife Greta also had a cleaning business. Greta and Lloyd also had six children: Marvyn, Anne, Wallace, Rick, Wesley and Michael.

Lloyd's sibling Warden Chester married Priscilla Jane Matthews, the daughter of Forest Matthews. On August 19, 1941, *The Amherstburg Echo* printed a wedding announcement for Warden and Priscilla. It says "Taylor – Matthews Wedding – A quiet ceremony was performed at the B.M.E. parsonage Windsor, Saturday by the Rev. T.H. Jackson when Miss Priscilla Jane Matthews, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Forest Matthews was joined in holy matrimony with Warden Chester Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Taylor. The bride was lovely in queen's blue crepe and wore navy accessories and a corsage of white gardenias. The bridesmaid, Miss Martha Matthews sister of the bride, chose forest green taffeta with black accessories and a corsage of pink gardenias. Mr. Kenneth Grayer attended the groom as best man. The two left immediately after the ceremony to spend the weekend in Ferndale with the former's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Carter."

Warden and Priscilla had five children: Warden Jr., Carrol, Charlotte, Anthony and Tim. Michael added that Warden moved to Sarnia before Lloyd and opened a successful car detailing business, but later moved to Combermere, Ontario (east of Algonquin Park) and opened a camping and trailer resort.

Next are Phyllis Parthenia and “Mitzie.” Phyllis Parthenia Taylor was named after her grandmother Parthenia Perry-Walls and Phyllis married Jerome Jackson. They had several children including Jeannie, Stanley, Sharron, Alice, Valarie, Gregory and Jerry.

According to her obituary, Mitzie was born on May 24, 1926 in Harrow. After moving to the US, she met and married Ottis Glen Treece of Morristown, Tennessee. The couple resided in Detroit. Additionally, “As a young woman, Mitzie was always active in the church. She attended Burnette Baptist Church, under the leadership of Rev. Caldwell. Mitzie later joined United Baptist Church, under the leadership of Rev. Valmon Stotts, where she was a member of the choir and a long standing member of the usher board.” Her obituary continues to say “Mitzie was a fashion icon and loved music, good food and coffee ... She was small in stature but had an infectious personality. She definitely made her mark on the world.” She was also known for her unique sayings including “Howdy doody,” “Great gilder-sleeves,” and “Everything is copasetic,” in addition to messages to her family such as “Y’all know you’re all mine” and “I love you and that will never change.”

The next child of James and Jessie Taylor is Juanita who married Wilbur Howard Mulder, the son of Harvey Mulder Sr. Wilbur Howard and Juanita had several children including Rodney, Howard, Diane, Juanita, Joanne, Michelle, Wilbur, Marva, Brian, Everet, Christel, Dorothy and Oscar.

Juanita’s brother, Wellington Mark, married Nettie Deborah Wilson, the daughter of Neil Wilson and Viola Bowe. Nettie and Wellington had ten children including Veronica, Glenn, Marguerite, Melvin, Rita, Renard, Pamela, Cheryl, Alden and Monica. Wellington also owned Taylor and Sons Scrap Metal and became a minister, founding the Community Gospel

Tabernacle (now Endurance Ministries) in Harrow. Wellington's son Alden is now in charge of the church and is responsible for starting Endurance Ministries.

We would like to, again, thank everyone who contributed to this family history. We are truly grateful.

What we publish is not a complete history of any family and is based on the documents that are available. We welcome photos and information to fill in the gaps. See you next week where we will celebrate another amazing family.