

## A Short History of St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church and its Cemetery

### Part 3: Some Short Family Histories – The Taylor Chapter

A few of the principal founding families of St. Mary the Virgin will be explored in Part 3. Using information gleaned from the 1879 survey map of Gloucester Township, census returns, Township Assessment (Tax) Rolls, and family histories and vital statistics records found on Ancestry.ca, a brief snapshot of these families, focusing on those buried in St. Mary the Virgin Cemetery, can be discovered

The illustration below helps to visualize the family farms of the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century against Google Earth images of the modern village of Blackburn Hamlet and the Chaple Hill subdivision of Orleans.



Route 30 is Innes Road and route 28 is Navan Road,

The family farms for the Farmer, Purdy, Dagg and Bradley families are indicated with a coloured dot and were located within concession 3, Ottawa Front\*, Gloucester Township.

\* Ottawa Front was the easternmost part of Gloucester Township.

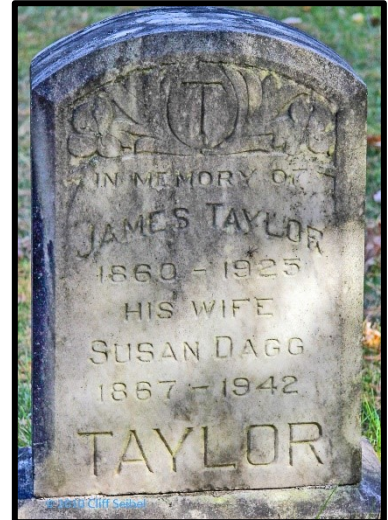
## The Taylor Family

### 1st generation

**James Taylor** was born about 1862 in Renfrew County. He married Susanna (Susan) Dagg, Richard Dagg's niece,\* on 17 June 1885. In October of that year, Richard Dagg sold James 40 acres in the South-West corner of the West half of his lot 8. The following year James was recorded in the assessment roles as paying taxes of \$650 as a freehold owner of that lot.

James died in 1905 and Susan in 1942. Both are buried in St. Mary's Cemetery, Navan, Ontario.

- \* It was Richard Dagg who deeded part of his lot 8, concession 3, to the Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Ontario for St. Mary the Virgin church and cemetery in 1879.



### Following generations

No online sources can yet be found to link James Taylor with the Taylor gravestone in St. Mary the Virgin cemetery. There is, however, a gravestone for Valerie Jean Boddy who married William (Bill) Robert Taylor. William married Valerie Jean Boddy in September 1972, probably in Montreal. Both Valerie and William were born in Lachine, Quebec, in 1950. Valerie and her parents are buried in St. Mary the Virgin cemetery in plot 93, grave 6, urn 7 and plot 93, grave 7, urns 3 and 7 respectively. Valerie's gravestone includes an inscription for William.







Sources:

1. Ancestry.ca
  - a. Census records - Library and Archives Canada
  - b. Birth, Marriage & Death records – Ontario Archives
  - c. Tax Assessment records – City of Ottawa Archives
  - d. Various family genealogies – public family histories (not all information sourced)
2. Newspapers.com
  - a. Obituaries
  - b. Marriage notices
3. Findagrave.com
  - a. Gravestone inscriptions and gravestone images
4. St. Mary the Virgin Cemetery Committee documentation
  - a. Plot and grave numbers
  - b. Sketch map of St. Mary the Virgin Cemetery
5. Gloucester Historical Society
  - a. 1879 map of Gloucester Township
6. Google Earth
  - a. 2022 snapshot of Blackburn area
7. Ontario Land Registry (Ottawa-Carleton LRO 04)
  - a. Land Registry Index
  - b. Deeds
8. Anglican Diocese of Ottawa Archives
  - a. Parish registers of baptisms, marriages and deaths