

# Benjamin Taylor Story

by Robert E Taylor - · 13 December 2013

Due to the efforts of Mr. Charles H. Stone, as set forth in his book "The Stories of Surry" we have an excellent record of our maternal ancestry from the first Surry to migrate to America down to 1954....

As a sidelight on my search of the records I would like to state that in all of the many records that I searched I did not find a single instance of any Taylor person having ever been charged with any crime and this gave me a sincere sense of pride in my ancestry. By- Robert E. Taylor- Taylor Family Board.

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Benjamin Taylor, son of Thomas Taylor III, was born in Lunenburg County, Virginia on July 13, 1780 and was married about 1802 to **Nancy Williams**, daughter of John Williams (probably the same John Williams who appraised Thomas Taylor III's estate.) Benjamin had eleven children: five sons, James, John Anderson, Thomas, Benjamin, and Daniel William, and six daughters, Elizabeth, Jane, Sarah, Nancy, Rebecca and Lucinda Alice.

Benjamin purchased two hundred acres of land in Brunswick County in 1798 and he was listed as a President of Lunenburg County at the time and the property was adjoining that of Daniel Taylor, his older brother. He lived there until 1813 as the court records show that he made a deed to all of his property in Brunswick Count in November 12, 1812 to John Williams, his father-in-law. Benjamin Taylor moved to Surry County, North Carolina, in 1813 and in October of that year he purchased from Richard Puckett one hundred acres of Flat Shoal Creek near Westfield for the sums of \$200.00

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He evidently did fairly well in the new home as we find that he sold his original land in 1819 and in later years made the following purchases:

1815 - 50 acres from A. Kincannon or Chestnut Ridge

1817- 100 acres from N. Angel- on Flat Shoal Creek

1825 - 125 acres from E. Harris- on Stony Creek

1828 - 48 acres state grand adjoin M. Davis

There were other Taylors that moved to Surry County about the same time that Benjamin came. A nephew Thomas purchased 89 acres in 1814 on the southside of Toms Creek, and the sale by Benjamin in 1819 was to Sussanah Taylor, widow of William Taylor, older brother of Benjamin. James the oldest son settled on a farm he purchased in 1837 on Toms Creek. Thomas settled on the Westfield- Mt. Airy Road and was known as Road Tom: Elizabeth married her cousin, Thomas, who was known as Ridge Tom- as they lived in the Chestnut Ridges; Lucinda married Fredell Venable, who was the father of Milton Venable and ancestor of the Venable's in our family.