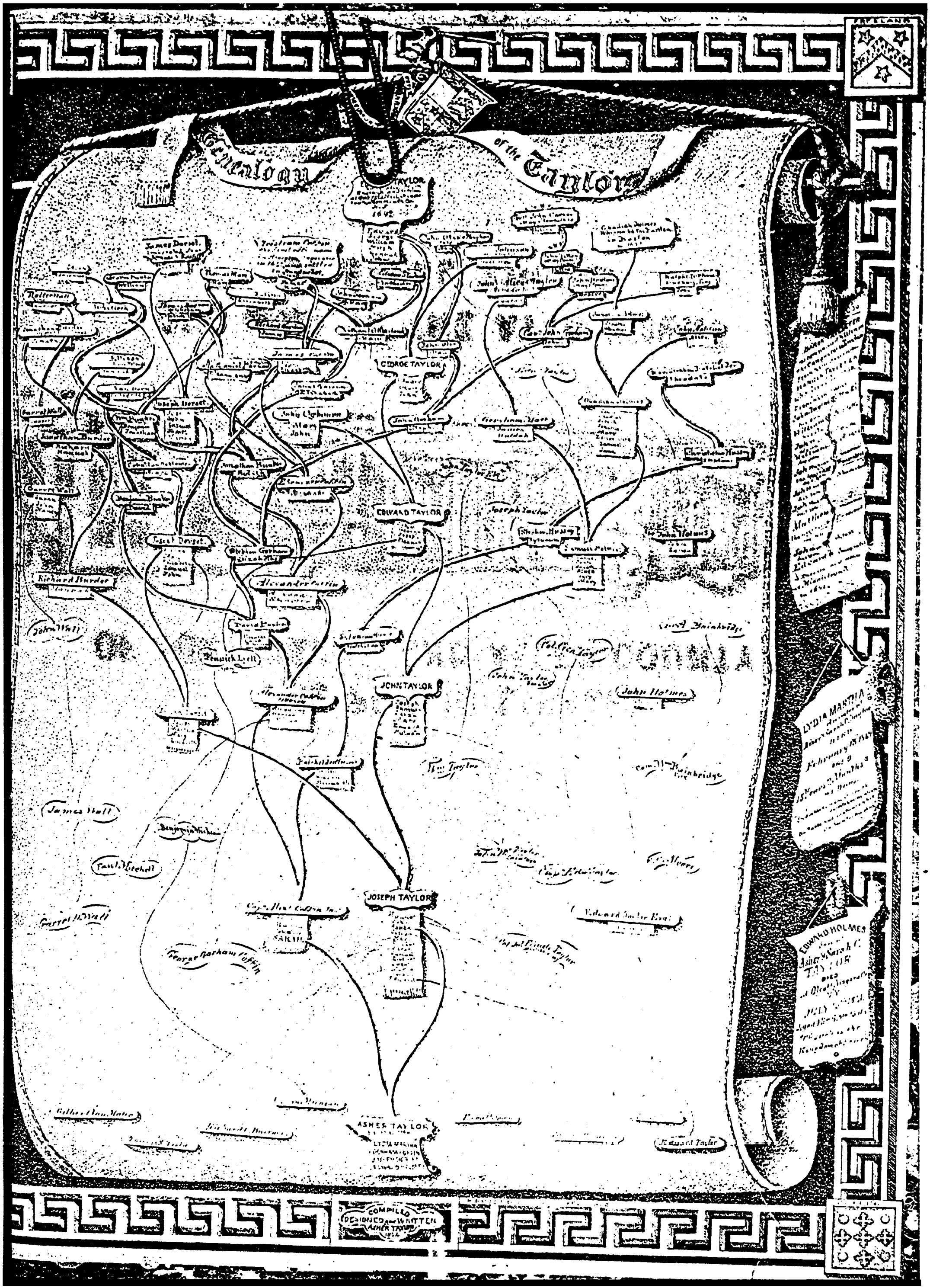


RE-UNION
OF THE
Family of Joseph Taylor,
AT
MIDDLETOWN,
NEW JERSEY,
IN
1861.

“ our souls’ deep dreams,
Our young affections, have not gushed in vain.”

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LYDIA MASTIA
Born in the town of
Falmouth, Maine
Feb. 2nd 1825
Died in the town of
Falmouth, Maine
Nov. 10th 1885

EDWARD HOLMES
Born in the town of
Asher, Maine
Died in the town of
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Re-Union of the Family of Joseph Taylor.

JOHN J. TAYLOR, of Middletown, in the County of Monmouth and State of New Jersey, availing himself of the visit of his youngest brother Edward, after an absence of Sixteen Years, invited all his Brothers and Sisters to a Re-Union in their **FATHERS HOUSE**, on

THANKSGIVING DAY, NOVEMBER 28th, 1861.

Accordingly he and his wife, his sister Hannah and her husband, his brother Asher and his wife, his brother Joseph and his wife, his sisters Mary and Elizabeth, his sister Sarah and her husband, his brother Samuel and sister Eleanor, his sister Martha and her husband, his sister Huldah, and his brother Edward, assembled under the old roof tree, and sat together at the old family board, being Eighteen, in number, all the family except Edwards wife, who resides in San Francisco: it was an occasion of deep interest to every member of the party, which included also several of the Grand Children and Neighbours, who all enjoyed it greatly; they were joined by the Rev. Mr. Millspaugh, the Pastor of the host, whose invocation, address, prayer, and blessing, and lively sympathy in the enjoyments of the occasion, were not the least interesting of its features.

There are but two members of the old families remaining, one Miss. Betsey Dorset, the mothers sister, aged 85, was present, the other Mrs. Sally Manning, the fathers sister, of nearly the same age, removed, following her children, a few years ago to Wisconsin, where she now resides.

There are also remaining, two old Colored, Servants, relics of a

former age, still lingering around the family, Betty Van Cleef, of the 'Taylor, and Jim Freeman, of the Dorset family; they were Slaves 'when such things were' and manumitted under the wise and beneficent laws of New Jersey, passed 'long time ago'; early associations and attachments, however, have outlived in them, the desires which they may once have had for independance, and they, in their old age 'come home to roost' in the branches of the old tree. The following statement, prepared by one of the family, was read to the company.

"SUPPOSING that it would give additional interest to this re-union of all the members of our numerous family, in all probability the last, under the ancient paternal roof, I have prepared the following brief sketch.:-

JOSEPH TAYLOR, Esq.

our father was fourth in descent from that EDWARD TAYLOR, who emigrated from London, and settled at Garret's Hill, about three miles easterly from here, in 1692: he, the emigrant, was descended in direct line from

The Norman Baron Taillefer,

who accompanied and assisted WILLIAM the CONQUERER, in his invasion and Conquest of England, in 1066; he acquired large landed estates in County Kent, where the family originally resided. The spelling of the name was gradually changed; in the time of Henry III. about 1250, we find HANGER TAYLEFER, and about a hundred years later, time of Edward III. we have JOHN TAYLOR, living on the same lands in County Kent, and from him the succession is perfectly traced, through William, John, William, John, John, John, Matthew, and John to Edward the emigrant.

About the time of Richard III. John Taylor married the heiress, and acquired the estates and arms of the De Fairsteds; and about the year 1600 Matthew Taylor, by marriage with the heiress of Richard Freeland, brought in the estates and arms of that family.

MATTHEW TAYLOR, grandson of the last, came over to this

Country for the purpose of speculating in lands in New Jersey, under the patronage of Sir George Cartaret, one of the proprietors of East Jersey, with whom he was distantly connected by marriage, and dying in New York in 1687, without issue, he bequeathed his lands to his brother

EDWARD TAYLOR, then residing in London, who purchased an additional tract of about 1000 acres at Garret's Hill, in Middletown, N.J. and in 1692 came over and settled on it; he died in 1710, and left four sons, and one daughter, viz:

GEORGE, our forefather,

JOSEPH & WILLIAM, settled at Freehold.

EDWARD, settled at Colts Neck,

HANNAH, who married a Stilwell.

GEORGE TAYLOR, the son of Edward the emigrant, inherited and resided at the Garrets Hill House, he had Sons,

GEORGE, who succeeded his father at Garrets Hill.

EDWARD, our forefather,

JOHN, (Squire Taylor,) whose daughter Mary was the mother of Commodore **WILLIAM BAINBRIDGE**, a distinguished officer of the United States Navy.

EDWARD TAYLOR, son of George, was our great grandfather, in ~~1644~~ he built and resided in the house in the Village of Middletown now occupied by *DOCTOR EDWARD TAYLOR*; he was a large land owner; his possessions, at one time, extended from near Garrets Hill to the upper bounds of the Middletown Village, to the west: northerly to Arrowsmiths Mill, (which he originally built,) and southerly beyond Nut Swamp to the Errickson property; he had children,

JOHN, our grandfather,

JOSEPH, who settled on Staten Island,
 GEORGE, (Colonel) who succeeded his
 father in the house in Mid-
 dletown, and was the father
 of CAPTAIN EDWARD TAYLOR.

ELEANOR, married Fenwick Lyell.

JOHN TAYLOR, our grandfather, married Mary, daugh-
 ter of SAMUEL HOLMES, and had children,
 JOSEPH, our father,
 JOHN & ASHER, both died in early life,
 SAMUEL, never married,
 EDWARD, married Mary Holmes,
 SARAH, married Doct. Stephen Manning,
 MARY & HULDAH, never married.

JOSEPH TAYLOR, our father, and son of John; and
 our mother, MARTHA DORSET, daugh-
 ter of Joseph Dorset, first settled at the
 foot of Rutinans Hill, the Old Home of the
 childhood of most of us, where they resid-
 ed for many years; in 1814 our father built
 the house in which we are now assem-
 bled, spent the remainder of his day here
 and died in 1836, here, also our mother
 died in 1850, they had thirteen sons and
 daughters, viz :

HANNAH DORSET,
 JOHN J.
 ASHER,
 JOSEPH DORSET,
 MARY,
 ELIZABETH,
 SARAH,
 SAMUEL,
 ELEANOR LYELL.
 SUSAN,
 MARTHA,
 HULDAH HOLMES,
 EDWARD,

who ALL lived to attain the age of twenty one years, when one.

Susan, was taken away by death, in 1840; the remaining *TWELVE* are here assembled, all in good health, save a little touch of gout, now and then, among them.

HANNAH D. TAYLOR, married *EZRA OSBORN*, and has always resided on the site of the original home at the foot of Rutman's Hill, she has children.

EZRA ASHER, who married Sarah, daughter of Benjamin Corlies, and has children,

MARY W.

FRANK,

SUSAN.

JOSEPH T. who married Anna, daughter of John Story, and has one son,
CHARLEY.

DAVID,

AARON,

ELIZABETH D.

MARTHA T.

JOHN J. TAYLOR, married Mary, daughter of Jacob Conover, and resides in the house erected by our father in 1814, and has children,

JOSEPH,

MARTHA,

JACOB C.

JOHN.

ASHER TAYLOR, resides in the City of New York, which has been his home nearly all the time from early boyhood, he married Sarah, daughter of Captain Alexander Coffin, Junr. and has sons,

GORHAM COFFIN,

JOSEPH DORSET,

JOSEPH D. TAYLOR, after a residence of thirty six years in the City of New York, has "here returned to die at home at last," and built a residence on the old grandfather farm; he married his cousin Mary H.

daughter of Edward Taylor, and has children,

EDWARD,

MARY HOLMES.

MARY TAYLOR, married Richard C. Burrows, and settled on a farm at "Mountain Hill" she has children,

CATHARINE, who married John West, and has children,

RICHARD B.

MARY EMMA,

JOHN B.

KATE.

THOMAS, married Amanda, daughter of Isaac Herbert, and has a daughter,

ELEANOR H.

JOSEPH T. married Mary Emma, daughter of James Patterson.

EDWARD, residing in Texas.

ELIZABETH D. TAYLOR, married John Micheau, and has always resided in the homestead of Micheau's at 'Nut Swamp' and has children,

WILLIAM, married Anna, daughter of Joseph Lufburrow.

MARY LYELL.

SARAH TAYLOR, married Gilbert Van Mater, and settled on a farm at 'Monasconck,' and has children.

CHARLOTT O. married Sylvanus Lee.

WILLIAM,

JOSEPH T.

MARTHA T.

MARTHA TAYLOR, married Thomas S. Field, and settled on a farm at 'Nut Swamp,' and has children,

THOMAS, married Rebecca, daughter of James Patterson.

JOSEPH T.

HENRY,
EDWIN,
MARTHA F.

EDWARD TAYLOR, wandered away in early life to China and other eastern Countries, and finally settled and resides in San Francisco, he married Fannie Easton, and has children.

EDWARD,
WALTER COMSTOCK,
HENRY HUNTLEY.

IT thus appears that four of the sons, and five of the daughters have married; one son and two daughters are unmarried.

ALL of the married, married but once.

ALL of the married have families.

TWO of the daughters, Mary and Elizabeth, are Widows.

SIX, viz: Hannah, John, Joseph, Samuel, Eleanor, and Huldah, reside within fifty rods,—and three, Mary, Elizabeth and Martha, within two miles,—and one, Sarah, within five miles of the paternal mansion; making ten of the family living clustering around the old homestead,

“Content to breathe their native air,
On their own ground.”

All are well to do in the world; and I may say, boastingly, all are of good habits, and good character, and enjoy the respect of the communities in which they live.

Every member of the family is an ardent supporter of the National Government in its present struggle with the gigantic rebellion; two, the sons of Asher, have engaged in the National Service; GORHAM C. is at present an officer in the United States Navy, and JOSEPH D. as a member of the New York Seventh Regiment, participated in its heroic and memorable march to the preservation of the National Capitol, in April, 1861.

We inherit by the TAYLORS the blood of the HOLMES, descended from Rev. Obadiah Holmes, who was whipped at the Post

in Boston, in 1651, for "being convinced that the Baptist way was right," and following it) the Motts, Ogbourns, Claytons, Ashtons and Johnsons, of Long Island; and by the DORSEYS, the blood of the Burdges, Walls, Pews, Polings, Ellisons, of Long Island, Whitlocks, Stocks, Van de Winters and Van Dorns; and are connected by intermarriage with nearly all the families in Monmouth County.

In this brief review of the present position of our family, how many thoughts of gratitude are prompted to that kind providence that has overruled us, and so signally preserved so many of us through "all the changes and chances" of a period of time extending over upwards of sixty four years.

Thanksgiving, 1861.



CONSEQUITUR QUODCUNQUE PETIT.

COMING HOME.

"Oh Brothers and Sisters growing old,
 Do you all remember yet,
 That Home in the shade of the rustling trees,
 Where once our household met?"

Do you know how we used to come from school,
 Through the summer's pleasant heat;
 With the yellow fennel's ~~garden~~ dust
 On our tired little feet?

And how sometimes—in an idle mood,
 We loitered by the way:
 And stopped in the woods to gather flowers,
 And in the fields to play;

Till warned by the deep'ning shadows fall,
 That told of the coming night,
 We climbed to the top of the last long hill,
 And saw our Home in sight?"

And Brothers and Sisters, ^{older} older now,
~~Then~~ ~~SHE~~ whose life is o'er,
 Do you think of the Mothers loving face
 That looked from the open door?"

Alas! for the changing things of time;
 That Home is altered now!
 And that loving smile was hid from us,
 In the darkness long ago!

And we have come to lifes last Hill,
 From which our weary eyes
 Can almost look on that Home that shines
 Eternal in the skies.

So Brothers and Sisters as we go,
 Still let us move as one,
 Always together keeping step
 Till the march of life is done:

For that Mother, who waited for us here,
 Wearing a smile so sweet,
 Now waits on the hills of Paradise
 For her children's coming feet."

