

William Allen Taylor

William Allen Taylor was born 19 April 1859 in Slaterville (Sisterville near Farr West), Weber, Utah Territory.¹ He was the oldest of fourteen children (only two were girls) of William Riley Taylor and Margaret Jane Ellison. By 1861, the family had moved back to Kaysville, Davis, Utah Territory.²

In the spring of 1862, William's grandfather, Allen Taylor, was called by President Brigham Young to help settle the Dixie Country in southwestern Utah Territory. He took his married sons and daughters with him. They traveled the 318 miles by oxen to St George and settled in what would be known as Harrisburg, in Washington County.³ They moved to New Harmony, then back to Kaysville in 1868 but returned to the warmer climate in New Harmony in 1872.⁴ On the 1870 census, the family lived in Harmony, Kane, Utah Territory.⁵

In 1880, William was a farm worker, living with his family in Kanara, Kane, Utah Territory.⁶ The family moved to Rabbit Valley (near the town of Fremont) in 1882. William's grandfather homesteaded 160 acres of land in Loa, Utah Territory, for his large extended family.⁷ William married Della Elisabeth Ivie in 1884 in Fremont, Wayne, Utah Territory. They had nine children. William married a second wife, Elizabeth Ann Allred, in 1890 in Spring City, Sanpete, Utah Territory. They had thirteen children. The family lived in Fremont until 1890, when they had a child born in Fort Apache, Navajo, Arizona,⁸ followed by another born in Central, Graham, Arizona.

They were travelling to Mexico horse and wagon in 1892 by when Elizabeth delivered her first child in the wagon box; the baby died shortly after. They traveled three days with the baby on the mother's lap before they reached a suitable place for burial in Deming, Luna, New Mexico.⁹ By 1894, the family was living back in Fremont. William served a mission in Great Britain from 1894-1896.¹⁰ On the 1900 census, he was a farmer, living with his wife Della and seven children, with his wife Elizabeth and three children living next door, in Thurber, Wayne, Utah.¹¹

The families continued to grow, with Della and six children and Elizabeth and seven children, living in Fremont in 1910.¹² By 1920, Elizabeth and six children were living with William in Fremont, while Della and two children were living in a separate household.¹³ During this time, William served as a school board member, a Watermaster, and county commissioner. In 1927, they moved to Ogden, Utah, where William retired in 1929.¹⁴ On the 1930 census, William was a fruit farmer, living with his

¹ Utah Early Mormon Missionary Database; Membership of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1830-1848.

² United States Census, 1860; The William Riley Taylor Family, by Carol T Floyd, at *Familysearch.org*

³ BLM/SUP plaque of Harrisburg residents; Saga of Three Towns, by Marietta M. Mariger, 1951, p. 4; The William Riley Taylor Family, by Carol T Floyd, at *Familysearch.org*

⁴ The William Riley Taylor Family, by Carol T Floyd, at *Familysearch.org*

⁵ United States Census, 1870.

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⁷ Allen Taylor, Pioneer, Father, Grandfather, at *Familysearch.org*

⁸ US World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918.

⁹ *Ogden Standard-Examiner*, 18 April 1940, p. 3.

¹⁰ Utah Early Mormon Missionary Database.

¹¹ United States Census, 1900.

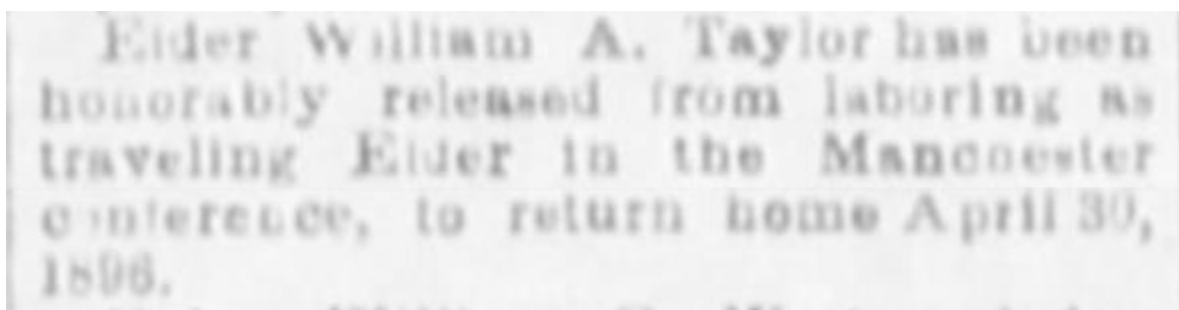
¹² United States Census, 1910.

¹³ United States Census, 1920.

¹⁴ *Salt Lake Tribune*, 28 April 1942, p. 16.

wife Elizabeth and two children in Roy, Weber, Utah.¹⁵ It is unknown where Della was living for this census, but she died of pneumonia in 1934 in Fremont, Wayne, Utah, and was buried in the Fremont Cemetery.¹⁶

In 1940, William was living with Elizabeth in Ogden, Weber, Utah.¹⁷ He died of a cerebral hemorrhage on 26 April 1942 in Ogden, Weber, Utah.¹⁸ He was buried in the Kaysville-Layton Cemetery. He was survived by his wife, fourteen children, 90 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren.¹⁹ Elizabeth died in 1951 in Los Gatos, Santa Clara, California²⁰ and was buried in the Kaysville City Cemetery.



(Image from the *Deseret Evening News*, 30 April 1896, p. 5).



William Riley Taylor and Margaret Jane Ellison with five of their fourteen children; William Allen Taylor is the oldest son (image from *Familysearch.org*)

¹⁵ United States Census, 1930.

¹⁶ Utah Death Certificates, 1904-1964.

¹⁷ United States Census, 1940.

¹⁸ *Ogden Standard-Examiner*, 28 April 1942, p. 7; Utah Deaths and Burials, 1888-1946.

¹⁹ *Salt Lake Tribune*, 28 April 1942, p. 16; 29 April 1942, p. 21; *Ogden Standard-Examiner*, 27 April 1942, p. 7; 30 April 1942, p. 14.

²⁰ California Death Index, 1940-1997.



Old rock house built by William's father in Loa, Utah (image from *Familysearch.org*)



William Allen Taylor (image from *Findagrave.com*)



William Riley Taylor Family:

Back Row L to R: Isaac Harvey, Joseph Ephraim, John Henry, William Allen

Middle Row: Susannah Jennette, Margaret Jane Ellison (mom), Sarah Alice

Front Row: George Irvin, Heber Calvert, Lorenzo Jedediah, Loren Independence

(Image from *Familysearch.org*)



William Allen Taylor and Elizabeth Ann Allred (image from *Familysearch.org*)



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