

Newsom Newman "Ned" Dunbar Taylor

(aka N.D. Taylor)

Contents: Documents featuring Newsom Newman Dunbar Taylor who served as principal of Yazoo Training School from 1930 to 1956.

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Yazoo City, Ms., December 1956

DEATH CLAIMS LIFE OF N. D. TAYLOR

After being confined to bed for several weeks, N. D. Taylor, retired principal of the Yazoo City Training School, died at his residence on Calhoun avenue, Tuesday morning, December 11, 1956.

For 21 years Mr. Taylor was principal of Yazoo High School No. 2 (as it was first known). At the time he became principal in 1930 the school offered only a two year high school course. Almost immediately Mr. Taylor set out trying to get a full four year high school and was successful in his attempts. The first 12th grade class graduated in 1933.

Toward the latter part of his administration, a new school building was constructed and the name was changed to Yazoo City Training School. It was in 1951 that Mr. Taylor resigned as principal and one year later retired from the school system.

Soon after Mr. Taylor came to Yazoo City, he and his family joined Bethel A. M. E. Church and to this church he gave a most loyal and devoted service. Besides other official duties, he was superintendent of the Sunday School and a member of the choir until he became disabled.

In less than three years after Mr. Taylor came here, death claimed his wife who was the mother of his children. Some years later he remarried Mrs. Lettie Fletcher who also had children; to these children he gave a fatherly devotion.

Mr. Taylor lived an exemplary life; he merited the esteem of not only the teachers and students with whom he had daily contact for many, many years, but of all the people in the community. Surviving him are his wife, Mrs. Lettie Taylor; one son, Dr. Newman C. Taylor of Washington, D. C.; two daughters, Mrs. Ruth Baker of Petersburg, Va., and Mrs. India Johnson of Norfolk, Va.; three grandchildren; three step-children, Mrs. Corine Jenkins, Mr. Maceo Fletcher and Mr. William Fletcher of Chicago, Ill., together with many, many friends.

Funeral services will be held Sunday, Dec. 16, 1956 at Bethel A. M. E. Church. Interment in Glenwood cemetery. Century Funeral Home in charge.

Taken from the N. D. Taylor High School Yearbook - 1969

IN MEMORIAM

Though I speak with the tongues of
men and of angels, and have not charity,
I am become a sounding brass, or a
tinkling cymbal.

And though I have the gift of prophecy,
and understand all mysteries, and though
I have all faith, so that I could remove
mountains, and have no charity, I am
nothing.

Professor N. D. Taylor, as we fondly greeted him from 1930 to 1951, was a devoted principal, a consecrated Christian, and a faithful and willing worker in all his undertakings. His deep interest, untiring efforts, influence in religious and educational affairs long will linger in the minds and hearts of his fellow-workers and his service will be an inspiration to many who were under his supervision.

For many, many years Professor Taylor was a loyal Luxis Club leader. It was later changed to Hi-Y. The bell that he used to tap cadence that students marched in school by is removed from the archives of the school at intervals to be used when the electronic system fails. His favorite song was titled Would God I Were the Tender Apple Blossom. The school song is now set to this tune, and his best liked Bible quote was taken from 1 Corinthians 13:1-10.

(Ruth Watson

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**Negro Principal
Dies At Home**

Services were held Sunday at Bethel A. M. E. church for N. D. Taylor, former principal of Yazoo City Training School.

Taylor had been in ill health for some time and his death was not unexpected. It occurred at his residence on Calhoun avenue.

He was principal for 21 years and it was under his administration that the school became a 12-grade school.

He is survived by his wife; a son, Dr. Newman C. Taylor of Washington, D. C.; two daughters, and three grandchildren.

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Thursday December 20, 1956

N. D. Taylor

(Professor Newson Newman “Ned” Dunbar Taylor)

- N. D. Taylor High School named after him
- Principal of Yazoo City Training School from 1930-1957
- Had one arm, which did not stop him from daily, vigorously ringing taps on the school bell while students marched silently to class
- Changed the school from stopping after 10th grade to going through all 12 grades
- Superintendent of Sunday school at Bethel A. M. E. Church
- Sang in the church choir
- Favorite Bible passage was 1 Corinthians 13: 1-10
- Favorite song was “Would God I Were a Tender Apple Blossom”
- Was a widower and single father for a spell
- Remarried and treated his stepchildren as his own

Our High School Heritage

Campbellsville High School was the offspring of three elementary schools. Colby, Hall, and Campbellsville were the local elementary schools in the lower Yazoo County area. Colby's principal was Ms. Essie Lee Smith, Halls' principal was Mr. Flanigan Ratliff, and Campbellsville's principal was Mr. Herbert Andrew Scott, Sr. The schools were located on Hwy 16, a few miles north of the township of Holly Bluff, 21 miles west of our feeder school, Yazoo City Training School which was located in Yazoo City, MS. Campbellsville completed construction in 1958 as a junior high school that accommodated students in first through eighth grade. It catered to the needs of children living in Holly Bluff and Satartia Students graduating from Campbellsville Junior High transitioned to Yazoo City Training School. Campbellsville derived its name from one of the three schools. This name would later be voted upon by the Board of Trustees of the new institution and Mr. Herbert Andrew Scott, Sr. would be the new principal. The school grew under Mr. Scott's leadership. Ninth and tenth grade were added to the exiting building in the mid 1960's. The final two grades were added in 1966. The first graduating senior class was the class of 1967. Mr. H. A. Scott, Sr. served as principal from 1958 to the mid 1970's. The school's final graduation was held May 1990.

N. D. Taylor High School was named in honor of Professor Nelson Newman "Ned" Dunbar Taylor. DOB: June 1, 1880, Died: December 12, 1956, Buried at Glenwood Cemetery – Section 2, Plot 1. Professor N. D. Taylor was principal at Yazoo City Training School from 1930 – 1957. He had one arm and was famous for his bell ringing to get the students to class. He would ring the bell with a firm hand. Students would line up from Pre-Primer to twelfth grade. After ringing of the bell no talking was permitted while marching to class. Yazoo City Training School was officially renamed in 1967 as N. D. Taylor High School after Professor N. D. Taylor. The class of 1967 was the first class to graduate from the school under the new name. As a memorial to the school a gift from the class was left at the school. The class chose a planter which was located between the gym and the Woolfolk Building. His favorite song was: Would God, I Were the Tender Apple Blossom. His favorite Bible Scripture was: 1 Corinthians 13: 1– 10.

St. Francis High School was established by the School Sisters St. Francis of Milwaukee and Father Peter DeBoer, SVD to minister to the African American children of Yazoo City. The school opened in September 1940 with 80 children enrolled. The high school held its first and last graduation in 1947 and 1969 respectively and closed in 1970.

Newman D Taylor in the 1920 United States Federal Census

Name: Newman D Taylor
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[Newman P Taylor]

Age: 43

Birth Year: abt 1877

Birthplace: Mississippi

Home in 1920: Indianola, Sunflower, Mississippi

Street: Church St

Residence Date: 1920

Race: Black

Gender: Male

Relation to Head of House: Head

Marital Status: Married

Spouse's Name: Inda A Taylor

Father's Birthplace: Mississippi

Mother's name: Fannie Crawford

Mother's Birthplace: Mississippi

Able to Speak English: Yes

Occupation: Teacher

Industry: Public School

Employment Field: Wage or Salary

Home Owned or Rented: Rent

Able to Read: Yes

Able to Write: Yes

Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

Household Members:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
Newman D Taylor	43

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
Inda A Taylor	38
Newman C Taylor	7
Ruth M Taylor	6
Cyrus H Taylor	2
Fannie Crawford	68
Paeolo Wallace	20

Source Citation

Year: 1920; Census Place: Indianola, Sunflower, Mississippi; Roll: T625_894; Page: 5A; Enumeration District: 119

Source Information

Ancestry.com. 1920 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2010. Images reproduced by FamilySearch.

Original data: Fourteenth Census of the United States, 1920. (NARA microfilm publication T625, 2076 rolls). Records of the Bureau of the Census, Record Group 29. National Archives, Washington, D.C. For details on the contents of the film numbers, visit the following NARA web page: [NARA](#). Note: Enumeration Districts 819-839 are on roll 323 (Chicago City).

Description

This database is an index to individuals enumerated in the 1920 United States Federal Census, the Fourteenth Census of the United States. It includes all states and territories, as well as Military and Naval Forces, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, and the Panama Canal Zone. The census provides many details about individuals and families including: name, gender, age, birthplace, year of immigration, mother tongue, and parents' birthplaces. In addition, the names of those listed on the population schedule are linked to actual images of the 1920 Federal Census. [Learn more...](#)

Newman Taylor in the 1930 United States Federal Census

Name: Newman Taylor
Birth Year: abt 1881
Gender: Male
Race: Negro (Black)
Birthplace: Alabama
Marital Status: Married
Relation to Head of House: Head
Home in 1930: Indianola, Sunflower, Mississippi, USA
Map of Home: [View Map](#)
Street address: Roosevelt
House Number: 611
Dwelling Number: 567
Family Number: 620
Home Owned or Rented: Rented
Home Value: 10
Radio Set: No
Lives on Farm: No
Age at First Marriage: 31
Attended School: No
Able to Read and Write: Yes
Father's Birthplace: Alabama
Mother's Birthplace: Alabama
Able to Speak English: Yes
Occupation: Teacher
Industry: Public Schools
Class of Worker: Wage or salary worker
Employment: Yes
Household Members:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
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Name	Age
Newman	49
Taylor	
India Taylor	47
Newman C Taylor	18
Ruth M Taylor	16
Cyrus H Taylor	12
Enda Taylor	5

Source Citation

Year: 1930; Census Place: Indianola, Sunflower, Mississippi; Roll: 1166; Page: 23B; Enumeration District: 0010; FHL microfilm: 2340901

Source Information

Ancestry.com. 1930 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2002.

Original data: United States of America, Bureau of the Census. *Fifteenth Census of the United States, 1930*. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1930. T626, 2,667 rolls.

Description

The 1930 Census contains records for approximately 123 million Americans. The census gives us a glimpse into the lives of Americans in 1930, and contains information about a household's family members and occupants including: birthplaces, occupations, immigration, citizenship, and military service. The names of those listed in the census are linked to actual images of the 1930 Census. [Learn more...](#)

N S Taylor in the 1940 United States Federal Census

Name: N S Taylor
[N D Taylor]

Age: 60

Estimated birth year: abt 1880

Gender: Male

Race: Negro (Black)

Birthplace: Mississippi

Marital Status: Married

Relation to Head of House: Head

Home in 1940: Yazoo, Yazoo, Mississippi

Map of Home in 1940: [View Map](#)

Street: Cae Raner Street

House Number: 321

Farm: No

Inferred Residence in 1935: Yazoo, Yazoo, Mississippi

Residence in 1935: Same Place

Sheet Number: 3B

Number of Household in Order of Visitation: 71

Father's Birthplace: Alabama

Mother's Birthplace: Alabama

Occupation: Professor

House Owned or Rented: Owned

Value of Home or Monthly Rental if Rented: 2000

Attended School or College: No

Highest Grade Completed: College, 4th year

Hours Worked Week Prior to Census: 40

Class of Worker: Wage or salary worker in private work

Weeks Worked in 1939: 52
Income: 1300
Income Other Sources: No
Native Language: English
Veteran: No
Veteran Father Dead: No
Military Service: No
Social Security Number: No
Usual Occupation: Professor
Usual Industry: Private School
Usual Class of Worker: Wage or salary worker in private work
Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

Household Members:	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
	N S Taylor	60
	Lettie Taylor	56
	William Fletcher	21
	India Taylor	14
	Pauline Tietgens	12
	Corinne Johnson	77
	Delores Marmon	21

Source Citation

Year: 1940; Census Place: Yazoo, Yazoo, Mississippi; Roll: T627_2080; Page: 3B; Enumeration District: 82-14A

Source Information

Ancestry.com. 1940 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2012.

Original data: United States of America, Bureau of the Census. *Sixteenth Census of the United States, 1940*. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1940. T627, 4,643 rolls.

Description

Fraternally yours,

"COUSIN TOM."

STUDENTS OF YAZOO CITY HIGH SCHOOL NO. 2 SHOW INTEREST IN STUDY OF LITERATURE AND POETS

The Afro-American Sons & Daughters are interested in the Negro race from every possible angle that would tend toward its good, and especially interested in the young people who will be the aspirants to racial progress. If such is to be expected of the race it certainly must be remembered that the early training of the youngster has all to do with the destiny of our people.

The following articles were written by members of the fourth year high school students, the senior class for this year. These students have had careful training under the direction of Prof. N. D. Taylor, Principal, and his competent staff of teachers.

The English language itself is composite, having Celtic, Norse, Latin, Germanic and the influence of France. From these varieties it is evident that we cannot fix on some definite date or some poem and say that English literature was begun.

Beowulf is the oldest English epic that has come down to us that preserves some traces of the remote period when tribes migrated from place to place in Northern Europe before people as we know them had emerged from the darkness of their origin.

The structure of the poem, Beowulf, is unified. The men are of massive qualities, they have stateliness and dignity.

In the early English literature there are found pagan superstitions and Christian theology. Few people in those days had settled homes, tribes traveled from place to place and old English poetry often reflects the griefs and changes of life, of the seafarer and wanderer.

A priest named Augustine came to southern England with a band of missionaries and began the work of converting the English to Christianity. Canterbury was the center of this movement. This was in the year of 597. Paulinus came to Northern England teaching Christianity. York and England became the center of the English church.

The Christian religion, which was brought to the Teuton after they had come into England, found them already cast in a semi-heroic mold. But before they could proceed on their matchless career of world conquest, before he could produce a Shakespeare and plant his flag in the sunshine of every land, it was necessary for this new faith to develop in him the belief that a man of high ideals, working in unison with the Divinity that shapes his ends, may raise superior to fate and be given the strength to overcome the power of evil, and to mold the world to his will. The intensity of this faith, swaying an energetic race naturally fitted to respond to the great moral forces of the universe, has enabled the Anglo-Saxon to produce the world's greatest literature, to evolve the best government for developing human civ-