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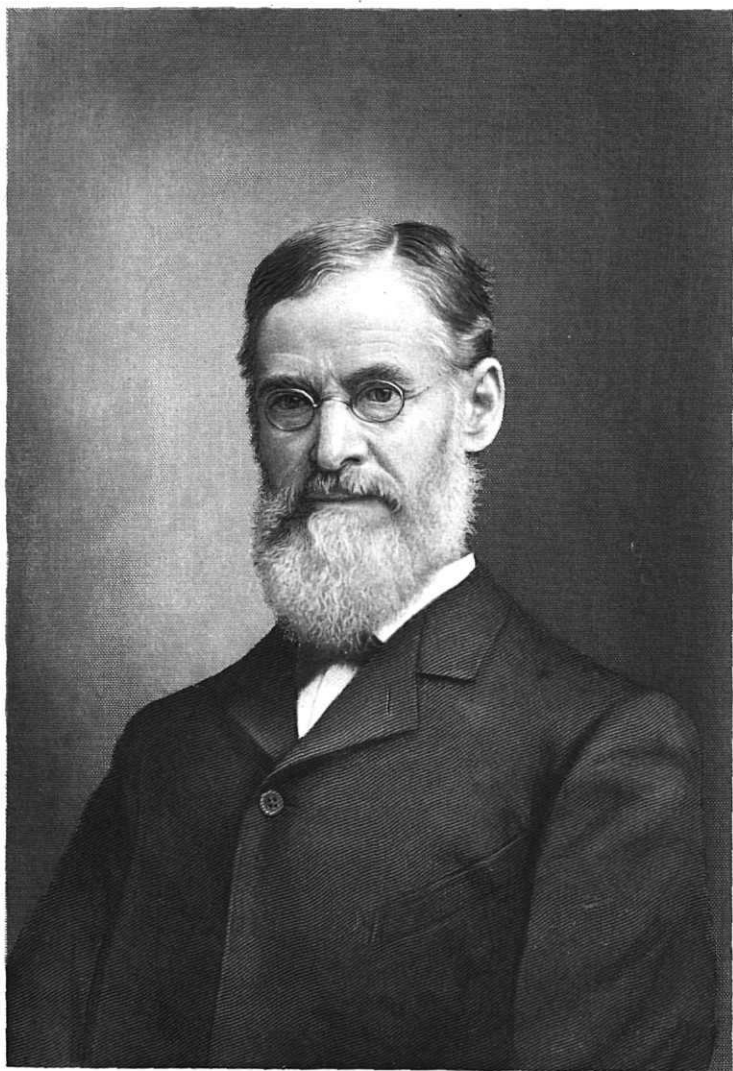
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(Taylor) Walter. William Walter, grandfather of John Walter Chandler, was a son of Joseph and Jane (Brinton) Walter, the former named having been a son of Goodwin Walter, who was the first of this branch of the family of whom we have any authentic information. The early ancestors of these different families through which John W. Chandler was descended were members of the Society of Friends, and were numbered among the leading families of their generation and day, and many of their descendants are to the present time faithful adherents to the religious belief of their forefathers. John and Maria Jane (Walter) Chandler were the parents of the following named children: 1. Daniel Webster, born 3 mo., 19, 1827; he married Emma Babb. 2. Sarah W., born 3 mo., 10, 1829; she became the wife of Colonel Kersey Coates, one of the principal founders of Kansas City, Missouri. 3. John Walter, born 1 mo., 29, 1832. 4. William Allen, born 9 mo., 10, 1834; he became a practicing physician, and was united in marriage to Louisa Stemm. 5. Joseph James, born 1 mo., 26, 1839.

John Walter Chandler, the third child and second son of John and Maria Jane (Walter) Chandler, was born at Doe Run, Chester county, Pennsylvania, 1 mo., 29, 1832. When he was five years of age his parents removed to Kennett Square, where he was sent to private school, and subsequently completed his education at the West Grove and London Grove Boarding Schools. He then returned to the parental roof and assisted his father upon the firm until 1852. Having decided upon a professional career, he took up the study of dentistry in the office and under the direction of Dr. Howard Chambers, with whom he remained for a year and a half, and during this period he gained an excellent knowledge of both the mechanical and scientific departments of the profession. He entered upon practice on his own account in Chatham, Chester county, where he remained for four years, a portion of which time was spent in professional work in Kennett Square. At the expiration of this period of time he relinquished the practice of his profession on account of ill health, and subsequently engaged in mercantile pursuits, continuing in this line and other enterprises until 1892. In that year he removed to Kansas City, Missouri, remained a resident there until 1895, and then returned to his native state and took up his residence in Lansdowne, Delaware county, where he was to some extent engaged in the real estate business. Mr. Chandler was a man of excellent business qualifications and scrupulous integrity, and was respected in the community for his general usefulness and sterling character. He was reared in the faith of his forefathers, and he brought up his family in the same faith. He was a member of Rising Star

Lodge, No. 126, Free and Accepted Masons, of Philadelphia, which he joined in 1866. In politics he was a Republican.

John Walter Chandler was married, 1 mo., 1, 1861, to Almira L. Taylor, who was born 12 mo., 9, 1838, a daughter of Milton and Sarah (Sharp) Taylor, and of this marriage were born four children: 1. Frederick T., born 12 mo., 5, 1863; he married Hattie M. Andrews, of Philadelphia, and their children are: Eleanor, Marion, Burton and Frederick. 2. Louisa, who became the wife of Wallace C. Williams, and they are the parents of one daughter, Myra C. Williams. 3. Percy M., born 2 mo., 6, 1873; he married Emma B. Mendenhall. 4. Mary, who became the wife of Albert R. Loughlin. The death of John Walter Chandler occurred at his home in Lansdowne, Delaware county, 4 mo., 25, 1903.

TAYLOR FAMILY. A pretty story comes down to us from the time of religious persecution, to the effect that the Taylor ancestor was among those who found himself, with some others, an inmate of a prison on account of his adherence to the doctrines of George Fox and failure to observe the ordinances of the established church. A fashionable young woman happened to be visiting in the vicinity of the prison, and for entertainment was taken to see these strange fanatics who were arousing some curiosity by their unusual behavior. As the visitors passed around, she noticed one of the prisoners engaged in writing a letter, and stepping behind him, she peered over his shoulder to see what he had written. Turning his eyes to hers, he administered a mild reuke, and she retired abashed. Not alone did the reproof smite her conscience, but the look from those eyes was a shaft to her heart from which she could not escape, and not long after his release she decided to cast her lot with him and the despised sect of which he was a member.

Tradition gives the name of Thomas Taylor to this ancestor, and states that he was the father of Robert Taylor, who came to Pennsylvania among the first of Penn's colonists. An examination of the facts will show, however, that Robert's parents must have been married before the persecution of the Quakers began, but the above incident harmonizes very well with what is known of the son's own experience, and doubtless refers to him.

Robert Taylor, of Clutterwick, in Cheshire, and twenty-eight others, were indicted at the Quarter Sessions in Chester, January, 1662, for "unlawfully assembling together at the House of John Dove in Coddington within the County aforesaid, the 19th Day of November last past, upon Pretence of joining together in religious

Worship of God." For this offence they were fined two pounds and ten shillings each, and refusing to pay were sent to prison for three months.

About a year later Robert Taylor married, and the name of his wife, unless he were married more than once, was Mary Hayes. The children of Robert and Mary Taylor were ten in number:

1. Rachel, b. 11 mo., 15, 1664; m. Jonathan Livezey and Benjamin Gilbert, and was the mother of Benjamin Gilbert, the Indian captive.

2. Isaac, b. 8 mo., 1, 1666; see forward.

3. Josiah, b. 11 mo., 3, 1668; d. 1700; m. Elizabeth Pennell.

4. Phebe, b. 6 mo., 15, 1670; d. 12 mo., 27, 1749; m. Thomas Massey and Bartholomew Coppock.

5. Thomas, b. 10 mo., 8, 1672; d. 1 mo., 1, 1672-3; buried at Whitley.

6. Mary, b. 1 mo., 14, 1673-4; m. Henry Lewis, 10 mo., 20, 1692.

7. Thomas, b. 2 mo., 7, 1676; d. 1725; m. Hannah Howell.

8. Jonathan, b. 6 mo., 24, 1678; d. 1709; m. Frances Hugh.

9. Martha, b. 12 mo., 6, 1680; m. John Fincher, 1699.

10. Jacob, born in Pennsylvania, supposed to have married Deborah Norbury, and died in 1742.

Among the purchasers of land from William Penn was Robert Taylor, of Little Leigh, in the County Palatine of Chester, husbandman, to whom Penn conveyed one thousand acres of unlocated land in Pennsylvania, by deeds of lease and release, dated 2d and 3d of March, 1681, for the sum of £20. Clutterwick appears to have been a hamlet in Little Leigh, according to "Leycester's Historical Antiquities," published in 1673.

In a Registry of Arrivals in possession of the Pennsylvania Historical Society, it is stated that the "Endeavour" of Lonodon, George Thorp, master, arrived here the 29th of 7th month (Sept.) 1683. "Mary Taylor, late of Clatterwich in Cheshire, came in ditto shipp: children: Isaack, Tho; Jona; Pheb; Mary & Martha Taylor." Robert Taylor, the father, had come over the previous year and must have brought his eldest daughter and second son with him. Tradition says that he brought Rachel to prevent her marriage to a person not approved by him.

Of the land purchased in England, a tract of four hundred acres was surveyed November 11, 1682, on Crum creek, in Springfield township. Of the remainder five hundred and fifty acres were located October 30, 1683, on Darby creek, in Marple township. Robert Taylor settled on the Springfield tract, and there died in April or May of 1695. By his will it appears he had left some real estate in England, a part of which had

been settled on his wife at the time of her marriage. She was a sister to Jonathan Hayes, a settler in Marple, and one of the justices of the common Pleas. She married a second husband, Joseph Selby, in the 2d month, 1701, and died 2 mo., 11, 1728.

Isaac Taylor (2) received from his father a deed of gift, dated 6 mo., 20, 1689, for three hundred acres of the Springfield tract, and was married 9 mo., 4, 1689, at a meeting at the house of Richard Waln, in Cheltenham, Philadelphia county, to Sarah Bradwell, who with her mother, Mary, and sister Mary Bradwell, had arrived on the Unicorn, 10 mo., 16, 1685. They settled on the land given him by his father, and were active members of Springfield Meeting, of which he was appointed an overseer, 9 mo., 28, 1715. Being deceased, Thomas Pearson was appointed to succeed him 12 mo., 25, 1716. Isaac Taylor died in 1717, and his wife in 1748. The children of Isaac and Sarah Taylor were eight in number:

11. Isaac, b. 6 mo., 28, 1690; m. Sarah Smith, 1719.

12. John, b. 7 mo., 27, 1692; m. Elizabeth Eachus about 1733.

13. Joseph, b. 11 mo., 11, 1694; d. about 1791; m. Mary Maris.

14. Mary, b. 10 mo., 21, 1697; m. Job Thomas, living in Md., 1729.

15. Benjamin, b. 7 mo., 18, 1700; a cordwainer in Phila., 1729.

16. Sarah, b. 1 mo., 9, 1703; m. about 1725 her cousin Tho. Massey.

17. Elizabeth, b. 4 mo., 9, 1705; m. James Sharpless, 4 mo., 12, 1729.

18. Josiah, b. 4 mo., 7, 1708; d. 3 mo., 1765; see below.

Josiah Taylor (18) learned the tailor trade, perhaps with his brother Joseph, and doubtless removed with him to West Marlborough, about 1724. He was married at Bradford Meeting, 3 mo., 14, 1730, to Jane Steward, of Bradford, born June, 1709, daughter of Alexander Steward (properly Stuart) and Mary Baily, now wife of George Harlan, of Bradford, at or near the present county alms house. There is reason to believe that her father was kidnapped, with other youths, in Scotland, and sold here to pay his passage and some profit to the parties engaged in the villainous traffic. He was bound to Francis Chadsey (now Chads), of Birmingham, for eight years from the 14th of September, 1697, but was assigned to Henry Nayle, of Thornbury, in 1701, for the remainder of his time. He died in Kennett, 11 mo., 5, 1714-15.

Josiah Taylor settled in Kennett at the time of his marriage, and became the owner of land immediately east of the present borough, but it was not till 1738 that his membership was transferred from London Grove to Kennett Meeting.