

## **Individual Narrative of Elias<sup>8</sup> William Taylor [409] Son of Ann Eliza<sup>7</sup> Leveridge [207] and Elias Osborn Taylor Husband of Lucy Amelia Kimball**

Elias William Taylor was born 19 October 1831 in Manhattan, New York County, New York.<sup>1</sup>

Elias W. Taylor was Chief Clerk of the Common Council in 1851. The New York City Council is the lawmaking body of New York City in the United States. It has 51 members from 51 council districts throughout the five boroughs.<sup>2,3</sup>

Elias W. Taylor, age 23 tailor like his father, was recorded in the 1855 New York State Census of Manhattan Ward 10, New York County, New York. Elias was living with his parents Elias O., age 52, and Ann Eliza, age 51; and siblings Susan M., age 17; Charles F., age 13; and John L., age 7. Elias' family was sharing a residence with his Aunt Susannah Leveridge Ball and her family.<sup>4</sup>

Elias W. Taylor married Lucy Amelia Kimball circa 1856 probably in Manhattan, New York County, New York. A specific date and place of marriage has not been identified. The estimated marriage date was based upon the birth year of their first born child. Lucy's maiden name is suggested by the 1860 U.S. Census of Manhattan, Ward 7, District 3, New York County, New York. In this census, Gordon and Mary (Brown) Kimball, ages 54 and 50, and a daughter Mary Kimball, age 20, are living in the same household as Elias W. and Lucy Taylor (born circa 1832 New York State). Elias and Lucy's children are listed as Susan, age 3, and Eloise, age 8 months. Elias' occupation is given as "clerk."<sup>5,6</sup>

Elias W. Taylor was listed in the 1857 New York City Directory, a tailor at 9 Chambers, residence given as Brooklyn.<sup>7</sup>

Elias Taylor, age 39 paper dealer, was recorded in the 1870 U. S. Census of Jersey City, Ward 10, Hudson County, New Jersey. Elias' household included his wife Lucy, age 38, and children: Susan, age 13; Louisa, age 10; Isabella, age 7; and Melvin, age 2.<sup>8</sup>

Elias W. Taylor was listed in the 1872 New York City Directory, Rags at 44 Beekman in Manhattan, residence in Jersey City, Hudson County, New York.<sup>9</sup>

Elias and Lucy Taylor had an infant daughter Edith Taylor, born circa 1873 and died 7 July 1873 in Jersey City, Hudson County, New Jersey.<sup>10</sup>

Elias W. Taylor was listed in the 1879 New York City Directory, paper at 1 Reade in Manhattan, living at 403 Putnam Avenue in Brooklyn, Kings County, New York.<sup>11</sup>

Elias W. Taylor was not found in the 1880 U. S. Census.<sup>12</sup>

Elias W. Taylor was the manager of the paper stock department for George W. Millar & Co. at 62 Duane Street in Manhattan, New York County, New York from about 1886 until the time of his death ten years later.<sup>13</sup>

Elias W. Taylor was listed in the 1889 Brooklyn, NY City Directory, paper 140 Nassau in Manhattan, New York County, New York; living at 380 8th in Brooklyn, Kings County, New York.<sup>14</sup>

Elias William Taylor was stricken with a cerebral hemorrhage while sitting at his desk in the workplace in Manhattan, New York County, New York on 26 December 1896. Elias died at the Hudson Street Hospital on 29 December 1896. Elias' funeral was held from his late residence on Forty-Seventh Street near Twelfth Avenue in Brooklyn, Kings County, New York. Elias' place of burial has not been found.<sup>15,16</sup>

Letters of Administration on the estate of Elias W. Taylor were granted to his son Stuart S. Taylor on 14 January 1897 by the Kings County, New York Surrogate. Other heirs cited included Elias' wife Lucy Taylor and his son Melvin H. Taylor. There is no mention of any surviving daughters in the probate proceeding.<sup>17</sup> Widow Lucy Taylor was living with her son Melvin Taylor and his wife Bessie in the 1900 U. S. Census of Manhattan, New York County, New York. Their residence was at 440 Manhattan Avenue.<sup>18</sup>

Lucy Kimball Taylor, widow of Elias W. Taylor, died 2 March 1908 in Brooklyn, Kings County, New York. Lucy was buried at the Rosedale Cemetery in Orange, Essex County, New Jersey.<sup>19</sup>

Elias William Taylor and Lucy Amelia Kimball had six children, at least two of whom survived to adulthood.

- i. Susan Taylor was born circa 1857 in Manhattan, New York County, New York.
- ii. Eloise. (aka Louise) Taylor was born circa 1859 in Manhattan.
- iii. Isabella Taylor was born circa 1863 in Manhattan.

All three of the above daughters are living with their parents in the 1870 U. S. Census of Jersey City, Hudson County, New Jersey. The family is not found in the 1880 U. S. Census, nor the 1875 and 1892 New York State Census. Their father Elias W. Taylor died in 1896. Both Elias' obituary and his probate file state that he had two surviving children, sons Melvin and Stuart. Therefore it is assumed that each of the three daughters listed above died young between 1870 and 1896. No marriage record has been found for any of the three daughters.<sup>20,21,22</sup>

- iv. Melvin H. Taylor was born 5 August 1868 in Brooklyn, Kings County, New York. Melvin married first Bessie (unidentified), date and place unknown. Bessie is recorded as Melvin's wife in the 1900 U. S. Census. Melvin married second Augusta Griesbach, date and place unknown. Augusta is recorded as Melvin's wife in the 1920 U. S. Census. She is also cited on Melvin's death certificate and in his probate file. Melvin died 13 April 1921 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois. Melvin was buried at the Montrose Cemetery in Chicago. Melvin was recorded in the 1870 U. S. Census of Hudson County, New Jersey; 1900 New York County, New York; 1920 Chicago, Cook County, Illinois.<sup>23,24,25,26,27,28</sup>
- v. Stuart Sturgis Taylor was born 15 July 1871 in Hoboken, Hudson County, New Jersey. Stuart married Jennie Ethel Mills 4 March 1894 in Brooklyn, Kings County, New York. Stuart died 10 March 1949 in Atlantic City, Atlantic County, New Jersey. Stuart was buried in Atlantic City. Stuart was recorded in the 1900 and 1910 U.S. Census of Kings County, New York; 1920 and 1940 Atlantic County, New Jersey; 1930 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.<sup>29,30,31,32,33,34,35,36,37,38</sup>
- vi. Edith Taylor was born circa 1873 and died 7 July 1873 in Jersey City, Hudson County, New Jersey. Edith's place of burial has not been found.<sup>39</sup>

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