

Ranches of Bodega Bay

Despard Taylor - Bodega Township

Despard Taylor, born: 2 Jun 1837 Johnstown, County Kilkenny Ireland, died: 13 Dec 1915 Bodega Bay, Sonoma County California, parents: William & Elisa Taylor, US Arrival: 1848 New York, US Naturalization: 18 Oct 1864 Sonoma County California, purchased Kee Ranch in 1862, sold Kee Ranch: 1869, married: Isabella Forsyth 1868 Sonoma County California (she was born: died:) children: Minnie Geneva 1869, Clara I 1873, William Despard Jr. 1877, Blanche Gertrude 1879

Parents

William Taylor Sr
1790-

Elizabeth "Eliza" Coakley
1800-

Spouse & Children

Isabella Anne Forsyth
1850-1923

Minnie Geneva Taylor
1869-1955

Clara I Taylor
1873-

Despard William Taylor Jr
1877-1948

Blanche Gertrude Taylor
1879-1954

Kee Ranch: The 379.41 acre northern-most parcel on the Head **was sold in 1862 by Tyler Curtis to Despard Taylor for \$1,200.** After a couple more transfers, it was sold in 1869 to James Kee (1836-1913) and Catherine Kee (1835 - 1874) for \$4,000.

Family name TAYLOR	Given name or names Despard
Address ---, Cal.	
Certificate no. (or vol. and page) Minutes-Vol.C,p.326	Title and location of court 7th DC, Santa Rosa, Cal.
Country of birth or allegiance Birth: Ireland Alleg.: Great Britain	When born (or ago) ---
Date and port of arrival in U. S. ---	Date of naturalization Oct. 18, 1864

Desperd Taylor

in the New York, State Census, 1855

Name: Desperd Taylor

Birth Year: abt 1836

Relation to Head: Son

Residence: New York City, New York

Household Members:	Name	Age
	William Taylor	55
	Elisa Taylor	55
	Theresa Taylor	25
	William Taylor	24
	Desperd Taylor	19
	Hercules Taylor	18
	Susan Taylor	16

A Hotel Needed.

Despard Taylor thinks it would be a good investment for somebody to build a hotel at the head of Bodega bay. There were any quantity of visitors there this season, and everybody had to camp. Here is a show for a good hotel man.

Despard Taylor

California Naturalization Records

Name: Despard Taylor

Record Type: Naturalization

Birth Place: Ireland

Naturalization Date: 18 Oct 1864

Naturalization Place: Sonoma, California

Despard Taylor

in the 1870 United States Federal Census

Name: Despard Taylor

Birth Year: abt 1841

Birthplace: Ireland

Home in 1870: Bodega, Sonoma, California

Post Office: Bodega

Occupation: Farmer

Personal Estate Value: 3460

Real Estate Value: 22940

Household Members:	Name	Age
	Despard Taylor	29
	Isabella Taylor	
	Geneva Taylor	7/12
	Wm Forsythe	22
	Thomas Forsythe	12

Despard Taylor

in the 1880 United States Federal Census

Name: Despard Taylor

Birth Date: Abt 1835

Birthplace: Ireland

Home in 1880: Bodega, Sonoma, California,

Spouse's name: Isabella Taylor

Father's Birthplace: Ireland

Mother's Birthplace: Ireland

Occupation: Dairyman

Household Members:	Name	Age
	Despard Taylor	45
	Isabella Taylor	29

Despard Taylor Sr.

BIRTH 6-2-1837 • Fertagh(Johnstown) County Kilkenny, Ireland

DEATH 13 DEC 1915 • Sonoma, California, USA

Despard Taylor in the 1900 United States Federal Census

Name: Despard Taylor

Birth Date: Jun 1837

Birthplace: Ireland

Home in 1900: Bodega, Sonoma, California

Immigration Year: 1848

Spouse's name: Isabell A Taylor

Marriage Year: 1868

Father's Birthplace: Ireland

Mother's Birthplace: Ireland

Years in US: 52

Naturalization: Na

Occupation: Dairyman

Months Not Employed: 0

House Owned or Rented: 0

Home Free or Mortgaged: F

Farm or House: F

Household Members:	Name	Age
	Despard Taylor	62
	Isabell A Taylor	49
	Clara I Taylor	26
	Despard W Taylor	23
	Blanche G Taylor	21
	Henry Hendricks	23
	Charles Capezzoli	30

Desport Taylor 1910 United States Federal Census

Name: Desport Taylor

Birth Year: abt 1837

Birthplace: Ireland

Home in 1910: Bodega, Sonoma, California

Immigration Year: 1847

Spouse's name: Isabel Taylor

Father's Birthplace: Ireland

Mother's Birthplace: Ireland

Occupation: Farmer

Industry: Dairy Farm

Employer, Employee or Other: Employer

Home Owned or Rented: Own

Home Free or Mortgaged: Free

Farm or House: Farm

Naturalization Status: Naturalized

Years Married: 42

Household Members:	Name	Age
	Desport Taylor	73
	Isabel Taylor	63
	Carrie Taylor	36
	Blanch Taylor	31

Despard Taylor Newspapers.com Obituary Index

Name: Despard Taylor

Death Age: 71

Birth Date: abt 1844

Residence Place: California

Death Date: Abt 1915

Obituary Date: 14 Dec 1915

Obituary Place: Petaluma, California

Despard Taylor Find A Grave Index

Name: Despard Taylor

Birth Date: 1837

Death Date: 1915

Cemetery: Sebastopol Memorial Lawn Cemetery

Burial or Cremation Place: Sebastopol, Sonoma County, California

OBITUARY

WILLIAM D. TAYLOR

William D. Taylor, prominent rancher of Bodega Bay, Sonoma county, died of a heart attack September 12 at the old family home, and was buried September 15 from the O'Leary Funeral Home at Sebastopol with Rev. A. W. Farlander of the Episcopal church of Santa Rosa officiating. Interment was in the family plot at Sebastopol.

In his younger years Mr. Taylor engaged in cattle and sheep raising, having later retired and made his home with his sisters at Bodega Bay.

One of his ranches faces the Pacific Ocean and Bodega Bay, another of 300 acres he sold to the state and this is now known as the State Coast Park. Some of his land was divided into town lots and became what is known as the town of Bodega Bay.

Surviving members of his family are three sisters, Mrs. W. E. Crawford of Ford street, Ukiah; Mrs. Blanche Carr and Miss Clara Taylor of Bodega Bay. He was 71 years of age.

He was a member of the Episcopal church and had lived his entire life in the coast section, and will be greatly missed.

Despard Taylor

California, Death Index

Name:	Despard Taylor
Birth Year:	abt 1837
Death Date:	13 Dec 1915
Age at Death:	78
Death Place:	Sonoma, California

THE DEATH OF DESPARD TAYLOR

Despard Taylor, an argonaut of 1848, who settled in Bodega on his arrival in California at that early date, died on the home place where he had resided for 57 years, Monday, at the age of 79 years, six months and twelve days, says the Press Democrat.

He is survived by a wife, Mrs. Isabella Taylor, and the following children: Mrs. W. E. Crawford, Miss Clara Taylor, Mrs. A. B. Carr and D. W. Taylor, all well known residents of Bodega.

The funeral will be held Wednesday morning at 10:30 o'clock from the family residence, with the Rev. W. E. Potwine, rector of the Santa Rosa Church of the Incarnation, officiating. The interment will be in Sebastopol cemetery.

