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## **William W. Taylor Naturalization**

William W. Taylor was born in Ireland, probably in the county of Armagh in the Protestant north, in about 1797. He emigrated to the US and ended up in Newberry County, South Carolina before 1815. Family tradition says that he came when he was age 11. This would be in about 1808. He became a naturalized citizen on October 25, 1822.

This naturalization document was largely unknown to researchers of the Taylor line. It had been originally a Newberry County record, but it had been moved to the South Carolina State Archives in Columbia. I discovered it quite by accident. One day in a Knoxville, TN genealogy library, I ran across a book titled South Carolina County Records that were moved to the State Archives. This document was in the listing for Newberry. I requested a copy from the archives and got it. On a later visit to the archives, I was able to view and “fondle” the original document.

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Judges of the court of common pleas of the said state.

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respectfully sheweth - That he is a free white man  
of the age of twenty five years, that he was born  
in and emigrated from the Kingdom of Ireland  
in the county of ~~Down~~ <sup>Down</sup> and that he  
is now settling in the state of South Carolina  
in the District of Newbury. that he is  
desirous of becoming naturalized, upon  
complying with the acts of Congress in such  
case made & provided.

Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> 1822. And your petitioners will pray  
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The State of South Carolina }  
Newbury District } William Taylor  
being sworn on oath that he bona fide  
has intentions <sup>signifying</sup> to become a citizen of  
the United States, and that he <sup>is willing to</sup> renounces  
for ever all allegiance and fidelity to  
any foreign prince, potentate, state or gov-  
ernment what ever and particularly to George  
the fourth King of Ireland Great Britain  
& so forth whose subject he now is.

J. S. Hamiston *J. S. Hamiston* Wm Taylor

## Transcription of the William Taylor Naturalization Petition 25 Oct 1822

The State of South Carolina}  
Newberry District}  
of the said state.

To the honorable the judges of the court of common pleas

The humble petition of William Taylor respectfully sheweth - That he is a free white man of the age of twenty five years, that he was born in and immigrated from the Kingdom of Ireland in the county of Armagh, and that he intends settling in the state of South Carolina in the district of Newberry, that his is desirous of becoming naturalized, upon complying with the acts of Congress in such case made and provided.

Oct. 25th 1822

And your petitioner will pray  
Burs??? & Duncan  
For Petitioner

The State of South Carolina}  
Newberry District}

William Taylor

being sworn on oath saith it bona fide his intention willingly to become a citizen of the United States, and that he is willing to renounce for ever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign princes, potentates, state, or sovereignty whatever and particularly to George the fourth King of Ireland Great Britain & so forth whose subject he now is.

Y. J. Harrington

Wm Taylor