

# A Guide to the Portraits of Yardley and Hannah Taylor n.d.

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## Descriptive Summary

### Collection number

VC 0106

### Language

English

### Abstract

Collection consists of 3 photographs; two reproducing daguerreotype portraits identified as Yardley Taylor and Hannah Brown Taylor, and a third reproducing an accompanying note identifying the portraits. Images and note are not dated. The original daguerreotype images were sold at auction in Pennsylvania and later purchased by Lee Lawrence. The original daguerreotypes and note remain in her collection.

### Collector

Lee Lawrence

## Physical Characteristics

3 items.

## Repository

Thomas Balch Library

# Administrative Information

## Access Restrictions

Collection open for research.

## Use Restrictions

No physical characteristics affect use of this material.

## Acquisition Information

Lee Lawrence, Lincoln VA

## Processing Information

Laura Christiansen, 30 July 2019

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# Related Material

Yardley Taylor Surveying Book, 1832-1884 (M 036), Thomas Balch Library, Leesburg, VA; Taylor Family Tree, 1851 (OM 016), Thomas Balch Library, Leesburg, VA; Yardley Taylor Map, 1853, Thomas Balch Library, Leesburg, VA; Memoir of Loudoun County, Virginia. To Accompany the Map of Loudoun County, by Yardley Taylor, Leesburg, VA: T. Reynolds, 1853 (V REF 975.528 TAY)

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## Other Finding Aid

Past Perfect catalogue records

## Technical Requirements

None

## Biographical Information

Yardley Taylor (1794-1868), son of Bernard Taylor (1771-1848) and Sarah Smith (1769-1862) married Hannah Brown (1792-1880) in 1818 and had eight children. The Taylors lived in Goose Creek, now known as Lincoln, and, like many of their neighbors were members of the Society of Friends. Along with being a prominent member of the Quaker community, Taylor was a surveyor, mapmaker, letter carrier, nurseryman, and outspoken abolitionist. He was rumored to have helped several slaves escape Virginia, in violation of fugitive slave laws, and in 1824 served as the first president of the Loudoun Manumission and Emigration Society. His vocal opposition to slavery led one Loudoun County resident to publish a broadside against him, calling him the "chief of the abolitionist clan in Loudoun" and denouncing his anti-slavery actions as "Monstrous!"

Taylor is best known for his work as a surveyor and mapmaker. In 1853, he published a "Map of Loudoun County, Virginia, from Actual Surveys" and an accompanying Memoir of Loudoun County Virginia. The map identifies landowners, mills, and places of worship in addition to mapping watercourses and roads. Taylor's Memoir describes in great detail the physical features of Loudoun County, the value of its land and products, and comments at length about its population.

Many of the children of Yardley Taylor and Hannah Brown Taylor remained in Loudoun County and are buried at Goose Creek Burial Ground.

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## Arrangement

Item

## Contents List

### VC 0106

**Item 1: vc\_0106\_0001 Portrait of Hannah Brown Taylor (1792-1880) [photograph]**

**Item 2: vc\_0106\_0002 Portrait of Yardley Taylor (1794-1868) [photograph]**

**Item 3: vc\_0106\_0003 Note of identification [photograph]**