

Taynton family

Francis Taynton –

Entry in Golden Book (between 1741-7).
Son of Nathaniel Taynton of Cowbriidge gent.
Educated at Cowbridge Grammar School.
Matriculated Jesus College, Oxford 1748 aged 18,
B.A. 1753, M.A. 1756,
Rector of Trosley, and Vicar of West Farley, Kent.
Died 1794

Wife Ann Taynton, died 5th March 1810 aged 64 (Holy Cross church memorial)

? Taynton House - document found in a box of 'Sorrento' deeds.

23.5.1749 Nathaniel Taynton gent. (four houses in Cowbridge) devises a house near the Bridewell and a leasehold house adjoining (formerly the Black Horse, the freehold of which he afterwards purchased) to son Nathaniel. (*23 High Street*)

and a house in east village (now John Samuel's) to his daughter Elizabeth, who sold the same to Walter Williams (*54 Eastgate*)

24.7. 1764 Revd. Francis Taynton previous to his marriage with Miss Ann Ridding settles premises in Llantrisant and Llanblethian (no details).

2.11. 1794 Mr Taynton died intestate whereby the messuages devised by his father's wills descended to Francis Taynton, his eldest son and heir (who married Miss Williams in 1795).

Letter sent to Miss Taynton of Cowbridge :

Hull Roads.
November 12th 1815

‘This vessel is most horrid small. The height between decks, i.e. from the ground to the ceiling is 4ft 4 and a half inches. How would my uncle manage here? Ask him. I am generally about twenty minutes before I can get into bed before I am undressed, and the same time getting out. I generally manage so as to be able to wash myself once in two or three days. But not being able to wash oftener may perhaps be an advantage, as the weather being rather cold the dirt of course keeps us warmer.

I subscribe to a circulating library, half a crown a month, and am going to begin Robertson’s ‘History of America’ tomorrow. The people here are the most brutish set of beasts - all rich misers who get money and take very good care to keep it. They have not the least respect for officers neither of the navy or the army. What a set of ragamuffins. The first Sunday I went to church here I was dressed in the same uniform you saw me in in Cowbridge, with a cocked hat and long sword, and although everybody saw I was a stranger nobody offered a seat.

The players have just arrived here – no great shakes of a set. Horrid music but a very neat little theatre. Although this is so large a place, they have not regular balls. There is indeed an assembly room but it is a most wretched place. I don’t know when I shall go to Cowbridge, but when I do I shall claim your promise to dance with me at the first ball.’

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Colonel William Henry Taynton, died 16th May 1857 aged 77
Francis Taynton, solicitor, died 9th April 1835 aged 67
Jane, wife of Francis, died 24th January 1854 aged 84
Robert Taynton, Lieutenant, died 29th June 1802 aged 62
Elizabeth, his widow, died 21st February 1814 aged 75
Nathaniel Taynton, attorney at law, died 28/6/1754 aged 61
His wife died 21/9/1765 aged 64

Memorials in Holy Cross church, Cowbridge
