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"Master of Hospitality"

Writer, Orator, Banker, Distiller

Creator of "Old Taylor"

Legislator, Country Gentleman

Man of Fashion

"The Duke of Glen's Creek"

"Prince of the House of Bourbon"

By

John Wilson Townsend

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Jacob Swigert Taylor Esquire

and to

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A Trio of Tributes

"In 1792 the State Capitol was located at Frankfort, and, despite many efforts to remove it to other localities, the determined citizens of this little city succeeded in retaining it. Among them Colonel Edmund H. Taylor did the most effective work, and to him the Frankfort people owe their chief debt of gratitude."

William O'Connell Bradley

"The Seventh Internal Revenue district of Kentucky is historic, and generations ago the counties ~~now~~ that now give it distinction were looked upon as pre-eminently the home of good whiskey and the seat of America's most famous distilleries. Our distillers have been gentlemen of high character and wide repute, and their products have been recognized as standard the world over. They have not ~~been~~ ^{needed} 'pure food' legislation to tell them they shall not sail under false colors, and they have not been afraid of the most exacting answer to the mooted question: 'What is whiskey?'

"For half a century no district in America has sent to the market a greater proportion of ripe, aged, straight whiskey, and in comparison so little of the doctored stuff that brings the whole ~~business~~ industry into disrepute; and when Congress passed what is known as the 'bottling-in-bond' law, the greatest step ever taken to protect the legitimate distilling ~~or~~ ~~whiskey~~ industry, the Seventh district led the country in adopting the new system, under which every process, from the weighing of the grain to the sealing of the finished packages,

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Samuel J. Adson Roberts

When I was engaged in my contest to wrest whiskey from the hands of the rectifiers, Edmund W. Taylor, together with his father, were my very strong supporters. It was largely through the influence of these two men that I forced upon an unwilling Secretary of Agriculture a proper definition of whiskey, and in addition thereto, naturally, of brandy, rum, and other distilled spirits. My view was that if people must drink beverages of this kind, they should be pure and as little harmful as possible. To this end, all fictitious imitations of them were, under the terms of the Pure Food and Drugs Law, forbidden. I doubt if I could have succeeded in establishing a proper definition for these beverages without the aid of Colonel Taylor and his son. I, therefore, pay a tribute to him from this point of view, in that he helped to establish by legal opinion of United States courts a proper standard for beverages of this kind. I believe it was the overturning of this standard by a later Presidential decree which hastened by many years the advent of prohibition."

Dr Harvey W. Wiley

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I shall not soon forget the summer of 1908: its heat, its work, its anxiety. I was writing a book, a biography of James Francis Leonard, first practical sound reader of the More alphabet, I was building the monument ~~in~~ in the Lexington cemetery to the memory of old King Solomon of Kentucky, whom James Lane Allen ~~portrayed~~ portrayed for posterity; I was nursing a mother who refused to mend;

~~and I was preparing to quit Kentucky for Virginia where I hoped to successfully teach the "young idea how to shoot,"~~

and I was preparing to ~~quit~~ quit Kentucky for Virginia where I hoped to ~~successfully~~ successfully teach the "young idea how to shoot,"

My! what a summer!

When the battle of Lexington ~~went against~~ went against me, I would take the train for Frankfort, where I would be joined by a sweet little ~~woman~~ woman who was telling me the story of "Jimmy" Leonard. We ~~would~~ would meet at the old station, and slowly climb the long hill to the State centery, where, ~~at~~ ^{top} Leonard's ~~monument~~ ^{round} characteristic monument, or sitting on the steps that ~~lead~~ pass the ~~memorial~~ memorial to Goebel, we would discuss Leonard and think of new ways to find new information about him. One day this sweet little woman remarked:

"There is a man in this town you don't know, I'll bet, because you ~~are~~ ^{perfect} are a prohibitionist, that knows a story of Jimmy you must have for your book. ~~Know~~ Col. E. L. Taylor, Jr.?"

"No: I bet my father, Charles W. Townsend, once ran a little paper in Lexington, called the Drammer, and ~~he~~ wrote him up,"

"Well, I'll go to see him or write him a letter like this: 'My dear Colonel: I know, of course, I am mistaken, but can it be possible that you are the Mr Taylor ~~that~~ in whose bank in Lexington James F. Leonard worked more than fifty years ago? If you are, will you please tell me or Mr Townsend, who is trying to write a life of Leonard, anything you may remember con

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The following

In April, 1909, I wrote an extended newspaper story of the life and literary labours of Judge James Hilary Mulligan, author of 'In Kentucky,' a little poem ~~xxxx~~ whose circulation ~~was~~ has been second only to Stephen Collins Foster's immortal song, 'My Old Kentucky Home, Goodnight.' This article attracted the attention of Mr J. Swigert Taylor, of Frankfort, Kentucky, who wrote me a very fine and complimentary letter concerning it, declaring ~~another nice thing~~ he regarded it one of the best bits of biographical writing he had seen in some time. Of course, the best bits were probably written or directly inspired by Judge Mulligan himself, who wrote even better prose than poetry. In any event, Mr Taylor concluded his letter by inviting me to come to Frankfort for an interview with his distinguished father, Colonel E.H. Taylor, Jr., with the idea of writing a story concerning him similar to ^{the} one on Judge Mulligan. I went to Frankfort in response to this invitation, and shortly found myself on the top floor of the new McClure building, ^{then} which was occupied by the firm of E.H. Taylor, Jr. and Sons, distillers of fine Kentucky whiskey.

~~Mr Taylor greeted me cordially, and asked me to write a story concerning him similar to the one on Judge Mulligan. I went to Frankfort in response to this invitation, and shortly found myself on the top floor of the new McClure building, which was occupied by the firm of E.H. Taylor, Jr. and Sons, distillers of fine Kentucky whiskey.~~

Mr Taylor left a conference with his father to greet me, but, as the matter being discussed was one of urgent importance, he asked me to kindly excuse him for a few moments in order that he may conclude the conversation with ~~xxxx~~ the Colonel. Rejoining his father in the room next to the one in which I took a chair, he left the dividing door open. Looking through this door I got my first glimpse

of Col. Taylor. He and his son were standing in front of an open window, puffing cigars, and one or both of them was resting his right foot on the window sill. They were in earnest conversation and so continued for some time.

The conference concluded, I was presented to Colonel Taylor, who quickly ~~smoked~~ ^{killed} all ideas of an interview ~~by saying~~ ^{almost immediately for Washington} by saying he was very busy, and was leaving Frankfort ~~on his way to Chicago~~ ^{ON} where he was to join his youngest son, Edward Watson. He told me, ~~spent almost as much time in Chicago and New York as he did~~ ^{in Frankfort, and was constantly moving from place to place.} Taylor, who was vainly endeavoring, as it turned out, to tell Taft the correct answer to the terrible interrogative: "What is whiskey?" ^{"Perhaps some other time," he briefly suggested.}

As he passed through the offices on his way to the elevator he was greeted with "Good morning, Colonel," from the dozens of workers in his offices. And in return to these collective greetings, he asked: "Do we owe anybody to-day? Anybody we can pay to-day? If ~~we~~ ^{so}, let them be paid at once."

The next year I went to Frankfort to be ~~xxxx~~ assistant secretary, or assistant librarian, or something, (I did n't stay long enough to ~~xxx~~ ascertain exactly just what my title was or was going to be ^{being given "briefly"} of the Kentucky Historical Society. There I often saw Col. Taylor, and had an opportunity to study him at close range.

Through the kind invitation of Mr J. Swigert Taylor I was invited to that now famous luncheon the Colonel gave at ~~Thistleton~~ ^{his home,} to the ~~House~~ of ~~which~~ ^{which} met in Frankfort, 29 November, 1910, and Governors, ~~xxxxxx~~, which was attended by Woodrow Wilson, in ~~grey~~ ^{grey} clothes, and Judson Harmon, in dark clothes, along with more than ~~xx~~ a score of the chief executives of other Commonwealths, in ~~xxxxxx~~ ^{xxxxxx} sundry suits of clothes.

^{U. son Col. Taylor but again in saying so after his living time}
Since that time I had often thought of writing a sketch of ^{the best} Colonel Taylor for some newspaper or magazine, but not until after ^{time at} his death ^{in 1923,} or in the early autumn of 1924, did Mr J. Swigert Taylor ^{the R.} renew his original request concerning my writing something about his famous father. But by this time he had grown more ambitious: ^{Breeder} ^{Futurist} ^{Stalder} ^{1918.} sketches were now out of the question, it must be a book now, and

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a goodly book. And here it is.

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Lexington, Kentucky

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of his return to ~~Frankfort~~ for the summer vacation, so it must be taken for granted that he spent the summer at the Taylor plantation.

Dick Taylor was four years Edmund's senior, and, being past ~~thirteen years old~~ in the autumn of 1839, he was sent to Edinburgh, Scotland, where he spent three years in studying the classics, and was then sent to France where he spent a year in study. He returned to America in 1843, and entered the junior class at Yale from which he was graduated in 1845.

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We can well imagine Edmund's address at the ~~time~~ ~~of his departure~~

~~of 1839-1840~~ re-entered Boyer's and spent the year ~~of 1839-1840~~

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of 1839-1840 there, at the end of which time his mother wrote that she

Frankfort, where she was visiting her brother-in-law, must see her son in ~~Frankfort~~. Homesickness had long since en-

veloped him, for life at the plantation was not what it had been

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In June, 1840, with the old General never at home and Dick in Edinburgh. He took

and Ohio rivers after an passage up the Mississippi on the best and fastest boat and, ~~was a short-~~ eventful journey, landed in Louisville. There he entered the stage coach, and, nine hours later, found himself

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joy at the return of the lad ~~he~~ was complete, for he had already

made arrangements with his friend, Professor B.B. Sayre, to enter

him in Sayre's academy which was ~~flourishing~~ flourishing in Frankfort at

that time. The Frankfort common school system was adopted in this same year of 1840, but Edmund was sent to Sayre's

Edmund's return to Frankfort was simultaneous with "a large ~~influx~~ influx of foreigners, especially Irish; ~~and one of his~~ and one of his first visits was paid to William H. Holman, proprietor of the "Tavern on the Hill," which ~~was~~ occupied a site on what is now the entrance to the State Cemetery.

The boy got his first glimpse of Henry Clay at his uncle Edmund's house in Frankfort on 2 September, 1840, when Clay spoke in tradition Frankfort on the state of the union. The ~~tradition~~ tradition in the Taylor family is that ~~Henry~~ the sage of Ashland presented Edmund with a book, probably George D. Prentice's "Life of Henry Clay" (Hartford, Conn., 1831 & 1831), autographing it as follows: "To my young friend, E.H. Taylor, j

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jr.,
with the compliments of Henry Clay, Frankfort, Ky., September 2nd,
1840." This book was preserved ~~by~~ in the family for many years, and
always shown to admiring friends ~~of Clay's~~ with pardonable pride,
but it was finally borrowed by some one and never returned.

Clay was in a mellow mood in Frankfort on that September day. William Henry Harrison and John Tyler---"Tippecanoe and Tyler too"---had just been elected president and vice-president, a few weeks previously, in early August, bringing to an end that memorable "log-cabin and hard-cider rampaign," and the victory was really regarded by Clay as his own: it remained for Tyler, who succeeded to the presidency, of course, upon the death of Harrison on 4 April, 1841, to disabuse Clay's mind of just who was president of these United States. Harrison, in the single month that he served began this work of disabusement, but it remained for Tyler to complete the job. Clay had one pleasure out of it: he declined the office of secretary of State. with undivided attention to the

That the boy listened ~~to the~~ matchless eloquence of Henry Mr. Clay, who was then, although an old man as ages go, ~~was~~ at the very height of his powers of oratory may be taken for granted.

A few days later ~~he~~ Edmund ~~witnessed~~ the inauguration of Robert Perkins Letcher as Governor of Kentucky. The city's welcome to the new chief executive of the Commonwealth was made by Professor Sayre, who was not only the leading ~~schoolmaster of the~~ pedagogue of the place but was one of ~~the~~ its favorite orators. "The old Thames cannon was brought out upon that occasion and spoke with her accustomed cher cheery voice. #."

"In 1836," wrote Mr L.F. Johnson, in his very valuable History of Franklin County, Kentucky (Frankfort, Ky., 1912),

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"Footnote:

"Henry Clay taught him thrift in a practical manner. When the verbal lessons were out of the way, he autographed and gave to the Colonel one of the first books published containing interest tables for the use of bankers."

~~Harry Barnett's sketch of "A Real Kentucky Colonel"~~
~~Dearborn~~
~~in the Dearborn Independent, 24 June, 1922, p.~~

Harry E. Barnett's "Last of the Real Colonels of the Blue Grass," in the Dearborn Independent, 24 June 1922, p. 15.

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"the high school which had been taught by the Rev. Wm. Purvance and the one taught by L.B.Nash were merged into one, which was called Frankfort Academy. Mr. B.B.Sayre was one of the teachers in this academy; he afterwards became one of the most celebrated teachers in Kentucky. His influence has been felt, perhaps, more than any other man who has lived in the State. He came from Virginia about 1835. He taught for many years. Pupils from all sections of the country came to him. For some years he taught where the Episcopal church now stands. From about 1842 to 1848, he taught in the building now known as the Lindsey law office on the corner of Main and St. Clair streets. He afterwards taught where Mr J.A.Scott resides. He went to the Kentucky Military Institute in 1863, but taught there only a short time. He died in Frankfort April 28th, 1879, and is buried in the south--west corner of the Frankfort cemetery. A few of the men of note who were taught by him are as follows: Gen. George B. Crittenden, Gen. Thos.L. Crittenden, Col. Eugene Crittenden, Gov. T.T. Crittenden, of Missouri; United States Senator Geo. Vest, U.S.Senator J.C.S.Blackburn, State Senator James Blackburn, Mr. John B. ~~Lindsey~~, Gen. D.W. ~~Lindsey~~ Lindsey, Judge P.U. Major, Col. S.I.M. Major, and many other men who have been ~~prominent~~ important factors in the government of both State and Nation."

Rather curiously, Mr Johnson omits mention of ^{three of} Professor Sayre's ~~most noted pupils~~ ^{most widely-known students:} Alexander John Alexander, E.H.Taylor, Jr., and John Marshall Harlan, for so many years Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court. Taylor and Harlan were there at the same time with George Graham Vest, afterwards U.S.Senator from ^{Missouri} ~~Missouri~~, and famous for his ^{fine} ~~moral~~ eulogy on the ~~deceased~~ Senator Vest's parents are buried in the ~~State~~ ^{Col. Samuel} cemetery at Frankfort. Another of Taylor's classmates was ~~Jr.~~ I.M. Major. Taylor, Major, and Vest were each born in ~~1830~~ 1830; Harlan in 1833 in Boyle County, Kentucky. Harlan may not have been actual class mates of Taylor, Vest, and Major, although he was graduated from old Centre

College at Danville when he was but seventeen years old, which would tend to show he was rather advanced for his age. Then, too, in those early days in Kentucky schools were not graded to such ~~any~~ a marked extent as they are at this time. When Horace Holley, third president of Old Transylvania, ~~in Lexington~~ arrived in Lexington he found that the classes of the ~~very~~ infant University were not divided at all, one large hall being used ~~to teach them~~ as a recitation room for all the students. Professor Sayre probably divided his rather roughly, ^{boys} although ~~times~~ ^{methods} had changed some since Holley's time, fitting the size of their bodies with the size of their heads until the misfits became apparent, when he herded the sheep ~~from the goats~~ in one end of the room and the goats in the other. "His training applied to the entire personality of the pupil; and to this Mr. Taykor owes, besides his mental culture, that grace and dignity of address, and that suavity and charm of expression, which adds so much to the popularity of character and potency." In other words, Professor Sayre was a well-rounded man himself, and that was the goal towards which he strove to bring his boys. These four famous fellows: Taylor, Harlan, Vest, and Major, ^(cf. footnotess on pp. 12A; 12--B) would have fixed his fame as an educator had he failed with all of the others he taught; but he did not fail with any of them. If there was failure among them, it was inherent in the fellows themselves. The fault was not Sayre's; he did his part and more. Kentucky needs, always has and always will, more ^{schoolmasters} like B.B. Sayre, Kane O'Hara, father of the author of The Bivouac of the Dead, Joshua Frye, "Domine" Thompson, ~~Dr~~ Dr Lewis Marshall and others. James Lane Allen, the famous novelist, who was ~~himself~~ ^{John Gray} himself one of the finest teachers Kentucky ever produced, wrote his ~~masterpiece~~ around the life of John ("Wild-Cat") McKinney, Lexington's earliest teacher; and he overlooked an excellent story, ~~xxxxxxketerxxxxxx~~ in the life and work of B.B. Sayre.

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~~Footnotes~~ Major, Harlan, Vest.

Col. Major was for a quarter of a century public printer of Kentucky, and editor of the old Frankfort Yeoman, one of the best newspapers in the State. It was while editor of the Yeoman that he was challenged by Col. Thomas Marshall Green, editor of ~~the rival paper,~~ ^{the rival paper,} ~~the Mayville~~ ^(Cincinnati 1889) ~~The Frankfort Commonwealth~~ ^{and author of Historic Families of Kentucky, and The Spanish}

^(Cincinnati 1891) Conspiracy, two of the ablest historical works this Commonwealth but by mediation of friends the duel was prevented, after they can claim, to a duel, ~~which he declined with profuse thanks.~~ ^{fighting} That e dit ~~was~~ had reached Louisville, en route to the field of honor in ^{Indiana.} was in 1857. Major was later a member of the Kentucky legislature and Mayor of Frankfort. He died in 1885. His brother, Judge Patrick Upsher Major, who also attended Sayre's school, has been often characterized as "the strongest criminal lawyer ~~was~~ ^{that} ever engaged in the practice at Frankfort."

After ~~gr~~ his graduation at Centre in 1850, Harlan ~~was~~ ^{ed} enter the Law School of ~~Transylvania~~ ^{March} Transylvania University in Lexington, from which he was graduated in 1853. He ~~was~~ ^{being} ~~was~~ began the practice of his profession in Frankfort, and in the following year was elected ^{City} ~~County~~ Attorney, ~~of Franklin~~ ^{Franklin} he was re-elected in 1856; and two years later was elected judge of Franklin county. In 1859 he was unsuccessful Whig candidate for the ~~low~~ lower House of Congress from the Ashland district, but a short time later was appointed Adjutant-General of Kentucky. At the outbreak of the Civil War he entered the Union army and ~~he~~ was appointed colonel of the Tenth Kentucky infantry. He was Attorney-General of Kentucky from 1863 to 1867, ~~and~~ and was the ~~unsuccessful~~ ^{unsuccessful} ~~and~~ Republican candidate for Governor of Kentucky in 1871 and 1875.

On 29 November, 1877, he was appointed by President Hayes an associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, succeeding David Davis of Illinois. Justice Harlan died at Washington, D.C.,

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"He went to school to Mr. B.B.Sayre in Frankfort before his father's death in 1911 and it was there that he first knew Mr Taylor who was a younger boy in the school. I do not know that they were ever very intimate but there was always that bond between them." (Footnote)

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During his years at Sayre's academy, ~~Frankfort~~ "the fabulous ~~fort~~ momentous forties," ~~momentous~~ events were occurring ^{occurring} in Frankfort, in Kentucky, and in the ~~United States and in the world~~ nation. But it is only events of a local character that ~~we~~ need ~~in~~ concern ^{me} here, and only then as a background ^{against which} for the boy's character ~~we are attempting to~~ etch. ^{myself} ~~ed~~

He attended the great Whig barbecue that was held in Frankfort ~~on~~ 26 October, 1842, which ~~witnessed~~ witnessed the largest crowd that had been in Frankfort up to that time, and which listened to the silver tones of Mr. Clay, John J. Crittenden, Gen. Leslie Combs, and a handful of Kentucky congressmen, including William Jordan Graves, who killed Jonathan Cilley of Maine in a duel ~~which~~ that also served to blast Graves's life and political future. John White, Speaker of the national House was also present and spoke from the speaker's stand ~~in~~ opposite the ~~old~~ capitol .

Edmund, along with the rest of the boys in Franklin County must have been scared ~~by the most severe, wind and~~ by the most severe, wind and ~~hail and rain storm~~ hail and rain storm ~~which~~ Kentucky has ever known, which occurred 28 May, 1843. Six inches of rain fell ; timber worth more than a million dollars was destroyed; fences were blown for miles and many houses dismantled. One man was killed.

He may have seen this notice in the Frankfort Commonwealth of 2 July, 1844: "Mr. Clay was in Frankfort Wednesday and Thursday of last week, in fine health and spirits. It is understood he came to pay his respects to his amiable and accomplished friend, the favorite of every circle in which she is known, Mrs. Tubman, of Georgia, who entertained him with much courteous hospitality at her home during his late Southern trip."

He probably did more than see the notice; he saw the Great Commoner himself, either at his uncle's house ^{which was and is part of the Branch Bank} at or at the old ~~Mansion~~ Mansion House, the leading hotel of the town. He often said Mr Clay had

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~~the most interesting eyes have ever seen~~

eye that would pierce the darkest night; and, in the ~~was~~ words of old Judge James Flannigan of Winchester, who was for so many years Edmund Taylor's friend, "he ~~would follow~~ would follow behind him on the ~~streets~~ streets, and, should Mr Clay elect to walk straight to the ~~Kentucky~~ Ohio ~~river~~ river, he would have found me behind him when he arrived."

In 1844 the Frankfort Bridge Company ~~rebuild the~~ ~~St Clair street bridge~~ started the work of reconstructing the St Clair street ~~at~~ bridge over the Kentucky river, connecting South Frankfort with the city proper, but the work was not completed until four years later. The most rapid growth of Frankfort at any time of her history was from ~~1845~~ 1840 to 1845. Its population being doubled during those years.

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The re-internment in the State ~~at the State and~~
~~Frankfort, Ky., of the bodies of Daniel Boone and his faithful spouse, Rebecca, which was one of the most historic~~

13 September, 1845, of the bodies of Daniel Boone and his faithful spouse, Rebecca, ~~which~~ was one of the ~~most historic~~ of Frankfort's history. Governor Robert P. Letcher was chairman of the committee on arrangements, and all business in the town ~~was~~ suspended. Everybody that could get there was there. Kentucky river boats were loaded to the water's edge. Kentucky was paying honor to its founder. Jacob Swigert and Edmund H. Taylor were assistant marshals of the ninth part of the procession which in was composed of the trustees and officers of the city.

Young Taylor ^{pupils of the} marched with the ^{day schools and} ~~the~~ who their teachers, ~~and which~~ were in charge of Gen. Lucius Desha, marshal, and which formed the fifteenth section of the procession. ~~of the pallbearers was his son, General James Desha, of Newport, in~~

The procession, more than a mile long, was lead by

General

~~John T. Pratt and a company of soldiers followed which was more than~~
 mile long, and of which was lead by General John T. Pratt, chief mar-
 shall, and a company of soldiers. The hearse containing the twin coffins
 was profusely decorated with evergreens and flowers, and drawn by
 four white horses, was directly behind the military, accompanied by
 the pallbearers, one of whom was General James Taylor, of Newport,
~~son of the eldest son of~~ of James Taylor, III. Gen. Leslie Combs

(Footnote, below)

of Lexington was marshal of the second group in the procession
 composed of the relatives and companies of Daniel Boone and ~~his~~
~~wife~~ Mrs. Boone. Bishop Soule, of the Methodist Church, pro-
 nounced the invocation, and John J. Crittenden delivered the
 Boone's last resting-place, high on the ~~stiff~~ hills of
 eulogy. ~~Through the~~, overlooking the winding river he explored
 and made famous, is one of nature's loveliest spots.. There an ap-
 propriate monument was ~~sharply~~ erected, but vandals from this and
 other states soon destroyed its beauty by chipping off small
 panels, which were of Italian marble, and the
 pieces of the ~~sides and~~ corners for souvenirs ~~some years since~~
 so defacing the monument as to destroy its beauty. In 1909 new
~~under the supervision of the Kentucky Historical Society, the~~
 panels of South Carolina marble, exact reproductions of the original,
~~were~~ ~~was~~ restored and a high iron fence erected around it. So
 far this has hindered the head-hunters, and may continue to hinder
 them. Let us hope so at least. (Footnote, here, O'Hara, p. 13-B footnote)

-----General James Taylor (1769-1848), was one of the Kentucky
 heroes of the War of 1812. He was born in Virginia, of course, but set-
 tled at Newport in 1793, a village that had been ~~located~~ by his bro-
 ther, Hubbard Taylor, whom he assisted in laying out the town. Two years
 later he was married to Mrs. Keturah Leitch Taylor, of Lexington
 widow of of Major David Leitch. Mrs. Taylor was a typical pioneer woman
 woman, having made the perilous journey from Virginia to Kentucky in
 the company of her uncle, Rev. Augustus Eastin, in 1784, when she was
 only eleven years of age. She lived to the great age of 93, dying at
 Newport in 1866. Cf. fine sketches of Gen. and Mrs. Taylor in Smith's
 Kentucky, pp. 467-468.

Gen. Taylor's will was recorded in 26 counties in Ohio,
 each of them, of a total value of four
 as he owned real estate in ~~each of them~~.
 million dollars.

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Footnote for p. 13--B: "Let us hope s so at least.":

Kentucky's greatest poet, ~~the young Roman Catholic~~ Theodore O'Hara, the young Roman Catholic singer and soldier, ~~was~~ then but twenty-five years of age, also ~~present~~ "witnessed the impressive re-interment of Daniel Boone, and ~~Rebecca~~ Rebecca, his wife. They ~~was~~ were buried in a singularly romantic and appropriate spot, on the ragged summit of a cliff which overhangs the historic river which the world's most famous woodsman, solitary and alone, had seen in all its primeval beauty, and with which his name will be associated forever. Sitting that same autumn by the two mounds there made, and before the State had erected over them the marble memorial, now canopied with giant trees, O'Hara wrote his first known poem, 'The Old Pioneer.' He had sought to be a lawyer when he was already a poet. But both poetry and law had to succumb to the pressure of a narrow fortune, and a few weeks after this O'Hara was glad to accept a position in the Treasury department at Washington."

"The Bivouac of the Dead and Its Author," by

George W. Ranck (New York, c. 1898, p. pp. 28-29)

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Frankfort

~~The Mexican war was Taylor's first~~

~~was~~ was mightily aroused over the Mexican War, along with the rest of the country. The County of Franklin furnished two companies: Company C, First Regiment Kentucky Mounted C Volunteers, Captain Ben C. Milam; Company B, Second Regiment Kentucky Foot Volunteers, Captain Frank Chambers. Many of their men were left on the field of battle, but the majority of them returned to Frankfort when the cruel war over.

Another historic day witnessed by Edmund Taylor ~~was~~ occurred on 27 July, 1847, when the remains of Col. William R. McKee, Lieut. Col. Henry Clay, junior, Capt. William T. Willis and their com fallen comrades were brought back from Mexico and re-interred in the State Cemetery. It was a day second only in importance to the services for Daniel Boone and his wife. A crowd of about the same size with a procession of similar length was present. Henry Clay, his heart torn with grief at the death of his ~~first~~ son, sat silently on the ~~platform, gathering speaker's~~ platform, while John C. Breckinridge delivered his fine eulogy. The old Commonwer was surrounded by his son's small children, and, bowed with three score years and ten, was the most ~~at~~ ^{day's} pathetic picture. ~~of~~ Col. Richard M. Johnson shared attention of the crowd with ~~Mr~~ Mr Clay.

The funeral march was composed of thirty sections Captain Thomas H. Taylor was adjutant of the day, ~~and~~ ~~of the Clay Guards~~ assistant to the marshal, Col. Allen, and in active command of the Clay Guards. Young Edmund Taylor College students and pupils from the Frankfort schools, ^{which} formed the ~~the~~ twenty-sixth block in the parade.

The year of 1848 witnessed the introduction in Frank-
for of artificial gas for purposes of illumination; and, what was

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Edmund Taylor renewed his acquaintance with his celebrated kinsman, President-elect Zachary Taylor, when he paid a visit to Frankfort in 19 February, 1849. "Old Rough and Ready" came by boat being greeted at the wharf by old Mexican soldiers, members of the Kentucky legislature and a large crowd, including Governor John J. Crittenden, whom he had come especially to visit. Almost immediately a religious revival swept hundreds of people into the churches including Edmund, who united with the Methodist Church; of the town; but this was not attributed to Taylor's visit ~~and~~ who died 9 July, 1850

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In 1848 or 1849---there is no ~~xxxx~~ record of the date extant---but
probably 1849 is correct, Edmund Taylor finished or was graduated from
Professor Seyre's school and

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~~He~~ entered the Branch Bank of Kentucky at Frankfort, of which E.H. Taylor, chosen cashier early in the year 1835, his uncle, had ~~been~~ ~~chosen~~. This ~~institution~~ institution was a branch of the great Bank of Kentucky, which has been established at Louisville in 1835, in the banking-house of the old branch bank of the United States, on Main street between Second and Third streets, which it has since occupied. The Frankfort branch was opened ~~the~~ first of May, 1835, afterwards Governor of Kentucky, ~~and~~ Charles S. Morehead, was the first president, ~~of the branch~~ he having been chosen by his fellow directors: E.P. Johnson, A. Parker J.G. Theobald, S.J. Sharp, ~~and~~ Churchill Samuels, J.L. Blain, and C. Richmond. Branches of the Bank of Kentucky were also established in Lexington, Maysville, Greensburg, Bowling Green and Hopkinsville; and ~~subsequently~~ at ~~Danville~~ ~~in 1837~~ Danville, ~~and Columbus~~. The amount of notes issued for the branches and put into circulation by them originally was: Frankfort, \$241,000; ~~Maysville~~ Lexington, \$200,000; Maysville, \$126,000; and \$60,000 each for the branches at Greensburg, Bowling Green, and Hopkinsville. ~~The Columbus branch was not opened until 1838, capital \$150,000.~~ Early in 1836 the committee appointed by the Bank of Kentucky "on the state of the branches" reported they were in active operation and their condition was encouraging:

"Lexington and Frankfort present a safe and prosperous condition, plainly evincing an ability to sustain an increased circulation. We therefore recommend that each be furnished with additional circulation of from \$60,000 to \$100,000."

Young Taylor was one of the bookkeepers, in which po-

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Footnote: This bank has survived until the present time, It was nationalized in 1900 and is now known as the National Branch Bank of Kentucky. It occupies the same ~~quartern~~ banking house on St. Clair street. Henry F. Lindsey is president, R.W. McRery, chairman of the Board of Directors, and J.W. Pruett, vice-president and cashier. Capital stock, \$1,000,000; surplus and undivided profits \$250,000. Ninety full years of honest banking is a rare record and one that should give the current officials and friends of the bank keen satisfaction.

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Thomas G. Stuart, of Winchester, delivered a superb eulogy---
was elected from the First or Eastern district; Thos. A. Marshall,
from the Second; B. Mills Crenshaw from the third, and Elijah Hise
from the Fourth, were elected judges of the court of appeals, with
Philip Swigert, of Frankfort, clerk. ~~OFFICE OF THE~~

" On 29 May, 1851, Edmund Taylor along with the rest of the citizens of Frankfort was doubtless greatly excited by the arrival of the first passenger train from Louisville---an event that was duly celebrated even though the train could not cross the Kentucky river as the suspension bridge was not completed until some months later.

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(~~23~~~~xxxx~~~~xx~~) Footnote for p. 15

"The year of '1851 was remarkable for railroad progress in Kentucky," wrote Collins, the Kentucky Froissart, in a work which never has been appraised and appreciated at its true value;; although, I belivem Pro-Shaler said it was the greatest State history ever compiled, which is almost fainet praise---it is a magnificent mausoleumn of Kentucky facts and fancies out of which many books have been written in whole and in part at least:

"Roads from Lexington to Maysville, to Danville, and to Covington; ^{and} from Louisville to Nashville, under construction; while suurveys surveys are making from Lexington ~~to the Big Sandy~~ to the mouth of the Big Sandy, from Maysville to the same point, from Frankfort ro Harrodsburg, from Eminence to Covingyton, and from ^{Cynthiana} ~~Cynthiana~~ throu gh Georgetown ~~and Lexington~~ to Lexington. The road from Louisville to Frankfort completed." Cf. Collins's Kentucky, v. I, p. 63

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August 4 he cast his first vote in the first State election under the new constitution. He, being a Democrat, supported the nominee of his part, Lazarus W. Powell, who was the only member of that party elected;--the rest of the tickets Whigs being elected to the other state offices, among them Thos. S. Page being re-elected auditor.

During this time he was living with his mother and brother and sister at a house on

ST Clair Street, of Louisville, at the house of Col. Dwight Taylor, please

write in the names of the streets or locations of the so two houses, if you happen to know them; and let's get pictures of them for our

book. We should, by all means, have a picture of the Frankfort bank also, if possible, or was it burned in the great fire of 1854?

At the end of 1851, when the population of Frankfort was less than thirty-five hundred souls, when negro slaves in Franklin County were ~~valued~~ assessed at about one-fourth of the total value of the taxable property, and when ~~there~~ were no lights of any description on the streets of the little capitol, save those carried by pedestrians, and sidewalks were few and far between, Edmund Taykor resigned his position as assistant cashier of his uncle's bank, having been offered the position to open the books of the new Commercial Bank of Paducah, (incorporated, 3 January, 1852), with branches in Kentucky, at Versailles and Harrodsburg, and a combined capital of \$500,000.

He spent his Christmas of 1851 ~~with his mother~~ at Frankfort and left the day after Christmas for Paducah. Whether he went to Louisville by the old stage coach or horseback or by boat is not known. The stage left Frankfort for Louisville every morning at 8 o'clock. The fare was two dollars, and nine hours were required for the journey. If he went by steamboat to Louisville he must have ridden on one of the three boats in the trade at this time: Tom Metcalf, Bob Letcher, or The Ocean. He arrived in Paducah before the New Year, and "put up" at the ~~old~~ only town house. in the town

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A large slice of Hickman County was carved off in 1824 to form
named in honor of a gallant young soldier, Capt. Virgil McCrack
McCracken County, of which Paducah is the county-seat, ~~was carved out of~~
~~Virgil McCracken~~
~~of a large part of Hickman County in 1824, and named in honor of Captain~~
As Paducah is less than seventy miles by river from Columbus, Taylor
exhilarated to find himself in Jackson's Purchase.
Taylor must have felt ~~he was heading home~~. Then Paducah was laid out

and platted by General William Clark, brother of George Rogers Clark
and companion of Meriwether Lewis on his epoch-making tour of
exploration in 1803. It was named for Chief Paducah, noted Indian,
who is supposed to have been buried on the banks of the Tennessee river
near the town. It was incorporated as a town in 1830, with a total pop
ulation of 105; but when Edmund Taylor reached there the future fifth
city of Kentucky was boasting a population of twenty-five hundred souls
souls.

Dr. Saunders
One of the first men he met was the River town's leading physi-
cian, Dr Reuben Saunders, who had settled in Paducah, in 1847, and
substantial
had erected a ~~substantial~~ two-storied frame house on South

Third street, in which house, years afterwards, of course, Dr Saunders
now celebrated grandson, Irvin S. Cobb, was born. The old house was
marker was placed in the
dismantled some years ago, but an interesting ~~mark~~ in the pavement

opposite the site some years since. ~~Edmund Taylor was a frequent~~
~~guest in Dr. Saunders's home.~~

~~The Commercial Bank of Kentucky was located at the~~
~~new building by the~~

*hence the fact that
Cobb has mentioned there*

Just how long he remained in the town that Irvin Cobb has since
made famous in the pages of the Saturday Evening Post and other
magazines, as well as in his more than thirty books, is not known.
Perhaps he ~~was~~ tarried *only* long enough to open the books and
~~investigate~~ the school the bookkeepers and officials in the forms of
banking as he had learned them first-hand from his illustrious un-
cle in Frankfort. Certainly he did not remain in Paducah more than

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a few months; and this is not sure.

We know that he was soon ordered to proceed to Harrodsburg and open the books of the Commercial's branch in that pioneer place. Harrodsburg was then a town of whose population was 1,500. I cannot supply to the answer to the natural question of as to the length of his ~~his~~ sojourn in the Mercer County's capital; but I do know that he did not tarry there ~~much~~ much, if any, longer than he did in Paducah. He opened the books, laid down the laws of banking, and departed. ~~Here is a bit of the bank's beginnings:~~
~~for Versailles, where he had been named~~

Doricham,
Harrodsburg, Ky.,
August 10, 1925

My dear Mr Townsend:

I have not been able to discover any sketch of the old Commercial Bank of Kentucky. The subject, History of Banking in Kentucky, was undertaken by another member of the Harrodsburg Historical Society some years ago, but so little was developed the paper was not preserved.

Since receiving your inquiries I have interviewed the only persons I ~~am~~ can think of in Mercer County who probably could give any accurate information about the Harrodsburg branch of the Paducah bank. These are: Dr. Davis Thompson, Col. John B. Thompson, his brother, and Col. E.H. Gaither. I elicited the following information:

The bank was in a building still standing on Office street, near Chiles. No photograph has been made of it, so far as I know.-----Flurnoy was president of the Paducah bank; Sanford McBrayer of the Harrodsburg branch, but I don't know if he was the first president; William Hatch was the ~~xxxx~~ local cashier. He was a brother of Samuel Hatch, sometime professor in ~~Bac~~ in Bacon College. Hatch resigned and was succeeded by W.E. Edwards, familiarly called "Doc." Peter Dann and Elijah Hathison were directors---possibly Andrew Kyle also. The bank was succeeded by Zack McBrayer, Trapnell, and Company about 1871 or 1872. The succession ceased with that bank, which went on the rocks.

I hoped to find in our Clerk's office articles of incorporation, but there are none. The old citizens who could give a complete history have passed away.

~~Accept my personal regards~~ Yours sincerely,
Martha Stepenson

From Harrodsburg Taylor went to Versailles, where he had been appointed

~~bank, of which David Thornton, senior, was~~
cashier of the Commercial Branch in that little settlement of one thousand souls, the county-seat of Woodford, of which the

first president; William Hatch was the ~~xxxx~~ local cashier. He was a brother of Sarnel Hatch, sometime professor in ~~the~~ Bacon College. Hatch resigned and was succeeded by W.E. Edwards, familiarly called "Doc." Peter Dann and Elijah Hathison were directors---possibly Andrew Kyle also. The bank was succeeded by Zack McBrayer, Trapnell, and Company about 1871 or 1872. The succession ceased with that bank, which went on the rocks.

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cashier of the Commercial Branch in that little settlement of one thousand souls, the county-seat of Woodford, of which the celebrated Kentucky orator and advocate of a temperance he did not always practice, Thos. F. Marshall, is said to have declared: "If Kentucky is the garden spot of the world, and I am convinced that she is, old Woodford is ~~isn't it in the garden spot of the world~~ the asparagus

Or was it J.C.S. Blackburn that made this famous ~~xxxx~~ observation? ~~I believe he was right~~

As Versailles is about fifteen miles from his old home in Frankfort, Edmund Taylor could get away for week-ends to visit his

~~uncle and other old friends in Frankfort, and he doubtless~~
David Thornton, senior, uncle of ~~David L. Thornton~~, widely known available himself of this opportunity.

Versailles lawyer and churchman, was first president of the Versailles ~~bank~~ first acts of cashier Taylor at Versailles was of course, to ~~open~~ open the bank's book; and one of his next ~~was~~ to obey the proclamation of Governor Lazarus W. Powell ordering all

the public business of the State suspended and suggesting that ~~xxxx~~

business of all kinds of every description ~~stop~~ pause for a time in honor of the memory of Henry Clay, who died at Washington, D.C.,

29 June, 1852"Telegraphic despatches from the eastern cities state

that, from every steeple, the bells are proclaiming the sad intelligence that the spirit of Mr Clay is gone; the flags of every nation

are floating at half-mast, many of them covered with crepe, and business is partially suspended; both house of congress adjourned without ready the journal."Mr Clay ~~passed~~ passed away at 11:17 a.m.

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OFFICE OF THE COMMERCIAL BANK OF KENTUCKY

Harrodsburg, Nov. 27th, 1852

E. H. Taylor, Jr., Cashier

Dear Sir:

I see by the papers you have made a call of 20 per cent on your Stockholders on the 3d of next Month - Was this call made by the authority of your Board or the Board at Paducah? We have not received a word from headquarters on the subject. How are you getting along? I should be glad to Hear from you. Please write me a note by Dr. Tomlinson, the bearer of this note, if you see him, or by mail. We have done a very good business - our deposits about \$25000 - When may we expect another batch of notes.

Yrs Respy.

Daniel C. Hatch, Cash'r.

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Supplement to Envelope:

E H Taylor Jr Esqr

(Cashier Com'l Bank)

Versailles, Kentucky

Dr. Tomlinson

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Four days before Christmas, or 21 December, 1852, Edmund H. Taylor Jr., married the only sweetheart he ever had, Miss Frances ("Fanny") Miller Johnson. The ceremony was celebrated in the spacious front parlour of the fine old home of her step-father, Jacob Swigert, at the corner of Washington and Main streets, in Frankfort. Miss Johnson was born in Frankfort, 10 September, 1832, and died there 11 October, 1898. She was the daughter of William Stapleton and Rebecca Catherine (Miller) Johnson. Her father had died when she was seven years of age, but her mother ~~was~~ subsequently married to Jacob Swigert, one of the leading business ~~and political~~ men and politicians in the town. It was at his house that she grew into a gracious young womanhood. She was the granddaughter of David M. and Mary (Burch) Johnson. Her romance was to run for almost half a century; but she was too happy to think about ~~future~~ that future on her wedding night.

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Their wedding journey was brief. ~~and~~ brought up rather quickly as a sapling 6 feet 3 inches
~~and~~ with her young husband, tall and straight and ~~handsome~~
returning to the cashiership of the Versailles bank. But Versailles "cramped his style. Too small, Oh, my yes!" The young lady he was now calling wife thought so at least; and it was not long before he returned to Frankfort to talk over his immediate future with his uncle and to find out if he did n't agree with his Fannie.
~~and mother~~. While there he had the pleasure of congratulating his old schoolfellow, Samuel I.M. Major, jr., upon his assumption of the editorship of The Frankfort Yeoman, which event in Kentucky journalism occurred on 16 January.

exact
The date of his resignation as of the cashiership of the Versailles branch is sealed over and forgotten; ~~but~~ it was in the late spring of 1853. et was printed
1 - for the p. 20-B.
For in May we find him hunting up his old friends to write him letters of introduction to the leading citizens of Lexington, Kentucky, ~~towards which~~ towards which town his thoughts had crystalized as his future home and place of business. One of the letters has survived to this day and is as follows:

The Letter

Taylor 53- B. wedding clothes
P. ~~53- B.~~ Taylor

Louisville Dec 15 1852

Mr. E. H. Taylor

Dr Sir

I this morning Ship by Express 1 over
coat same as Capt. H. Farren, 1 Vest Blk Velvet trim, 1
Cravat, 2 pair Kid Gloves, 3 Cakes Coap, 2 Brushes, hoping
they will please.

E. H. Taylor

Bot of A. D. Mansfield

1	Over Coat	\$28.00
1	Vest	6.00
1	Cravat	2.50
2	Clothes Brushes	2.50
3	Cakes Soap	2.50
1	Box Odour - Present	
2	pair Kid Gloves	<u>2.50</u>
		\$43.00

Waiting your orders

I remain Yours

A. D. Mansfield

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Card:

Genl. M. Connell's Compliments
for Thursday evening next at
7 1/2 O'Clock.

Dec" 4th 1852

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Louisville Ky Dec 20 1852

E.H Taylor Jr Esq.

Sir

On reflection we think it better to send the envelopes & notes by Mr. Tom Brown, the conductor of the early train. We fear that they might get injured by the stamping &c in the Mail.

We will see them put in Mr. Brown's hands, or, failing that, will send by Mail, as first agreed on.

Yours respy.

Morton & Griswold.

The Filson Historical Society

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Footnote for page 22 = 55

The Corner Stone of the

NEW

WEISIGER HOUSE

(Afterwards called Capital Hotel)

was laid on the

Eighteenth day of April MDCCCLIII

by

Philip Swigert

Mayor of Frankfort

L. W. Powell

being Governor of the State of Kentucky

This Hotel

was erected by the corporation of the City of Frankfort.

Building Committee

Philip Swigert, John H. Hanna, E. H. Taylor,

Jacob Swigert, A. G. Hedges, James Harlan.

Building Committee

Isaiah Rogers,

Architect & Contractor.

Henry Whitestone,

Assistant.

John Haly,

Master Mason.

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superscriptions on ~~various~~ old envelope:

To Clifton Rodes Esq

Danville

Ken:

E.H. Taylor Jr

Clifton Rodes Esq:

Dear Sir

This will be handed you by my
friend Edmund H. Taylor Junior: he is going into the Banking business
at Lexington:

Mr T. was raised in t this place & you may
~~confid~~ confid anything ; on any matter of business to him.

Very Resply

Thos. S. Page (I) Footnote

Frankfort

27 May 1853

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of Kentucky more than

Page was ~~State Auditor~~ ~~in the administration of Governor~~ ~~for twenty~~
~~one~~ years, or from 28 February, 1839, to 31 December, 1859. He
and Edmund Taylor's uncle were associated ~~in business~~ ~~at~~
~~fort~~ during this time ~~Frankfort~~ in sundry business enterprises.

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on 10 July the ~~expressive ceremonies~~ ~~he was buried~~ ~~in~~ Mr
~~Clay~~ Clay's funeral service was held in the Lexington cemetery; and Ed-
mund Taylor was one of the more than thirty thousand th in attendance.

This Versailles branch of the Commercial Bank of Kentucky
has survived and flourished until this present time. It is now known
as the Woodford ~~County~~ Bank and Trust Company. ~~There~~ For many
its
years its cashier was Lewis Marshall, Esquire, son of Edward Colston
Attorney-General of California,
Marshall, ~~the~~ an orator whose eloquent tones were not far short of
his more famous brother, Thomas Francis Marshall. Lewis Marshall was
a grandson of Dr Louis Marshall, the famous teacher, whose brother
was the great Chief-Justice, John Marshall. Surely no man in Ken-
tucky or elsewhere had more distingusihed forebears and kinsmen.

A few days before his death, late in December, 1924,
Mr Lewis Marshall, in a long and delightful conversation with Mr
J. Swigert Taylor, son of Edmund H. Taylor, junior, said, in part:

"I am very ~~to~~ proud and always have been that the founder of
our bank here was your father; if not actually the founder, our
first cashier. My great effort always has been to keep constantly
before me the high plane on his which he pitched this institution,
and to maintain it ^{He was, too, my} ~~at all~~ ^{best friend.} in the face of all opposition." ~~later~~

~~(Dear Colonel: This sounds rotten, I think it is. Will~~
~~you please transcribe the conversation accurately and detail. It is~~
~~timely and important at this point. Thank you very much.)~~

~~Mr.~~ Johnson N. Camden, former U.S. Senator from Kentucky,
has been president of the Woodford County Bank and Trust Company for
the last ten years or more.

In November he cast his first vote for president, support-
ing General ~~Franklin Pierce~~ ~~Democrat~~, of New Hampshire, and William R.
King of Alabama, ~~who were~~ were elected.
Early in December, Taylor received the following letter
from J.S. Dallans, ~~president~~ of the Commerical Bank at Paducah:

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Louisville Ky Nov. 23 1852

E. H. Taylor, Jr. Esq. Govtn.

Sir

Yours 19th is recd. The slate and stamp were doubtless carelessly packed. We will replace ~~them~~ them at our cost.

Among the books sent you there is a thin 2 qr. book 1/2 bd. which we have entered as "Collections Sent Off". Do you want another, or are we in error as to the use of the book in Question. We shall wait to hear from you before we make it.

Mr. Hatch has written to us to inquire how to use the book ordered by Mr. Daliem for his Bank, called "Daily Cash Balances" one of which with slight alterations you ordered as you passed through. We have only a general idea how Mr. Daliem intended the book to be used, and we therefore wrote to Mr. Hatch, that as you have just returned from Paducah, and had the book in use, we would request you to give him the information desired.

We did not mail the check files because we happened to be out. We searched the whole city, and could not find the article. We tried to have them made, but could only get a rough affair that we did not like to send. We shall soon have a supply. The books ordered will be ready in a few days.

Yours respy

Morton & Griswold

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~~Lexington~~ Lexington

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Taylor, ~~Turner~~ & Company, Bankers, began business in Lexington
Ulysses Turner was the junior partner and William Shouse ~~the~~
the "& Company." announcement
Lexington on 8 July, 1853. Their official ~~announcement~~, carried by The
Kentucky Statesman, of which B.B. Taylor~~xx~~ was editor, and in The Observer
Observer & Reporter, ~~of~~ which was edited by D.C. Wickliffe, was as ~~xx~~
follows:

~~xxHxTaylormJrxx~~

E.H. Taylorm Jr. Ulysses Turner Wm. Shouse

& Taylor, Turner & Co.

Bankers

We have this day, opened an Office

In the City of Lexington

For the purpose of transacting a

General Banking, Exchange and

Collecting Business.

We are at all times prepared to check upon

the principal cities of the United States

and to make collections thereon. We will

allow interest on deposits, to be drawn

at pleasure, and transact whatever ~~business~~

business ~~is~~ is generally connected with

private banking.

Approved paper can be cashed at any
time during office hours from 9 A.M.

to 4 P.M.

The individual bookkeeper of Taylor, Turner &

Company was a young man from Frankfort who was later to achieve fame as the first practical sound-reader of the telegraphic alphabet of ~~Morse~~ Morse: James Francis Leonard (1834-1862) (Footnote ,p2 22---B)

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He was paid a salary of one hundred dollars a month. One of Colonel Taylor's favorite anecdotes was often told by hi, until it finally became known as "Jimmy" Loenard and the Bag of Gold, and ran about like this:

"In those days gold was generally put up in bags contain-
ing ten thousand dollars each. One ^{day} ~~morning~~ I arranged with Leonard to take to Frankfort on an early morning train a bag containing ten thousand dollars in gold, weighing about sixty-five pounds. When I reached the bank on the appointed morning I was surprised to find my bookkeeper vigorously tugging at the bag and quite unable to carry it to the train, which was only a block and a half distant. As ~~if~~ it was early in the morning no one had passed by, and he had thus been unable to obtain assistance. But I lent my strength to his and he reached the train as it was on the point of starting. This is the only time, in all my acquaintance with this excellent young man that I ever knew him to fail in an undertaking, and that resulted entirely from physical inability."

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~~xxxxxshouldliketoknowxxxxxx~~ The statement in Mr Johnson's History of Franklin County, p.206, that Leonard was born "in Frankfort, September 18th, 1854, in the old Pascal Hickman house, located near the mouth of the tunnel where the South warehouse is located," ~~xxxxxx~~ should, perhaps, be corrected, as he was born ~~at Frankfort~~ "in Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday, September 8, 1834. His birthplace was a two-story red brick house located on St. Clair street, in the very heart of the city. The house was a rather old one, and was purchased by his father in 1823. It continued to be the family home until 1872, when it was destroyed by fire." Cf. The Life of James Francis Leonard, by John Wilson Townsend, Louisville, Ky., 1909, Filson Club publication No. 24, p.4.

Mr Johnson is also in error in his statement that "he entered the telegraph office as a messenger boy in 1844," as the first office was opened in Frankfort in ~~1848~~ February, 1848) (cf. Townsend Leonard, p.17.) Neither did he receive "messages by sound in the Frankfort office in the summer of 1848," but in June of 1849. *ibid.*, p.18)

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Versailles July 15 '53

Friend Taylor,

The Democrats are exulting here and offering to bet. The Whigs have exhausted their funds and are wanting more. I informed them that \$1000 had been deposited with you for this purpose and they wish you to send it down. Do not fail. It will have a fine effect. If it cannot be bet here it will be returned immediately.

Yours

N. Purvis

Edw Taylor
Henry Taylor

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Versailles, Ky July 21st 1853

E. H. Taylor Jr Esq.

Dr Sir

Your favor of the 20th is to hand and in reply I have to say that I have only been able to bet \$510. (five hundred and Ten dollars) that it put up and have ten Dollars up as a forfeit to put up a hundred more during this week. The balance I will bet as soon as I can do so. I think the bet on Jassamine a bad one, that is as matters now stand. I think to bet on two Hundred and Seventy five Majority in this County for Letcher would be a safe bet. I want to keep some money on hand to bluff with whenever the democrats come about. They think I have about \$5000 to bet them and I have kept them down in that way all this week. I will be sure to win all the money I bet on anything like Majorities either here or abroad.

Yours truly,

J. W. Markham.

E. H. Taylor Jr
Letcher
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The young couple's first child was

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(1) Footnote

~~xxxx~~ Jacob Swigert Taylor, ~~was~~ was born at Frankfort, 30 September,

in the house of Jacob Swigert, for whom he was named. ~~Frankfort~~ He is to-day

1853, ~~and~~ has spent practically his entire life ~~there~~. He is to-day

one of the most active men in ~~xxxx~~ Kentucky, very like his

father in in that age does not ~~xxxxxx~~ affect his ~~xxxxxx~~ out-

look on life. He was educated at ~~xxxxxx~~ private and public schools in Frankfort and at the

Paulaine's in Westchester, Pennsylvania. ~~xxxxxx~~ He was

~~xxxxxx~~ married at Frankfort, 24 November

1880, to Miss Sadie Bacon Crittenden, granddaughter of John J. Crittenden. He spent his entire business life as ~~xxxxxx~~ of his father's

distillery. ~~He~~ is now happily ~~living at~~ his new farm four

miles from Frankfort, Scotland, which is near the little village of

Jett. He has converted this fine old farm into a ~~modern~~ fully-e

quipped ~~xxxxxx~~ nursery for thoroughbred horses, with the intention to

raise nothing but his own produce

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The young man, ~~Francis P. Blair~~, was born in Frankfort, Ky., September 23, 1833, in the house of his father, ~~Francis P. Blair~~. He was educated at home in the law office of his father, ~~Francis P. Blair~~, and ~~practically his entire business life~~ was spent in Frankfort. His father, ~~Francis P. Blair~~, was admitted to practice law in Frankfort, in which town he spent the remainder of his life. Francis P. Blair and Thomas A. Marshall were admitted to practice ~~at~~ on the same day. Two years later ~~was appointed~~ Jacob Swigert was appointed magistrate in Frankfort by Governor Gabriel Slaughter, which position he held for ~~many years~~ five years when he resigned to accept the position of Clerk of the Court of Appeals. He was a member of the first board of Trustees named in Frankfort to supervise the operation of the first public school system. That was in 1840. Five years later he and his brother, Philip Swigert, were doing a large meat packing business in Frankfort. In 1852 he and his brother ~~jointly~~ were among the incorporators of the Frankfort Woolen Mills Co., with a capital stock of one hundred thousand dollars. Ten years later he was elected County Judge of Franklin. He resigned in February, 1866, and the magistrates elected Judge Lysander Hord, the father of Kentucky River navigation. The people returned Judge Hord to this office at the election in August. (Cf. Judge Lysander Hord, an address by John Wilson Townsend, before the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, at Indianapolis, 1910, pamphlet.)

Reproduce photograph of oil painting of Jacob Swigert on the wall of J. Swigert Taylor's Scotland House.

Jacob Swigert was a Captain in the U.S. Army, Volunteer Infantry; for many years was one of the leading citizens of Frankfort.

"The Frankfort or State Cemetery was incorporated by Act of the Kentucky legislature, approved February 27th, 1844," wrote L.F. Johnson in his History of the Frankfort Cemetery (Frankfort, Ky., 1921). "The incorporators were Edmund H. Taylor, A.G. Hodges, Henry Wingate, Mason Brown, Jacob Swigert, A.P. Cox, Philip Swigert, Orlando Brown, and M.R. Stealey." And the graves of these men may found in this cemetery on the hill at this time.

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FARMERS BANK OF KENTUCKY

Frankfort, 17th Octo. 1853

Messrs. George Milne & Co.

Gentlemen-

I take the liberty from a brief acquaintance with Mr. Reed of your house to introduce to you my Friend, Mr. E. H. Taylor, Jr., of the firm of Taylor, Turner & Co. Lexington.

I can confidently commend him to your favorable and polite attention as a Gentleman of integrity & Superior business qualifications - and I trust the acquaintance may be mutually agreeable and advantageous.

Respectfully

J. B. Temple

BANK OF KENTUCKY, Frankfort 17th Oct. 1853

Gentlemen -

Mr. Temple, Cash. letter has been handed me and I take pleasure in concurring with him in the letter of introduction & recommendation. Mr. Taylor is my Nephew & was raised by me and was for several years a Clerk in this Bank and we lost his Services here with the regret of whole Board.

Respectfully

Yours

Messrs G Milne & Co.

Em. H. Taylor.

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The steam shovel being used to prepare the streets to receive the new coating of asphalt and concrete, turned up an old tombstone in front of the residence of Col. J. Buford Hendrick, containing the following inscription:

Emeline,
Wife of J. Swigert
and
Daughter of Daniel and
Lucy Weisiger,
Born 1807,
Married 1825,
Died 1840.

The stone, which is quite narrow, was evidently used when Mrs. Swigert was first buried and abandoned for one of a larger size when the body was removed to the present cemetery, and then converted into a style block. Mrs. Swigert's father, Daniel

Weisiger, was for years proprietor of the famous old hotel which bore his name, and was torn away in 1853 to give place to the old Capitol hotel, and was one of the earlier county clerks of Franklin county. Her husband, Mr. Jacob Swigert was for years clerk of the Court of Appeals, lived in the house on the northwest corner of Main and Washington streets, where Mrs. W. E. Bradley now resides, and his office was the house in which Mr. John W. Milam and his nieces now reside, the late Capt. B. C. Milam having added to it very materially when bought just before Mr. Swigert's death.

Mrs. Swigert was the mother of Daniel Swigert, the noted race horse man, Mrs. Emma Blanton, Mrs. Humphrey Evans, Miss Helen Swigert and John Swigert, who crossed the plains with a party commanded by his brother-in-law, Dr. Blanton, in 1849, to seek gold. He later was quite an invalid and died in the early 50's. Mrs. Swigert was an aunt of Gen. D. W. and Mr. John B. Lindsey. — Frankfort State Journal.

He died at Frankfort,
22 Feb., 1829.

xx Dan Daniel Weisiger

30 July, 1925

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Louisville Ky Nov 9 1853

Messrs. Taylor, Turner & Co.

Gent.

The day has passed without any difficulty to ourselves or other houses. We feared there might be, and although we felt Strong, we were unwilling to rely on contingencies. We have been drawn on pretty heavily but have had an abundance without going out of the Office. Your Dispatch has arrived. For your desire and promptness to serve us at a time when we might have needed it, we feel greatly obliged, and although we shall work short for a little it will be a mere precautionary matter.

Will telegraph you if anything of interest occurs tomorrow, and if you should want the money (?) before a day or two let us know and we will return them at once.

Yours Respectfully,

N. C. Huer & Co. (?)

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COMMERCIAL BANK OF KENTUCKY

Paducah, Decr 14th 1853

Edmund H. Taylor, Jr.

My Dear Sir

I recd your letter a few days since-
I think I can get you five shares of Stock next week at 1 or
2 per cent premium- Our dividend will be five- I would like
very much to see you & Will go to Frankfort about 10th or
15th Jan. - Will go to see you then - I wish you would go to
Harrodsburg & buy Hutchinsons Stock & Ballengers - I dont
wish to be annoyed by them any longer - Will write you again
next week - I am just on the eve of starting up the river a
few miles

Yours truly

L M Flourney

Edmund H. Taylor Jr
Lexington, Kentucky
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Dec 21 1853

Dear Sir

Collections yesterday were not as good as expected - only amounting to between 11 and 12 hundred.

I send herewith for Deposit the sum of \$1150 - which enter on my book.

I started in such a hurry on Saturday that I forgot to speak to Mr. or Mrs. Keiser relative to your going there on Monday or Tuesday, but as you can or perhaps did speak for yourself, why it is all right any how. I wish to send word to the Miss Jacksons, that the negro girl Alley is to come up here, with all her baggage.

In great haste,

C. Eginton.

Mrs. Keiser will send around word to Miss Jacksons if you will mention my wish on the subject.

Edmund H. Taylor, Jr.

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Shelbyville, Ky. Feby 2 1854

Messrs E H Taylor, Jr &

Ulysses Turner.

Dear Sirs

The Brick work around the vault is within an hour of being done, the books and Stove will be here to day and all Matters will be ready here for Monday morning. Application was made for Exchange before I was in Town an hour. Public excitement is up to see us start off - the curiosity you know of a small town. Out of the funds I have on deposit with T. T & Co. bring or send me down Seven Thousand dollars in Bank notes of various denominations having a full proportion of Ones, Twos, Threes & Fives, especially ones & twos. And as an offset to that you had best have Seven Thousand distributed to our Credit at New York, Philadelphia, Cincinnati & Louisville in proper Proportions, but not less than 2500 at N. Y. & 2500 at Philada. and perhaps 3000 at each. Let me know in response the particulars so that I may prepare accordingly.

I have paid out for Vault, carriage, expenses here & c upwards of One Thousand Dollars and I wish you to so arrange as that we shall have much here in Gold & Silver, in proper proportions, size & c on Monday.

I wish you to say to Mr. Theobald that I suppose a box was sent to Deposit for me yesterday which I wish sent on with his things from Frankfort & desire him to see to it - and also as to my Feather Bed, Mattress, 1 Comfort, four Pillows & 1 bolster - and in order that they may be rightly on the Road request Mr. Keiser to have them packed up and directed, keeping

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an account of the cost of so doing which I will refund at sight-
Just read so much of this as relates thereto to Mr. K - Write
me to morrow Friday evening.

In haste Respectfully

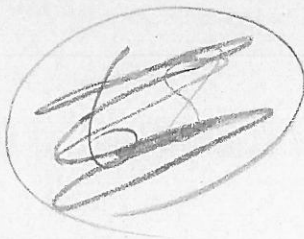
C Eginton

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A handwritten signature, possibly "C. Eginton", written in dark ink. The signature is stylized with a large initial 'C' and a long, sweeping horizontal stroke.

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Cincinnati Feb. 3rd 1854

Taylor, Turner & Co.

Gent.

Yours of 1st inst recd - We will arrange and put in hand the Draft, at once - It will probably be three Weeks before we can forward you any impressions.

Will you please State, whether you wish them with the margin End for binding, or, in Slips -

In regard to the Letterhead, which you wrote about on the 20th ult., We shall probably Send you an impression, within one Week - and hope to show you Something Superior to that of "Winslow, Lanier & Co." which you send as Specimen.

Most Respect."

Toppan, Carpenter, Casilear & Co

by C. A. Jewett

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NEW ORLEANS & OHIO TELEGRAPH COMPANY

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Communications sent to all the Principal Cities
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No charge for Address or Signature. All Messages
must be prepaid. Every Message must have the Ad-
dress and Signature IN FULL. No figures allowed
except for date.

Lexington, Feby 7, 1854

The following Message was received at this Office
this day.

Dated Louisville 7. 1854.

Taylor Turner & Co.

Exchange down. Will allow you 1/2 prin.

Hutchings & Co.

Paid.

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Frankfort

Feby. 7th 1854.

Messrs. Taylor, Turner & Co.

Dear Sirs:

Your letter of the 6th inst. is before
Me. I can arrange my business, So as to be in Lex Wednesday
night,- and will enter upon the discharge of My duties on the
Next morning. Thanking you for your kind consideration I
remain

Your Obt. Servt.

Edward Hensley .

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Cincinnati Feb 18 1854

Mr. E. H. Taylor, Jr.

To E. McElevy, Dr.

MERCHANT TAILOR, No.1 BROADWAY, NEAR FRONT STREET.

To Super-fine Blk Over Coat	\$ 40.00
" " " Blue Dress "	30.00
" " Do Skin Pants	12.00
" " Fancy "	12.00
" " Vest	7.00
" Boots of Deter s Paid	7.50
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	\$119.50

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Frankfort May 20 '54

E. H. Taylor, Jr. Esq.

Dear Sir,

William has concented to Sell you his horse for the \$300- he seemed to Stick to him as a lover would do - he will deliver him to any one you may name at this place - You can Send your Check, or place the amount through Col Taylor for his use, or mine as you may choose.

Truly Yr Frd

A W Dudley

P. S. I neglected to Scold you, for not charging Me for the Sale of the Bk Stock- please accept my thanks for your kind attention thereto.

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July 5. 1854

E. Hensley, Esq.

Dear Sir

I am too sick to be up this morning, but shall try to be up this evening. Loose as little Money as possible. Pay what checks young Johnson may draw on the faith of the bill he left. Open the letters and do what is necessary. Buy any exchange you can & remit it by the evening car. Write me this evening at 2 o'clock & do nothing else.

Yours truly,

E. H. Taylor, Jr.

Tell me exactly how much money on hand and how much in Bank, exclusive of Checks & c.

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Baltimore Aug 17, 1854

Mr. E. H. Taylor, Jr.

Bought of HENRY E. THOMAS & CO.

Manufacturers of Tobacco and Snuff, Importers and

Manufacturers of Cigars and Smoking Tobacco.

No. 20 South Calvert Street

1000 Case Union Segars @ 33 ¢ \$33 -

Cash

Packed with goods to

Mr. G. H. Hollenkamp

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BANKING OFFICE OF WINSLOW, LANIER & CO.

52 Wall St.

New York Sept. 23, 1854 ?

Messrs. Taylor, Turner & Co.,

Covington, Ky.

Dear Sir

We credit you in account this day

Coin recd July 8th & Paper to Suspense a/c

it not having any distinguishing Mark upon it & your letter
of 1st July containing advise there^{of}/having been overlooked -

3,850.52

Int. from July 8 to 26th inst. @ 5% 40.10

\$3,800.62

for which amount your Sight Draft or Drafts will have due
honor & we beg to apologize for the remissness of our Corres-
ponding Clerk in failing to register your advice. We have
begged our friends Specially to Enclose their names in all
packages of Coin Sent to us & this is so generally done that
our Clerk has been remiss in noting advice.

Yours respy.

Winslow, Lanier & Co.

10 Masse St.

P. S. The writer much regrests his remissness.

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Philad. October 30th 1854

Messrs. Taylor, Turner & Co.

Lexington.

Gentm.

Mr. Cooke of the house of E. N. Clark & Co has mentioned to me his intention of naming to you Mr. Henry P. Rutter who was brought up in the office of our firm Thos. Biddle & Co, with a desire for me to Say what my opinion of him is. I shall endeavour to do so as briefly as possible. Mr. Rutter entered our employ in the year 1846 as errand boy with no experience of business but having been in conveyancers office for some years, where he had had learnt a very good hand. He was attentive, prompt, industrious and took a great deal of interest in our business, and was decidedly quick in learning his duties, so that we found him Shortly every useful to us. He became an excellent book keeper and was very useful from his prompt and intelligent intercourse with our customers during the occasional absences of the partners from the office and gave us great satisfaction. The only fault he had was a little quickness in temper, and Some times too great Self confidence in deciding himself what he should have referred to the members of the firm for their opinion. I had myself so high an opinion of him that I have felt that had I been about to begin in Philad. to establish a new house without having family connections who offered Suitable partners, he was just Such a young man as I should like to have for a partner. Mr. Rutter remained in our employ from the hear 1846 to 1852, when having imprudently married

having no means, but with the approbation of his family, he decided to begin the Stock business in this City, and through our influence he was unanimously elected to the Board and we thought he was doing a fine business. Unfortunately he became engaged with a Clerk of another Broker here in Speculation, and the other party dying of consumption he was left in a position of insolvency. We assisted him at that time by advancing \$2000. and this matter was kept secret, but he continued the business and with further losses was again assisted by his friends, but again broke down. In some of these difficulties there was a difficulty about handing over Stocks purchased, and his debts were mostly borrowed money. We mention these things that you may know the whole truth. He is a most competent Clerk and under direction of partners I think would be such a person as would be very useful to you and I feel an interest in his success. It would be a great Source of satisfaction to me if it would Suit you to give him the situation.

I know you are acquainted with my Cousin^s Robert S.C. Alexander & A. J. Alexander, of Woodford County, to whom I refer you.

Your Obt. Servt.

Thos. A. Biddle

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B.J.B. Cates Esq (Case House office)

Frankfort

Please send my hat this evening.

E.H. Taylor, Jr.

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Cassius M. Clay)
David S. Goodloe)
William H. Brand) OFFICE OF C. M. CLAY & CO., BANKERS

Cincinnati, O., Nov. 8, 1854.

Taylor, Turner & Co.,
Lexington.

Dear Sir:

Our House opens to day. Please
notice that Jno. H. McDowell does not go into our firm.

T. L. Goodman & Co. Smead, Collard &
Hughes have suspended. Great excitement and a General panic.

D. S. Goodloe will sign C. M. Clay & Co.

W. H. Brand do C. M. Clay & Co.

W. H. Campbell

Very Respy.

C. M. Clay & Co.

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Chicago Dec 12 1854

Messrs. Taylor, Turner & Co.

Gent. Yours of the 8th enclosing power of Atty has just come to hand. Also draft on N York for \$100, for which with exchange &c being \$101.25/100 I have given You credit. By our law the Sheriff has to return a Copy of the levy to the Clerks office for record. The Clerk showed me his bill for recording this morning and it amts to \$33.00. It is the longest levy ever made in this County & I expect in the State. Greer owned an 1/8, 1/7, 1/6, 1/5, 1/4, 1/3, 1/2 & C in a great amt of property & it had all to be attached. I have heard Nothing from the other side Yet. I will keep you regularly advised of all the Steps taken in the case.

Yrs Resp

B. G. Caulfield

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Dfts of Taylor, Turner & Co. on Sturges & Ellis paid
at St. Nicholas Bk. *[Circular?]*

No. 3699	J. Swigert	\$5000	
3991	J. D. Dawson	. 50	
4009	A. J. Prather	. 500	
4069	Matthews, Finley & Co.	1000	
4111	Same	. 3000	
4108	J. Reedy & Co.	. 125.40	
4131	Kinnaird & Elkin	. 500	
4204	M. M. Geron	. 20	
4198	Bullitt & Featherstone	222.79	
4202	Finley Kissam & Co.	. 486.76	10,904.95

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Maysville 16th Dec 1854

Gentlemen -

Yours of the 11th reached me on the 14th, and I have been trying to ascertain such information as to Mr. Dobyns condition as I thought would prove satisfactory to you, either as to his solvency or the probability of his insolvency. Dobyns pays tax on land and slaves in this county valued at about 15 thousand dollars and I suppose he owns about this much of those sorts of property for which he has paid. His wealth (and he is reputed worth some 30 or 35 thousand dollars) is therefore very much in money, if he has it.

He has certainly extensive credit and I feel sure that there is no more suspicion of his solvency now, than there has been all along in this community.

Some of our most sagacious business men have always wondered at this rapid advancement of Dobyns from apparent poverty to apparent wealth, and such have doubted the reality of his success. Others again, of the same class, do not doubt that he has succeeded as he seems to have done.

The truth is about him, that he is just one of those men and his business is of just such a character, that no one can judge confidently about him or his business.

I learned on yesterday, from a gentleman here whose position brings money matters very much before him, that Dobyns had met some heavy drafts upon him, promptly, since Mr. Woolley was here. That gentleman thinks, and his opinion is to be relied on, that Dobyns has been making money of late, and that he is in a better condition at present than he was

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a while ago.

I must conclude however by saying that I think Mr. Dobyms ought to be made to talk very frankly with regard to some 15 thousand dollars of claims which you hold against him. Would it not be best to prepare to attach, if it should prove necessary, and then acquaint him with the fact, that you hold the claims and that they must be arranged &c? If the claims are due, this is all he could demand and would not this course be entirely safe for you?

To Mess. Hanson & Woolley.

Very truly,

J. G. Hickman

We wrote you that we would have two other drafts, each of the amount of the one sued on. Mr. Hickman has reference to that statement when he speaks of 15 thousand dollars against Dobyms. Believing that if you have not finally settled, this may be of some service to you, we leave it with you.

H. O. W.

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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS,
OF THE KENTUCKY TRUST COMPANY BANK,
Covington Dec 16 1854

My dear Ned.

Yours of the 12th did not come to hand until this morning. Our mails are terribly out of Joint.

I think your views about Cincinnati are correct. There never was in my judgement such an opening for a good bank - one composed of prudent experienced men. Do not determine not to come until you visit here and look around.

I have no one in my eye at this moment that I could fully recommend as an associate; but I am sure you would find no difficulty in Securing such an one as you describe.

Your experience and business connections with the interior could not fail to Secure you a choice of positions.

Truly Yours

Jno. W. Finnell

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OFFICE OF J. J. ANDERSON & CO. BULLION & EXCHANGE BANKERS
Cor. of Main & Olive Street St. Louis Decem. 28. 1854

Edward H. Taylor, Jr. Esq.

Lexington

Dr Sir

Your valued favor of the 12th was received several days since having taken the time for due consideration of the contents thereof, I have no faith or confidence in Small towns, yet I am of the opinion that either of the two points mentioned in your letter would be a good location for your friend and with his Capital do a very good business. It would require caution and he would have to be a man of firmness - for in Small places few men do the business and more has to be risked on one name. Should he conclude to go up give him a letter to us and he will get our views more fully, the details of a letter will not permit my fully explaining myself - I should like to see you in person. I think New York is the best place to make money (in our business) in this country - with a house in this City and one in New York a large amt could be made. The great and only difficulty is that the New York man must be one of good judgement and cautious, and under no combination of circumstances allow himself to get into any Kind of Stocks - he must be firm and cautious and not easily seduced from his regular business. If you can come to St. Louis I think I may so arrange it that I could put you in the way of a good business. Dont go to Chicago - wherever and whenever you see corporations and Societies lend their influence and aid in stealing Slaves you may rely upon the fact that they are individually dishonest.

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I believe Chicago dishonest and hopelessly insolvent - and a
very unsafe place to do business - I may however be mistaken
but I think not.

Yours truly,

Jno. J. Anderson & Co.

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TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT, PENN'A R. R.

Superintendent's Office

Altoona, Blair Co., Pa., Jany 5" 1855

Jay Cooke, Esq.

Philada.

Dr Sir

I have just recd your letter and also one from Mr. T. A. Biddle, stating that a Telegraphic Dispatch had been from Taylor, Turner & Co. of Lexington, asking if I "could come at once if they would take me" -

I have replied to Mr. B. pr. Tel. stating that I "could go as Soon as required."

Should I be so fortunate as to secure the situation I will endeavour to prove by all means in my power that I am worthy of the "good word" you have spoken for me, and to give satisfaction.

Very truly Yours

H. P. Rutter

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TAYLOR, TURNER & CO.

Lexington, Ky. Jany. 16, 1855

Messrs. John J. Anderson & Co.

Gentm.

For our credit Ch No.4926 On St.Nicholas

Bank \$2500.

Your Obt. Servts.

Taylor, Turner & Co.

NOTE: The envelope containing the foregoing letter was addressed to Messrs Jno. J. Anderson & Co., Cincinnati, Ohio, and was returned to Taylor, Turner & Co. from the Dead Letter Office at Washington July 25, 1855.

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EXCHANGE & COLLECTION OFFICE

OF

FRANKLIN SLAUGHTER

Fredericksburg, Va. 9th March 1855

Messrs. Taylor, Turner & Co.,

Lexington, Ky.

Dear Sirs

Your favor of the 2nd inst is received and noted.

The amount of Kentucky Bank Notes which fall into my hands is very trifling indeed, scarcely worth notice. Should any be taken by me of any amount hereafter I shall avail myself of your house to exchange them for Northern drafts.

For Current (par) Virginia Bank Notes I am remitting on Baltimore and New York at $3/4$ % prems. and for for Bank Notes payable at Fredericksburg at $1/8$ % Prems.

"	do	"	at Richmond, Peters-	at $3/8$ %	"
			burg and Alexandria		
"	do	"	Norfolk, Portsmouth,		
			Winchester & Charleston	at $1/2$ %	"

I shall be pleased to give attention to any business you may find convenient to favor me with.

Referring to the enclosed Circular, I am

Very Respectfully,

Yo. Obt. Serv.

F. Slaughter

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Copy of Draft:

No. 4926	TAYLOR, TURNER & CO., BANKERS	
4926	Lexington, Ky <u>Jan 1, 1855</u>	
No.	Pay to the order of	
4926	<u>John Anderson & Co.</u>	
No.	<u>Twenty Five Hundred</u> ----- DOLLARS	
4926	To	
4926	<u>Saint Nicholas Bank</u>	
4926	<u>New York City</u>	
4926	<u>Taylor, Turner & Co.</u>	

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EXCHANGE & COLLECTION OFFICE

OF

FRANKLIN SLAUGHTER

Fredericksburg, Va. 8th March 1855.

Messrs. Taylor, Turner & Co.

Lexington, Ky.

Dear Sirs

I beg to state that I am at this time paying
the following rates, for uncurrent and foreign money-viz:

Bank of Kanawha,.....	90 Cents
Trans-Alleghany Bank,.....	90 Cents
Exchange Bank of Selden, Withers & Co.,.....	75 Cents
Fairmont and Bank Berkely,.....	1 pr Ct. Discount
Wheeling Banks,.....	Par
Do. Branch Banks,.....	1 pr Ct. Discount
All other Virginia Banks,.....	Par
North Carolina Banks, --.....	3 pr Ct. Discount
" except Wilmington,.....	1 pr Ct. Discount
Baltimore, Philadelphia & New York Banks,.....	Par
New Jersey Banks,.....	Par
Washington City Banks,.....	Par
Georgetown & Alexandria Corporation Notes.....	1 pr Ct. Discount
Fredericksburg Corporation Small Notes.....	20 pr Ct. Discount

The highest price paid for Land Warrants.

Prompt returns by first mail on any City parties
may designate.

Should current rates change, I will regulate my prices
accordingly.

Very respectfully,

FRANKLIN SLAUGHTER.

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TAYLOR, TURNER & CO.

Lexington, Ky., Jany. 22, 1855

It is agreed by and between Wm Shouse and E. H. Taylor, Jr. of the one part and M. Turner of the other part, that the Firm of Taylor, Turner & Co. Shall be dissolved on the day of by M. Turner retiring from the Firm and withdrawing his Capital, that the parties of the first part shall wind up the business of the firm, Collecting its assets and paying off its liabilities and in Consideration of Turners withdrawing it is agreed by the parties of the first part that the interest of Said Turner in the profits of the firm shall Alone be held responsible for the debts incurred and the losses sustained by the firm, and if upon closing the business it should appear that the losses of the firm exceed the Nett profits the parties of the first part agree to sustain such excess themselves hereby releasing sd Turner from all liability on account of indebtedness and losses except to the extent of his interest in the profits.

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Copy of Draft:

No. 5374

TAYLOR, TURNER & CO., BANKERS

Lexington, Ky. March 9", 1855

----- Pay to the order of
John Reid

Thirty three hundred \$ ----- DOLLARS

To
Messrs. Jno. J. Anderson & Co.
St. Louis, Mo.

\$3300-00/100

TAYLOR, TURNER & CO.

Endorsements:

" Jno Reid "

" E. M. Ryland & Co. "

" Settled
Jno. Reid "

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