

## **Martin Autaway Taylor**

### **Obituaries**

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### **M. A. Taylor**

Funeral services for M. A. Taylor prominent farmer and citizen, who died Friday at his home about a mile above Reedy, near Duke Station, were held at his home Sunday afternoon, conducted by Rev. E. S. Warren of Sandy Summit assisted by Rev. B. H. Barnes of Parkersburg. A large concourse of friends and relatives were present. Funeral Director T. W. Dye had charge of the remains and burial was made in the Seaman cemetery, in sight of the home of the deceased.

### **Obituary**

"Martin Autaway Taylor son of Thornton T. and Eliza Vanhorn Taylor was born December 28, 1864 on Finch Creek, Lewis County, West Virginia, at which place I lived until about eight years old, and with my parents moved to Freeman's Creek and there I remained to manhood. In 1880 I have my heart to the Lord and professed religion, joining the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Lewis County and never moved my membership." (*Mr. Taylor dictated his own obituary to this point.*) He departed this life May 22, 1936 at the age of 71 years, 4 months and 24 days at his home near Reedy.

He was married Dec. 24, 1889 to Julia Rebecca Hess and to this union seven children were born. One son Virgil died when eleven days old. One daughter Bessie Taylor Warren died Oct. 29, 1919. His wife preceded him in death 18 years ago.

Surviving children are: Mrs. J. W. Haney, Mrs. T. R. Eaton and Mrs. Leander Atkinson of Parkersburg, Mrs. H. C. Fore and Mrs. C. C. Stewart of Reedy. Fifteen grand children: Mrs. Charles Lucas, Jr., Mrs. Stanley Lacy, Mrs. Ralph Weldon, Mrs. Oris Camp, Theodore, Oscar, Elsie, Fauntella, Charles Eugene and Edith Atkinson, Oleta Ruth, Jean Haralene and Rita Nelle Fore, Olin Warren, and Doris Irene Stewart. Three great grandchildren also survive: Charles Everett and Lorraine Lucas, and Patty Belle Weldon. Two brothers and one half sister survive John and Charley Taylor and Mrs. Ova Lester of Weston, W.Va. and a host of other relatives and friends.

His father died about 20 years ago and his mother about 60 years ago. One brother Parscal and a half brother, Simeon and two sisters, Mrs. Susan Frances Woofter and Eliza Jane Knapp preceded him in death.

Mr. Taylor has lived a religious life, always willing to help in time of need. He bore his sickness with patience and left the evidence with his family that he was prepared for Heaven and patiently waited for the end to come.

Among those attending the funeral from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. George W. White, and two sons Forrest and John; Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Taylor and grand-daughter Miss, Janice Taylor all of Weston and Mrs. John Imboden and the latter's husband of Jackson's Mill; Mr. and Mrs. J. L.

Burnside, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kershner , and Mr. and Mrs. French Kershner all of Weston; Misses Bertha and Eliza Woofter of Camden and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Woofter and son Darrell of Dekalb, Olen Warren of Wheeling, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Welden and daughter Lillian, Mr. John McAtee, Dr. and Mrs. R. D. Lattimer, Mrs. Ethel Hess and two sons, Cleophas and Charles of Parkersburg, Miss Margaret Url and Mr, and Mrs. Johnson of Williamstown.

*(Submitted by Garnette Warren Camp)*

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