

Two Leaders of The Nineteenth Century

Moses Sarchet, 1803-1890 The last of the original Guernseyites.

Moses Sarchet was born on the Isle of Guernsey in 1803, came to Cambridge with his parents, Thomas and Ann Sarchet, in 1806, and remained here until he died in 1890.

Probably no other person has been connected with local civic affairs as long as Moses Sarchet was, nor has any other engaged in more different activities. At the age of sixteen years, he became assistant clerk of courts, serving as such for eight years. He then became clerk of courts for fourteen more years. He was township clerk, township trustee, overseer of the poor, town clerk, mayor of Cambridge for two terms, justice of the peace for twelve years, and a county school examiner. During the Civil War he was a member of the Guernsey County military and draft commission. He was resident engineer of the National Road, and was a contractor in the construction of the Central Ohio Railroad, (now part of the Baltimore & Ohio system), and he was largest local stockholder in that company.

Col. Joseph D. Taylor, 1830-1899 Friend of presidents.

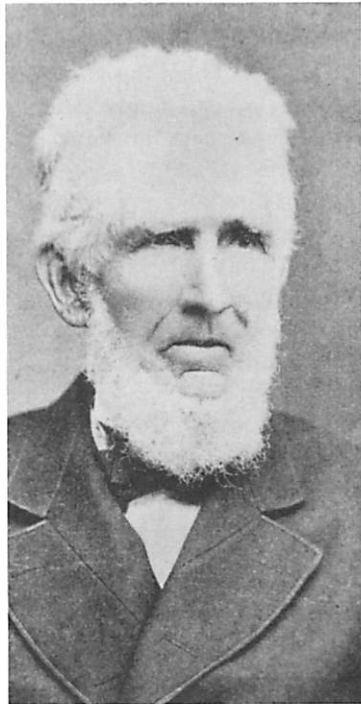
For about 40 years (1860-1899) he was closely identified with every important enterprise that tended to improve Cambridge.

Joseph D. Taylor was born in Belmont County in 1830, and moved with his parents to Oxford Township, Guernsey County two years later. He remained on the farm until he was twenty-one years of age. He attended Madison College at Antrim, and taught school at the same time. He also read law, and served two terms as county surveyor. He resigned during his second term to attend the Cincinnati Law School from which he graduated in 1860. Then he returned to Guernsey County.

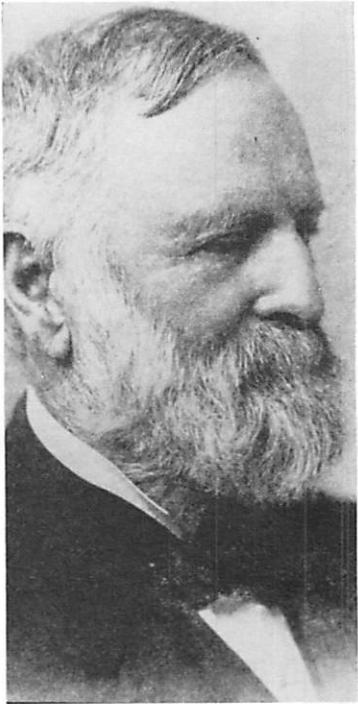
He was an attorney in Cambridge, and served as a member of the county board of school examiners. He purchased The Guernsey Times and controlled its policies until 1874. He raised a company during the Civil War, was elected its Captain, and was later appointed judge advocate of courts martial and military commissions at Cincinnati, Indianapolis, and other places. For his valuable services to the government, Mr. Taylor was twice brevetted and given the military title of colonel.

While in the army, he was elected prosecuting attorney of Guernsey County, reelected in 1865, and enforced the laws so vigorously that by 1867, "there was not an open saloon in Guernsey County". He organized the Guernsey National Bank and was its president until his death. He erected several blocks of buildings on Wheeling Avenue and encouraged several new industries to locate in Cambridge. He helped bring the Cleveland and Marietta Railroad (now the Pennsylvania) to Cambridge. He was active in the church, president of the city board of education for several years, and was a trustee of Ohio University, and Scio, Mt. Union and Allegheny Colleges.

Col. Taylor was a delegate to two national presidential conventions, in 1876 and 1880. He was elected to fill an unexpired term in the Forty-seven Congress and for four full terms thereafter. He was a close friend of President Hayes, Garfield, and McKinley.



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