Mary Elizabeth Taylor

(13 Mar 1835 - 4 Feb 1884)

Taylor. On Monday morning, February 4, 1884, 4:50 a.m., Mary E. Taylor, widow of the late R. Lewis Taylor in her 48th year. Funeral will take place Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock from her late residence, 28 B street northeast.

From J. Joseph Barse, May 2, 2002

Children of John Therrotte Taylor (1797-1839) and Eve Tower Buckley:

1.1.1.1.1.1 James Thornton Taylor (10 Apr 1826-6 Jun 1831)

1.1.1.1.1.2 John Thomas Taylor (25 Dec 1827-8 Jul 1828) John Thomas inherited about 4,000 acres of land.

1.1.1.1.1.1 Richard Lewis Taylor (1829-1862) and Mary Elizabeth Burton (1835-1884)

Richard Lewis Taylor is buried in the old Alexandria National Cemetery with his brothers, J. Thornton and Valentine, and their wives. Richard Lewis Taylor's gravemarker is not evident today, but was there 40 years ago, and is probably now buried with the man it marked.



Mary Elizabeth Burton was the daughter of Thomas M. and Caroline Burton. She was married October 26, 1851, in Frederick County, Maryland, by the Rev. Dabney Bell. She was 16 at the time. Richard died eleven years later, leaving her with two children, when she was 27 years old.

Richard and Mary Elizabeth lived in a house on the corner of S. St. Asaph and Duke Streets in old Alexandria. The house is still there. When Richard died, Mary Elizabeth stayed in the house until she could stand her father-in-law, John Therrotte Taylor, no longer. She moved to C St. on Capitol Hill and opened a rooming house to support herself and her daughters and lived there the rest of her life.

Apparently, she kept in contact with the Taylor family, since she and her mother, Caroline M. Burton, are buried in a Taylor plot in Congressional Cemetery, Washington, D.C., owned by her brother-in-law, Therrotte

Buckey Taylor. (Michael Wheatley)