

## THE TAPLEY FAMILY - BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

This section forms the Biographical notes for the members of the TAPLEY family. In most cases the notes are preceded by a family chart for the person who is the subject of the biographical note.

As in the case of the Family tree charts, the numbers used are the same as on the tree charts, and are based on the modified Henry Code system of Numbering, from the Oldest known ancestor.

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This Volume is inclusive of all known information at the time of writing and as such still remains unfinished, as new information comes to hand from time to time.

It is recorded here for the purpose of helping others researching the TAPLEY family, so that much of the data does not need to be duplicated in their own search for family members. The information included has been collected over a number of years, and extends the earlier volume that I compiled in 1981 .

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# THE EARLY TAPLEY FAMILY

## THE TAPLEY FAMILY PRIOR TO COMING TO AUSTRALIA

The first members of the TAPLEY Family that came to Australia, did so in the year 1838. The FAMILY came from the Folkestone area of KENT in England, where they had lived for many years.

### **KENT - ENGLAND**

Kent is a "county in the SE lying between the Thames Estuary (N) and the English Channel (S). Area 1,525 sq. m.... County town Maidstone. The chalk ridge of the N Downs curves round from the NW, near Westerham, where it exceeds 800 ft, to the white cliffs of Dover, and in the SW is part of the once forested Weald; otherwise the county is mostly low lying, and in the S is the almost flat, fertile Romney Marsh, famous for its sheep. Apart from the Thames, the principal rivers are the Medway, Stour, Darent, and Cray..... Often termed 'the Garden of England', it is well known for its orchards (apples, cherries), hop gardens, and oast-houses; but there is also considerable cereal cultivation and market gardening..... Dover and Folkestone are linked with the continent by cross-channel services. .... Kent, the first part of the country to be colonized by the Romans, became a kingdom of Anglo-Saxon Britain in the 5th cent. with approximately its present boundaries." (1)

### **FOLKESTONE, Kent-**

Folkestone, Kent, is one of England's Channel Port Towns, with cross Channel steamers to Boulogne, Calais, and Ostend.

"The old town behind the Harbour has lost none of its quaintness because of.. developing commerce. Narrow, cobbled, pub-lined streets still lead down to the wharves where the fishing boats land their daily catches.

Until the last century, Folkestone had never been anything more than a fishing village, supplying mackerel in season for the London market..

To the west of the town is a broad cliff-top walk, The Leas... There is a magnificent view of the Channel, and on a clear day the coast of France can be seen 26 miles away...

The Parish church of St. Mary and St, Eanswythe was founded in 1135. It was rebuilt in 1216 after being burned by a raiding party from France." (2)

This then was the area that the TAPLEY family lived in. The oldest presently (1998) known ancestor that I am aware of is Richard TAPLEY, born about 1712 in Kent. For this reason he is given the Number 1 on the charts, and all the descendants are numbered from him. (3)

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### References:-

1. The Penguin Encyclopedia of PLACES, page 388
2. A.A. Book of British Towns, page 150
3. Information from Stuart E. TAPLEY.

## 1. RICHARD TAPLEY (1712- ?)

Richard TAPLEY, was born in about 1712, in Kent. He married Anne TAYLOR at Harrietsham, Kent, on 4 April 1733.

Richard and Anne TAPLEY were to have eight Children of their marriage over the next 20 years.

11 John TAPLEY- Baptized 7 February 1734

12 Frances TAPLEY- Baptized 28 May 1735.

13 Robert TAPLEY- Baptized 19 December 1740, at  
Folkestone.

14 Richard TAPLEY- Baptized 22 July 1743, at  
Folkestone.

15 Thomas TAPLEY- Baptized 3 August 1746, at  
Folkestone.

16 Anne TAPLEY - Baptized 7 July 1749, at Folkestone

17 Edward TAPLEY- Baptized 22 September 1751, at  
Folkestone

18 Elizabeth TAPLEY - Baptized 2 November 1753, at  
Folkestone.

Nothing Further is known of Richard and Anne TAPLEY at this time.

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### REFERENCES:

All information from Stuart E. TAPLEY.

## CHILDREN OF RICHARD AND ANNE TAPLEY

### 11 John TAPLEY (1734 - )

The only information known about this child is that he was baptised on 7 February 1734.

### 12 Frances TAPLEY (1735- )

Frances was baptized on 28 May 1735. Nothing further known.

### 13 Robert TAPLEY (1740 - )

Robert TAPLEY was born in 1740, being baptized at Folkestone on 19 December 1740.

Robert married Bethany ABBOTT on 5 December 1763.

Robert and Bethany had a son -

131. John TAPLEY (c 1765 -1816)

This John TAPLEY became a Mariner, and was a Yeoman of the Powder Room on the H.M.S. EMULOUS. He died in 1816.

Nothing further known.

### 14 Richard TAPLEY (1743 - )

Richard was born at Folkestone in 1743, being baptized on 22 July 1743.

He married Elizabeth HARRISON on the 1 September 1764.

Nothing further known.

### 15 Thomas TAPLEY (1746 - 1807)

Thomas was the ancestor down through which the present family study is based, and subsequently his life and family follows the other children of Richard and Anne TAPLEY.

### 16 Anne TAPLEY (1749 - )

Anne TAPLEY was born in 1749, and baptized at Folkestone on 7 July 1749.

Anne married John HIGHT on 6 February 1777, at Dover.

Nothing Further known.

### 17 Edward TAPLEY (1751 - )

Edward TAPLEY was born in 1751, being baptized at Folkestone on 22 September 1751.

Nothing further is known of Edward.

### 18 Elizabeth TAPLEY (1753 - )

Elizabeth TAPLEY was born in 1753, and was baptized at Folkestone on 2 November 1753.

Elizabeth married on 11 February 1781 at Dover, to Nicholas DYER.

Nothing further known.

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**REFERENCES:**

All references from Stuart E. TAPLEY

## 15 Thomas TAPLEY (1746 - 1807)

Thomas TAPLEY was born in 1746 at Folkestone, and was baptised there on 3 August 1746. His father was Richard TAPLEY (1712- ? ), and his mother was Anne TAPLEY, nee TAYLER (c1712 - ? ).

Thomas TAPLEY married Margaret TAYLOR \* on 25 December 1765 probably at Folkestone. They were to have 13 children of this marriage over the next twenty one years.

151 Daniel TAPLEY, their first born was baptised at Folkestone on 29 December 1765, but was not to live long, and died on 3 January 1766.

152 Anne TAPLEY, was baptised at Folkestone on 3 October 1766, and was also destined not to survive, when she died on 16 November 1766.

153 Margaret TAPLEY, who was baptised at Folkestone on 27 September 1767, was the first of the children that was to grow to maturity.

154 Thomas TAPLEY, was baptised at Folkestone on 26 February 1769.

155 Richard TAPLEY, was born in 1770, being baptized at Folkestone on 21 October 1770.

156 Anne TAPLEY, baptised at Folkestone on 22 May 1772, was given the same name as one of the earlier infants who died.

157 Hannah TAPLEY, baptized at Folkestone on 20 October 1773, was only to live three years and died on 30 September 1776.

158 Sarah TAPLEY, baptized on 18 January 1775 at Folkestone.

159 Daniel TAPLEY, also given the name of an earlier infant that had died, was baptized at Folkestone, on 18 June 1777.

15A James TAPLEY, was baptized at Folkestone on 4 November 1778.

15B John Tayler TAPLEY, was baptized on 26 June 1782 at Folkestone.

15C Hannah TAPLEY, baptized on 18 April 1784, was given the name of the child who had died in 1776.

15D Edward TAPLEY, baptized at Folkestone on 22 January 1786.

Their daughter Sarah, died at Folkestone on 15 september 1791, aged only 16 years.

It is not known when his wife died, but Thomas TAPLEY died and was buried at Folkestone, on 28 April 1807.

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### REFERENCES:

All details supplied by Stuart E. TAPLEY.

\* According to Allan TAPPLEY in "The TAPLEYS or TAPPLYS of KENT", page 23, Thomas may have married a Margaret WHITAKER.

## **CHILDREN OF Thomas and Margaret TAPLEY**

### **151 Daniel TAPLEY (1765 -1766)**

Daniel was the first child of Thomas and Margaret TAPLEY, and was baptised at Folkestone, Kent on 29 December 1765, and lived only a very short time, and was buried at Folkestone on 3 January 1766.

### **152 Anne TAPLEY (1766)**

Anne was the second child born to Thomas and Margaret TAPLEY, and was baptized on 3 October 1766, and only lived a short time. She was buried at Folkestone on 16 November 1766.

### **153 Margaret TAPLEY (1767- ?)**

Margaret TAPLEY, was the first of the children of Thomas and Margaret TAPLEY that was to reach maturity. She was born at Folkestone, and was baptized there on 27 September 1767. She was named after her mother.

Margaret married at the age of 27 years at Folkestone to John FINN, on 24 March 1795. Nothing further is known her life.

### **154 Thomas TAPLEY (1769 - 1836)**

Thomas TAPLEY, was born at Folkestone, and baptized there on 26 February 1769. Thomas was named after his father.

Thomas was married at Folkestone on 9 August 1791, aged 22 years, to Jane MINTER.

Thomas and Jane had at least three children -

1541 Margaret TAPLEY born c 1800

Margaret was to marry her cousin Richard (son of Thomas TAPLEY - see 1558 for more details)

1542 Jane Ann TAPLEY.

1543 Hannah TAPLEY.

Thomas made out his will in 3 February 1836.

Thomas died at the age of 67 years at Folkestone, and was buried on 20 June 1836, his will being proved on 7 July 1836. In it he referred to his son in law Richard TAPLEY, and to his daughters Margaret, Jane Ann, and Hannah. \*\*

### **155 Richard TAPLEY (1770 - 1824)**

Richard TAPLEY, was born at Folkestone and baptized there on 21 October 1770. He was named after his grandfather. Richard is the ancestor that the family line under study is descended from and is treated separately following the other children.

**156 Anne TAPLEY (1772 - ?)**

Anne TAPLEY, was baptized at Folkestone on 22 May 1772, and was given the name Anne which was her grandmother's name, and had been used previously by her parents for their second infant who died in 1766.

Anne grew to maturity and married William INNES, the date not being known.

Nothing further is known of Anne.

**157 Hannah TAPLEY (1773 - 1776)**

Hannah was baptized at Folkestone on 20 October 1773, the seventh child of Thomas and Margaret TAPLEY.

She only lived for three years, and was buried at Folkestone on 30 September 1776.

**158 Sarah TAPLEY (1775 - 1791)**

Sarah TAPLEY, was born in Folkestone, and baptized there on 18 January 1775.

Sarah died at the age of sixteen years, and was buried at Folkestone on 15 September 1791.

**159 Daniel TAPLEY (1777 - 1846)**

Daniel TAPLEY was baptized at Folkestone on 18 June 1777.

He married at the age of 25 years to Elizabeth SANDFORD on 9 November 1802.

They emigrated to the United States of America, where he died at the age of 68 years on 14 March 1846. (see Section- TAPLEYS TO USA following)

**15A James TAPLEY (1778 - 1839)**

James was born in 1778 at Folkestone, being baptized there on 4 November 1778.

He married at the age of 23 years to Ann WILKINS, on 26 January 1801.

James died at Folkestone at the age of 61 years and was buried on 11 November 1839.

**15B John Tayler TAPLEY (1782 - )**

John Tayler TAPLEY was baptised at Folkestone on 26 June 1872.

He married Ann CULLEN on 8 July 1806, being 24 years of age at that time.

15B1 Mary Ann TAPLEY (born 1807 and died 1808)

Ann CULLEN had been born 1879 and died 1807, probably in childbirth.

John subsequently remarried Harriet WOODCOCK on 7 April 1819.

No further information known.

**15C Hannah TAPLEY (1784 - ? )**

Hannah TAPLEY was baptized at Folkestone on 18 April 1784. She was given the name of an earlier child who had died in 1776.

Hannah Married Thomas VINEY on 20 January 1807. She was 23 years of age.  
Nothing further known of her.

**15D Edward TAPLEY (1786 - 1822)**

Edward TAPLEY was born at Folkestone, and was baptized there on 22 January 1786. He was the last child of Thomas and Margaret TAPLEY.

Edward married Mary TAYLOR on 11 October 1809. He was 23 years of age.

Edward died in 1822, at the age of 36 years.

Edward was a Mariner of Sandwich, Kent.

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**REFERENCES:**

All information from Stuart E. TAPLEY

\*\* Thomas (1767-1836) according to Allan TAPLEY in his book "The TAPLEYS or TAPPLYS of KENT" page 23- also had issue-

Thomas TAPLEY

Mary TAPLEY (b 1801, d. 1812)

John TAPLEY(b 1795 d. 1815)

These were not indicated in research of Stuart TAPLEY.