

Owen Davis (1804-1870) & Nancy Taylor (1806-1833)

By Jerry Long, Owensboro, Ky., 1987

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Dear Mrs. Bone:

On the following pages you will find my report and articles on the Davis and Taylor families of which Owen Davis and Nancy Taylor were members. Though I did not find any single document that proved the parents of either Owen Davis or Nancy Taylor I did find considerable information on their ancestral lines and evidence that suggests who their parents were. In the report I have set forth this evidence. I have found several other very credible researchers who are working: on the same families. Possibly by contacting and joining efforts with these researchers and by further research in the Kentucky (Ohio-Daviess) and Illinois (Logan-Richland) counties where the Davis and Taylor families resided proof of my theories can be found, The addresses of the researchers that I refer to in the report are:

Davis family:

- Virginia F. Davis, Route 1, Calhoun, Ky. 42317
- Mrs. LeRoy (Wanda) Smith; 2021 - 47th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50310 (1984 address)

Taylor family:

- Walter K. Taylor, 2415 Baxter Court, Winter Park, Florida 32796
- Loreda Gallaaher, Olney. Illinois (I do not have her address hut it can be obtained from Walter K. Taylor)

If my theory proves correct you would be an Atherton descendant and if so you may want to contact Eugene Atherton (8111 Smithton Road, Louisville, Ky. 40219), who is probably the leading expert on the history of the Atherton family.

In total I spent 25 hours of actual research and another 10 in compiling the report. I generally like to charge in relation to results and since I was unable to find documented proof of the parents of Owen and Nancy Taylor Davis I will request \$70.00 for my research. Thank you for contacting me.

Yours truly,
Jerry Long
Owensboro, Ky.

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The families of both Owen Davis (born 1 August 1804) and his wife, Nancy Taylor (born 9 September 1806) lived in the area of Daviess County, Ky. which in 1854 became part of the new county of McLean County, Ky. Their families were neighbors of each other in the area along Buck Creek, a tributary of the Green River, in the vicinity of the present community of Buel, a few miles west of Nuckols and Highway 431. They were members of the Old Buck Creek Baptist Church, located just west of Nuckols. Both families settled in this section prior to the formation of Daviess County from Ohio County, Ky. in 1815. Some members of the Davis and Taylor families resided in Ohio, Daviess and McLean Counties without ever having moved.

Owen Davis married Nancy Taylor in Daviess County, Ky. on 13 August 1823, a copy of their marriage record follows on the next page. In a published volume of Daviess County marriages it is recorded that they were married on 10 August 1823, however on the original record the date is clearly 13 August, On August 4th bond was paid for their marriage and on their marriage bond it was written that "their parents have come before me and given their consent". This statement indicates that both were under age and their parents were living at the time, NO consent slip signed by their parents accompanied their marriage record.

Owen Davis at the age of 21 first appeared in the Daviess County tax lists in 1825, he was listed immediately after Jacob Davis and before Philip Davis. In the Daviess County tax records from 1825 through 1835 Owen Davis is listed. In the tax lists of 1830-1835 he is shown as paying taxes on 57 acres on Green River, which indicates that he was residing in what is now McLean County just north of the Green River, In the deed records of Daviess County two land deeds were recorded by Owen Davis. On 17 December 1829 Henry Taylor and his wife, Millie, of Daviess County sold 57 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres to Owen Davis for \$100, in the deed it was recorded that the tract included the place where Owen Davis was than living (deed book C, p.162). Owen Davis and his wife, Mary, of Daviess County on 22 August 1835 sold the same 57 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres to George T. Moore for \$300, which "included the place where the said Davis now lives" (book E, p.164). Soon after this date Owen Davis and his family left Daviess County, Ky. and by 1840 they were living in Logan County. Illinois, where they were listed in that year's census.

Owen Davis's wife, Nancy Taylor Davis, died between the dates of 14 April 1833 (the birth of her last child) and 8 November 1834 (the date of her husband's remarriage), she may have died in childbirth or soon afterwards. No monument for her is listed in two volumes of McLean County cemeteries, including the cemetery at the old Buck Creek Baptist Church. She may have been buried in the Nalley-Taylor (The Philip Taylor) Cemetery located about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile southwest of the Pleasant Hope Baptist Church, where the Revolutionary War soldier Philip

Taylor (c1757-1829) lies buried in an unmarked grave and who appears to be the grandfather of Nancy Taylor Davis.

In Ohio County, Ky. on 8 November 1834 Owen Davis married second Polly Gentry. They were married by William Sandefur and the bond for their marriage was by James Atherton. Polly Gentry later census records indicate was born in Indiana about 1817, she may have been a member of the Gentry family that settled at Gentryville, in Spencer County, Ind., just across the Ohio River from Daviess County, Ky.

Owen Davis was named for his grandfather, Owen Davis, a soldier of the Revolutionary War whose will is recorded at Clarksburg, Harrison County, West Virginia (at the time of his death it was Harrison County, Virginia). Owen Davis was born about 1740, on 3 June 1806 he wrote his will and in 1810 it was probated. Three of Owen Davis' sons, Philip, John and Jacob were early settlers in what is now McLean County, Ky. Philip and John Davis moved there between 1800-1810 and Jacob Davis joined them between 1810-1815.

Philip and John Davis, sons of Owen, were listed in the 1810 census of Ohio County, Ky. They are listed in the first tax list of Daviess County, Ky. in 1815, in the same list their brother, Jacob, was listed as well as Baxter Davis and John Daveiss. The last two resided in the boundaries of what is Daviess County today, while the three brothers were in what is now McLean County. Baxter Davis, who was in the 1815 tax list, was born 3 November 1773 Va. and died 11 October 1839 Daviess County, Ky., his wife was Mary Edmundson Webb (1782-1837). He was the son of W. Baxter Davis and Amelia Hopkins, early settlers in Henderson County, Ky. and grandson of Col. William Davis of Mecklenburg County, Va. John Daveiss was born 1 January 1779 Va. and died in November 1852 Daviess County, Ky., where he resided near Owensboro. He and his wife, Sally Duncan, were buried in Owensboro, they had been married in December 1806 in Nelson County, Ky. John Daveiss, a lawyer and a minister, was the son of Joseph Daveiss and Jean Hamilton. Daviess County, Ky. was named in honor of his brother, Col. Joseph Hamilton Daveiss. A lawyer, statesman and military hero Joe Daveiss was borne 4 March 1774 in Bedford County, Va, and died at the Battle of Tippecanoe on 7 November 1811.

Of the three brothers, Philip, John and Jacob Davis, the later was not the father of Owen Davis, born 1804. Jacob Davis was born 4 July 1766 and died 28 February 1847. He is buried in a family cemetery near Buel in McLean County, Ky. In Harrison County, Va. on 18 April 1805 he married Mary Read (daughter of Thomas). A family bible record lists the children of Jacob and Mary Davis and their dates of birth. Mrs. Virginia Davis (Route 1, Calhoun-, Ky. 42327), an-accomplished genealogist and member of the McLean County DAR chapter. in 1986 published an article on the Owen Davis (ca1740-ca1810) and Jacob Davis (1766-1847) families in the periodical, Kentucky Family Records Vol. XII. Mrs. Davis' husband, Wendell Davis is a great-great-grandson of Jacob Davis (1766-1847). Mrs. Davis at present does not have any

information about the families of Jacob's brothers, Philip and John Davis. In her article she indicates that Philip Davis moved on to "place unknown".

If Owen Davis, born 1804, was not the son of Jacob Davis it appears likely that he was the son of either Philip or John Davis. Philip Davis was born 1765-1770 and married Margaret Read, the daughter of Thomas Read, on 4 January 1796 in Harrison County, Va. Margaret was a sister of her brother-in-law, Jacob Davis' wife, Mary. In the household of Philip Davis in the 1810 Ohio County, Ky. census three boys aged under ten are listed, one of whom may have been Owen Davis, When Owen Davis first appeared in the Daviess County tax records he was listed immediately before Philip Davis and in the 1830 Daviess County census he was enumerated seven households from Philip Davis. Philip Davis last appeared in the Daviess County tax lists in 1836, one year following Owen Davis' disappearance. Logan County, Illinois sources should be checked to see if Philip Davis may have also moved there. The 1810 and 1830 censuses suggest that Philip Davis may have had as many as eleven children, five sons and six daughters.

The other brother John Davis, older than Jacob and Philip, was born prior to 1765. He was a Baptist minister and his name appears frequently in the early marriages of Ohio and Daviess Counties. He disappeared from the Daviess County tax records between 1820-1824, he either died during that time or moved elsewhere. In the 1810 Ohio County census a boy aged under ten was listed as living in John Davis' household, who may possibly be Owen Davis, born 1804.

In the Davis family vertical file at the Daviess County Public Library in Owensboro, Ky. is a letter sent to the library in 1984 by Mrs. Wanda Smith of Des Moines, Iowa. Her husband, LeRoy Smith, is a great-grandson of Owen Davis (1804-1870) and Nancy Taylor (1806-c1833). According to her letter Owen Davis was a Baptist minister and died 25 February 1870 in Logan County, Illinois.

In a search of Daviess County records no single document was found that proved who the parents of Nancy Taylor Davis (1806-c1833) were. However, many records support the conclusion that she was the daughter of Henry Taylor and Amelia Johnson.

In the Buel and Buck Creek section of what is now McLean County, Ky. three Taylor brothers, Philip, Benjamin and Arnold were among the first to settle in that area. Philip and Benjamin Taylor, both Revolutionary War soldiers, settled in the Ohio-McLean area sometime between 1777-1785. Since that time the land along Buck Creek has been part of five different counties - Nelson County 1785-1793, Hardin County 1793-1798, Ohio County 1799-1814, Daviess County 1815-1854 and McLean County since 1854.

In the first tax list of Ohio County, Ky. in 1799 Philip and Benjamin Taylor were listed. Their brother, Arnold Taylor, did not come to Ohio County until about 1802, which was the first year he appeared in the tax lists there. The three brothers were listed in the 1810 Ohio County

census and in the first tax list of Daviess County in 1815. Benjamin and Arnold are in the 1830 Daviess County census, Philip had died about a year preceding the census.

In 1984 Walter K. Taylor (2415 Baxter Court, Winter Park, Florida 32796) published a book entitled The Lives, Families, and Descendants of Arnold, Philip, and Benjamin Taylor: From Pennsylvania and New Jersey to Kentucky. A copy of the book is in the Daviess County Public Library. Family bible and other county records prove the children: of Arnold and Benjamin Taylor, and the children of Philip Taylor were pieced together by various official documents.

Arnold Taylor was born 1765 in Sussex County, New Jersey and died 22 October 1856 in McLean County, Ky. He married Elizabeth Welcher 26 June 1802 in Ohio County, Ky. He had a daughter named Nancy but she was born 28 October 1818 and thus could not be Nancy (Taylor) Davis, born 1806. Benjamin Taylor was born 31 (or 21) March 1756 in Bucks County, Pennsylvania and died 23 April 1842. He was buried in the Taylor Cemetery, a short distance west of the Pleasant Hope Baptist Church near Buel in McLean County, Ky. He and Catherine Lee were married in March 1774. The 1840 Daviess County census indicated that he was one of four Revolutionary War veterans living in the county at that time, his age was given as 84. Benjamin Taylor did not have a daughter named Nancy as proved by a family bible. Benjamin Taylor also could not have been the grandfather of Nancy (Taylor) Davis (1806-c1833) since none of his sons were married before 1809.

Philip Taylor was born 1757 in Pennsylvania and died 1829 and rests in an unmarked grave in the Nalley-Taylor Cemetery, about ½ mile southwest of the Pleasant Hope Baptist Church in McLean County, Ky. In a biography of Allison Nalley, a grandson of Philip Taylor, in the book Kentucky: A History Of The State (J. H. Battle, W. H. Perrin & G. C. Kniffin, c,1885, McLean County section) the following was written: "The mother of subject was a daughter of Philip Taylor, who came from Pennsylvania to Louisville, Ky., and there in the fort married Hannah Atherton; some years later he moved to Fort Hartford, Ohio County, and finally to McLean County; he was a Revolutionary soldier and is said to have been the first man to leave Fort Hartford for a residence beyond its protecting walls." At the time of the 1810 Ohio County census two girls, one aged 10-16 and the other under 10, were living in Philip Taylor's home, No doubt they were his two youngest daughters, Ruth and Patience, and consequently Philip would not appear to be the father of Nancy (Taylor) Davis (1806-c1833).

Manuel Taylor, born 8 May 1777 in New Jersey, Mr. Walter K. Taylor in his book lists as a possible son of Philip Taylor. Manuel Taylor does not appear in the tax lists of Ohio County, Ky. until 1802, the same year Arnold Taylor also first appeared. For this reason and because of his age it may be that Manuel Taylor was a younger brother of Philip Taylor and not his son. Manuel married Rebecca Lee on 1 March 1808 in Nelson County, Ky. In the 1810 Ohio County, Ky. census two girls under ten years old were in Manuel Taylor's household, they would have been his daughters, Susan (born 1809) and Jane (born 6 April 1810).

The only other son of Philip Taylor who was married before 1813 and before the birth of Nancy (Taylor) Davis (born 1806) was Henry Taylor. Several clues suggest that Henry Taylor was the father of Owen Davis' wife, Nancy. Henry Taylor was born about 1782. He first appeared in the Ohio County, Ky. tax records in 1803, probably the year in which he attained the age of 21. In the records of Ohio and Daviess County he is frequently referred to as Henry Taylor, Sr., in order to differentiate him from his cousin, Henry B. Taylor (son of Benjamin), who was about five years younger. Henry Taylor (son of Philip) married Amelia (also appears as Maley and Millie) Johnson, the daughter of Moses Johnson. They were married in Ohio County, Ky. on 25 September 1804.

The circuit court records of Daviess County prove that Philip Taylor had a son named Henry and that he was living in 1834. Numerous records prove that Benjamin Taylor's son Henry B. Taylor (born 1787) was the Henry who had married Ruth Hedges in 1809 and thus the Henry who married Amelia Johnson in 1804 would have to be Philip Taylor's son. It was this Henry Taylor (son of Philip, and who was married to Amelia Johnson) and his wife "Millie" that sold to Owen Davis on 17 December 1829 a farm of 57 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres, on which Owen Davis and his family were already living (Daviess County., Ky. deed book C, p.162). It appears likely that since Nancy Taylor's marriage to Owen Davis in 1823 they continued to live on her parents place and in 1829 her parents deeded the place to their son-in-law, Owen Davis, About one year after selling the farm to Owen Davis, Henry and Millie Taylor left Daviess County, They are listed in the 1830 census of Daviess County and following the 1830 tax list of Daviess County disappear from Daviess County records. They moved to Richland County, Illinois, where they resided near Pleasantview; there Henry Taylor died in 1845. His wife, Amelia, was living in the home of their son, William Taylor, at the time of the 1850 and 1860 censuses of Richland County, Ill.; she died sometime following 1860. Henry and Amelia Johnson Taylor were buried in the family cemetery of Moses Johnson, Jr. in Wayne County, Ill.

Information in Walter K. Taylor's book on the family of Henry Taylor and Amelia Johnson was supplied by Loreda Gallagher of Olney, Ill., a descendant through their daughter, Celia Taylor Archibald (1807-1869). In this record only one daughter, Celia (born 1807), is listed. However, in the 1810 census of Ohio County, Ky. two girls aged under ten are shown in the home of Henry Taylor (son of Philip). The other girl this writer believes is Nancy Taylor, who was born 9 September 1806 and who married Owen Davis on 13 August 1823. The fact that Nancy (Taylor) Davis died at the early age of about 27 years may account for the fact they were unable to find any record of her being a daughter of Henry Taylor and Amelia Johnson. Hopefully future research will uncover documentation or further evidence to substantiate that conclusion.

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1800 Ohio County, Ky. tax list:
Gideon Davis

1810 Ohio County, Ky. census:

Giddeon Davis (p.26)	3 males 0-10 2 males 10-16 1 male 26-45	3 females 0-10 2 female 10-16 1 female 26-45
Soloman Davis (p.28)	2 males 0-10 1 male 26-45	3 females 0-10 1 female 26-45
Baxter Davis (p.29)	4 males 0-10 1 male 26-45	1 female 0-10 1 female 26-45
Lodowick Davis (p.30)	3 males 0-10 1 male 10-16 1 male 16-26 1 male over45	1 female 0-10 2 females 10-16 1 female 26-45
Forest Davis (p.32)	2 males 0-10 1 male 10-16 1 male over45	1 female 0-10 1 female 10-16 2 females 16-26 1 female over45
Phillip Davis (p.36)	3 males 0-10 1 male 26-45	2 females 0-10 2 females 10-16 1 female 26-45
John Davis (p.36)	1 male 0-10 2 males 10-16 1 male over45	1 female 16-26 1 female over45
John Davis (p39)	1 male 26-45	1 female 0-10 1 female 16-26

Note: Page numbers from published volume of Ohio County censuses, Early Settlers of Ohio County, Kentucky 1799-1840 (McDowell Publications, Utica, Ky., 1983), by Jerry Long. Gideon, Solomon, Lodowick and Forest Davis are listed in the 1820 census of Ohio County, Ky. Baxter, Phillip and John Davis and John Daveiss lived in the part of Ohio County which became Daviess County in 1815. Phillip and John Davis (p.36) lived in the area of Ohio (Daviess) County which became part of McLean County in 1854. John Davis, p.39, was Gen. John Daveiss (1779-1852), who resided at Yellow Banks (Owensboro), Daviess County, Ky. was named for his brother Joseph Hamilton Daveiss (1774-1811).

1815 Daviess County, Ky. tax list (Daviess County formed in 1815 from Ohio County, Ky.)
List 1 - John Davis (300 acres). Phillip Davis (100 acres), Jacob Davis

List II - Baxter Davies (100 acres Panther Creek)

1816 Daviess County, Ky., tax list:

Rev, John Davis (300 acres Green River), Silas Davis, Jacob Davis, Philip Davis (100 acres Green River), James H. Davis (500 acres Panther creek), Baxter Davis (100 acres Rough Creek), John Daviess (500 acres Ohio River).

1820 Daviess County, Ky. census:

The left hand margin for most of this census is missing, leaving only the last name of the head of the households. Five Davis households appeared on p.7 p.7. p.7, p.11 & p.13 of the census. John Daviess was listed on page 17, Judging by the surrounding family names the three Davis entries on page 7 were probably those of the brothers, Phillip, Jacob and John Davis, Of the other two Davis entries (p.11 & p.13) one was probably the household of Baxter Davis, who was in the Daviess tax list at the time,

1830 Daviess County, Ky. census:

John Daviess (p.193)	1 male 0-10 1 male 15-20 1 male 40-50	2 females 0-10 1 female 15-20 1 female 30-40
Baxter Daviess (p.203)	1 male 15-20 1 male 20-30 1 male 50-60	2 females 10-15 1 female 40-50
James W. Daviess (p.203)	1 male 20-30	1 female 10-15
William H. Daviess (p.204)	1 male 15-20 1 male 20-30	2 females 0-5 1 female 20-30
John Daviess (p.204)	1 male 0-5 1 male 20-30	1 female 20-30
Jacob Daviess (p.205)	1 male 5-10 1 male 10-15 1 male 15-20 1 male 60-70	2 females 15-20 1 female 20-30 1 female 50-60
Owen Davis (p.206)	2 males 0-5 1 male 5-10 1 male 30-40	2 females 0-5 2 female 20-30
Philip Davis (p.206)	1 male 5-10 1 male 10-15 1 male 60-70	1 female 5-10 1 female 15-20 1 female 20-30 1 female 50-60

Levi Davis	1 male 10-15	3 females 0-5
(p.207)	1 male 15-20	2 females 5-10
	1 male 40-50	1 female 10-15
		1 female 15-20
		1 female 40-50

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1799 Ohio County, Ky. tax list:

Richard Taylor, Harrison Taylor (150 acres &.76 acres Rough Creek), John Taylor, Philip Taylor, Benjamin Taylor

1810 Ohio County, Ky. census:

John Taylor (p.70 #2), Joseph Taylor (p.70 #47), Septimus Taylor (p.70 #8), William Taylor (p.71 #14), James Taylor (p.74 #13), Harrison Taylor, Sr. (p.76 #3), Richard Taylor (p.76 #14), Harrison Taylor, Jr. (p.77 #15), Henry Taylor (p.78 #5), Thomas Taylor (p.85 #9), Henry Taylor (p.86 #11), Phillip Taylor (p.98 #3), Benjamin Taylor (p.98 #4), Arnold Taylor (p.98 #5), Manuel Taylor (p.98 #6), Pardon Taylor (p.103 #2, though listed as Taylor this is actually Pardon Tabor), and Simon Taylor (p.104 #44). Of these the following were of the Buck Creek Taylor family, who resided in what is now McLean County, Ky.:

Henry Taylor	1 male 0-10	2 females 0-10
(p.78)	1 male 26-45	1 female 26-45

(Henry Taylor, born 1782, son of Philip; his wife Amelia Johnson, and their children Nancy ? born 9 September 1806, Celia born 10 September 1807 and Philip born c1809)

Henry Taylor	1 male 16-26	1 female 0-10
(p.88)		1 female 16-26

(Henry B. Taylor, born 15 July 1787, son of Benjamin; and wife Ruth Hedges and their first child, born c1810)

Phillip Taylor	1 male 0-10	1 female 0-10
(p.98)	1 male 16-26:	1 female 10-16
	1 male over 45	1 female over45

(Philip Taylor, born c1751, his second wife, and his children: Aaron born c1792, Ruth born 22 June 1793, Patience born c1800, and Silas born 10 November 1802)

Benjamin Taylor	2 males 0-10	2 females 10-16
(p.98)	2 males 10-16	1 female over45
	1 male over45	

(Benjamin Taylor, born 1756, his wife Catherine Lee and their children: John A. ?, born 25 March 1792, William born 23 March 1794, Leannah born 28 February 1796, Sarah born 16 March 1798, Samuel born 2 May 1800 and Archibald born 20 March 1803)

Arnold Taylor	1 male 0-10	3 females 0-10
(p.98)	1 male 26-45	1 female 10-16
	1 male 26-45	

(Arnold Taylor, born 1765, his wife Elizabeth Welcher and their children: Hester born 5 May 1803, Sarah born 5 or 13 June 1804, Rachel born 10 February 1806, Mary born 14 June 1808 and Joshua born 25 December 1809)

Manuel Taylor (p.98)	1 male 26-45	2 females 0-10 1 female 16-26
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(Manuel Taylor, born 8 May 1777, his wife Rebecca Lee and their first two children born between 1808-1810)

1815 Daviess County, Ky. tax list:

List I - Joseph Taylor, Benjamin Taylor, John Taylor, George Taylor, Nicholas Taylor, Wright Taylor, Amanuel Taylor, Phillip Taylor (400 acres), Henry Taylor, Jacob Taylor, John Taylor, Arnold Taylor.

List II - Benjamin Taylor (400 acres Green River), John A. Taylor, Henry Taylor Sr.

1820 Daviess County, Ky. census:

The left hand margin for most of this census is missing, leaving only the last name of the head of the households. Emanuel Taylor is listed on p.70 Aaron Taylor on p.18, and of Taylor households listed on pages 3a, 6, 6, 9 & 16 only the name Taylor is readable.

1830 Daviess County, Ky. census:

Charles W. Tailor (p.191)	1 male 20-30	1 female 15-20
William Tailor (p.196)	1 male 20-30	2 females 0-5 1 female 20-30
Colson Tailor (p.201)	1 male 20-30	1 female 0-5 1 female 20-30
John A. Tailor (p.205, son of Benjamin)	1 male 0-5 1 male 30-40	1 female 0-5 1 female 30-40
Benjamin Tailor (p.205)	1 male 70-80	1 female 10-15 1 female 70-80
Archibald Tailor (p.205, son of Benjamin)	1 male 0-5 1 male 30-40	1 female 0-5 1 female 15-20
Henry Tailor (p.205, son of Benjamin)	1 male 5-10 1 male 10-15 1 male 40-50	1 female 10-15 1 female 15-20 1 female 40-50
Aaron Tailor (p.205, son of Philip)	1 male 0-5 1 male 20-30 1 male 30-40	2 females 0-5 1 female 5-10 1 female 30-40

John Tailor (p.206, son of Philip)	1 male 40-50	1 female 10-15 1 female 40-50
Henry Tailor (p.206, son of Philip)	1 male 5-10 1 male 10-15 2 males 15-20 1 male 20-30 1 male 50-60	1 female 30-40 1 female 50-60
Arnold Tailor (p.207)	2 males 5-10 2 males 10-15 1 male 15-20 1 male 60-70	2 females 15-20 2 female 20-30 1 female 40-50

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April 13, 1988

Dear Jerry,

I am writing you to tell you of the out come of my searching on the parents of Nancy Taylor who married Owen Davis. Since you did so much good research for me I thought you might be interested in what I have found and also might want to record it there with the records at the library.

I uncle a trip to Atlanta IL. (Logan Co.) last fall when we were in the St. Louis area visiting our daughter. I finally found Owen Davis' grave after an all day hunt. There are three stones in the plot at the Jolly Cem. a short distance out of Atlanta, IL. One is for Owen, a second for his 2nd wife Mary, and a third stone in memory of his 1st wife Nancy Taylor and several children of Owen's who died. On the stone for Nancy it states she was born Sept. 9, 1806 and died in KY. on Nov. 21, 1833.

I contacted Walter Taylor but never received a reply. I recently called him and talked with his wife. He does not have any more of his books on the Taylor family. I wrote to Loreda Gallagher a couple of months after I wrote to Mr. Taylor and did not hear from him. Since Olney is a small town the letter got to her without any additional address. She was in TX. for the winter but recently returned home and has sent me some additional information on the Taylor family. One item is the will of Henry Taylor which she has found. In it Article 6 reads "I will devise and bequeath to the heirs of my daughter Nancy Davis (alias Taylor) the sum of one dollar.' So your theory on who was the father of Nancy is correct. I again thank you for all your help to me. I will keep you posted if I find any other information which I think might prove helpful to other researchers working on these families in the KY. area.

Sincerely,
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