

DAVID BLAIR TAYLOR, one of the prominent, able and progressive members of the Indiana bar, and a man who commands the confidence of the people and the respect of the legal fraternity, is a son of Dr. James M and Margaret (Blair) Taylor, and was born at Indiana, Indiana county, Pennsylvania, September 14, 1853. The Taylors are of Scotch-Irish descent and the American branch of the family was founded by John Taylor, whose ancestors emigrated from England to Scotland during the protectorate of Oliver Cromwell, John Taylor came from Scotland to near Philadelphia, where he lived to see his hundredth birthday. He was a strict Presbyterian, and his son, Alexander Taylor (great-grandfather), was born in 1756 and removed to Bedford county, Pa., where he remained some time and then (prior to 1790) purchased a farm four miles south of Indiana, on which he died March 8, 1815. he served in the Revolutionary war, in which struggle one of his brothers was killed at the massacre of Paoli, and another, Lieut. Matthew Taylor, fell in the battle of Long Island. He was married twice. His first wife was Mary McKesson and the second Margaret McFadden. He had five children: Robt., Hon. John, William, Alexander, Jr., who founded the first democratic paper in the county, and Hon. James, who was sheriff of the county and served as a member of Genearl Assembly. Hon. John Taylor (grandfather) was born in Indiana county in 1790 and died in October 1846, aged fifty-six years. He was a man of fine personal appearance. He served as county treasurer, deputy-surveyor, prothonotary, member of the legislature, associate judge and surveyor-general of Pennsylvania. He was a democrat until the formation of the Anti-masonic party, when he united with the whigs. He was a man of ability and great usefulness. In 1813 he married Mary Wilson, by whom he had four children: Hon. A. Wilson, who was born March 22, 1815, graduated at Jefferson college, became a republican, served in the legislature in 1859 and 1860 and in 1872 represented Indiana, Westmoreland and Fayette counties in the forty-third Congress; Caroline (deceased); Dr. James M. and Washington (dead). Dr. James Madison Taylor (father) was born and reared at Indiana. Leaving school, he read medicine and attended Jefferson Medical college of Philadelphia, from which celebrated institution he was graduate. After graduation he returned to Indiana, where he practiced for several years and then removed to Kittanning, Armstrong county, this State, where he was in active and successful practice for about eighteen years. He returned to Indiana in 1875, has retired from active practice and is now in the seventy-second year of his age. He is a member of the United Presbyterian church, a republican in politics and has served his borough as school director. Prominent as a physician and useful as a citizen, he commands the respect of all who know him. He married Margaret Blair, who is a member of the U. P. church.

David Blair Taylor was reared for several years at Indiana. He attended Washington and Jefferson college, from which institution of learning he was graduated in the class of 1875. he then read law with his uncle, Hon. A. W. Taylor, of Indiana, was admitted to the bar of Indiana county in 1878 and ever since then, excepting two years, has been in the active practice of his profession. In the spring of 1890 he formed a law partnership with S. M. Jack, under the firm-name of Jack & Taylor. The firm is rapidly becoming one of the leading and best known in the county and is making a successful record in the civil and criminal courts.

D. B. Taylor married Annie M., daughter of ex-Sheriff J. Daugherty. She died on December 16, 1882, leaving one child, a son, named James. In 1887, Mr. Taylor united

in marriage with Annie McFadden, daughter of Dr. James McFadden, who was formerly of Allegheny county, Pa. To this second union has been born one child, which is a son and named Blair.

In politics David Blair Taylor is a republican and at present is serving his borough as school director. From 1882 till 1884 he was a resident of St. Paul, Minnesota, where he was assistant attorney of the C., St. P. & M. & O.R.R., whose chief attorney was John C. Spooner, now United States Senator from Wisconsin. Since his admission to the bar Mr. Taylor has conducted the practice of the law with assiduity, faithfulness and constantly increasing success. In the study of his cases he examines closely every fact that can possibly affect his client either favorably or unfavorably, and before a jury he carefully lays down the law and the evidence upon which he makes his plea. In addition to being an excellent criminal lawyer he is well-known as an able and safe counselor.