

Taylor

The surname of TAYLOR was from the occupational name 'the tailor' a cutter of cloth. The name was derived from the Old French word 'tailleur' and was brought to England in the wake of the Norman Conquest of 1066. Early records in England mention Walter Taylor of the County of Cambridge in 1180. Henry le Taliur was recorded in County Norfolk in the year 1273. Roger le Taylour was documented in County Somerset, during the reign of Edward III (1327-1377). Richard le Taylor of Yorkshire, was listed in the Yorkshire Poll Tax of 1379. John Taylor (1580-1653) was the 'Water-Poet', an English pamphleteer and Thames waterman. Abel, son of John Taillor was baptised at St. Peter, Cornhill, London in 1593. Robert Julian and Mary Taylor were married at St. George's, Hanover Square, London in 1802. Zachary Taylor (1784-1850) was an American soldier and the 12th president of the United States of America, 1849-50. This well known English and Scottish name has been in Ireland since the 14th century, and is now numerous both in Ulster and Dublin. Ireland was one of the earliest countries to evolve a system of hereditary surnames. They came into being fairly generally in the 11th century, and indeed a few were formed before the year 1000. The names introduced into Britain by the Normans during the Invasion of 1066 were of three kinds. There were names of Norse origin which their ancestors had carried into Normandy; names of Germanic origin which the Frankish conquerors had brought across the Rhine and which had ousted the old Celtic and Latin names from France, and Biblical names and names of Latin and Greek saints. These names they retained even after the customs and language of the natives of Northern France had been adopted by them. After the Norman Conquest not only Normans, but Frenchmen and Bretons from other parts of France settled in England, and quite a few found their way north into Scotland. The associated coat of arms is recorded in Sir Bernard Burkes General Armory. Ulster King of Arms in 1884.

ARMS - Azure on a fess cotised or three lion's rampant sable

CREST - A tiger's head erased sable ducally gorged or

MOTTO - FIDELUSQUE AD MORTEM

Faithful to death