

## Graham Taylor

**Graham Taylor** born 2<sup>nd</sup> August 1830. New Amsterdam, Berbice. (Guiana)

**Graham Taylor's** father, Monkhouse Graham Taylor, transferred from the 90<sup>th</sup> Foot to the 78<sup>th</sup> Foot in 1829. This was shortly before his marriage to Maria Mioses in Gateshead in the August of that year. From April 1826 to February 1838 the 78<sup>th</sup> Foot were stationed in Ceylon (Sri Lanka).

### 1841 Census, Belle Vue, Whalley, Burnley, Lancashire

Monkhouse G Taylor	48	Army (Lieutenant, Paymaster 78 <sup>th</sup> Foot)
Maria Taylor	40	
<b>Graham Taylor</b>	10	born "Foreign Parts"

### From the Service Record for Graham Taylor

Ensign 53<sup>rd</sup> Foot 10<sup>th</sup> April 1848  
Lieutenant 53<sup>rd</sup> Foot 9<sup>th</sup> May 1851 By Purchase  
Captain 53<sup>rd</sup> Foot 6<sup>th</sup> May 1858 Without Payment  
13<sup>th</sup> May 1848 to 28<sup>th</sup> May 1858 stationed in India

"**Captain Taylor** served with the 53<sup>rd</sup> Regiment in the campaign of 1851-1852 against the Hill Tribes on the Peshawar frontier" From Harts Army List 1865.

"**Captain Taylor** served with the 53<sup>rd</sup> Regiment...in the Indian Campaign of 1857-1858 including the actions of Chutra, Gopalgunge, Khodagunge, and entry into Futtchgur, affair of Shumshabad, storm and capture of Meangunge, siege and capture of Lucknow. Medal and Clasp, and mentioned in dispatches." From Harts Army List 1865. Following this campaign administrative control of India was taken over by the British Government. This was formalised in the 1858 Government of India Act.

Mother, Maria Taylor died 1858 in Kent.

**Graham Taylor**, 53<sup>rd</sup> Foot, married Catherine Nash. 10<sup>th</sup> November 1859. St Dunstan's in the West, London. Fathers Monkhouse Graham Taylor and John Nash.

Father, Captain Monkhouse Graham Taylor of the 53<sup>rd</sup> Regiment, Paymaster of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Depot Battalion (Chatham) died 13<sup>th</sup> January 1860 in Kent. Executor **Graham Taylor**.

**Captain Graham Taylor** exchanged with Captain Garnier of the 47<sup>th</sup> Foot on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1860.

August 1860 to March 1861. "Fashionable News" Dover Express gives details of **Captain and Mrs Graham Taylor** arriving or leaving 2 Effingham Street, Dover.

5<sup>th</sup> July 1861 to 26<sup>th</sup> September 1861 **Graham Taylor** was in Canada. The 47<sup>th</sup> Regiment was sent to strengthen the defences for Nova Scotia following a diplomatic incident during the American Civil War. This incident became known as the Trent Affair.

**Graham Taylor** then exchanged with Captain Harry Savary of the 49<sup>th</sup> Foot 27<sup>th</sup> September 1861.

1861 to 21<sup>st</sup> July 1864 49<sup>th</sup> Regiment were based in England.

1863 Trial Belfast. **Captain Graham Taylor** responsible for the prosecution at a trial in which a medal had been illegally pawned. The Depot Battalion was based in Belfast.

22<sup>nd</sup> July 1864 49<sup>th</sup> Regiment arrived at Richmond Barracks in Dublin. Local newspapers give details of officers arriving with the Regiment including **Graham Taylor**.

1<sup>st</sup> December 1865 Depot joined the regiment in Dublin from Belfast. The Depot Battalion later moved to Colchester.

From the Summer of 1865 to 18<sup>th</sup> November 1874 the 49<sup>th</sup> Regiment was in India. With the Depot Battalion being in Colchester

Catherine Taylor, wife of **Graham Taylor** of the 49<sup>th</sup> Regiment died 26<sup>th</sup> November 1867 Deesa, Bombay Presidency. Buried 27<sup>th</sup> November 1867. Cause of death Asthma. Aged 31 years and 8 months.

12<sup>th</sup> March 1869 Colchester, England. From newspaper reports. **Captain Graham Taylor**, Acting Adjutant of the Depot Battalion, giving evidence at a trial in Colchester. Fraudulent confession of an army deserter.

31<sup>st</sup> March 1869 Essex Standard. Major-General Tidy entertained by the officers of the 4<sup>th</sup> Depot Battalion, Colchester. **Captain Graham Taylor**, President of the Mess.

20<sup>th</sup> May 1873 Morning Post. List of officers made Brevet Major as of the 5<sup>th</sup> July 1872 including **Major Graham Taylor** of the 49<sup>th</sup> Foot.

27<sup>th</sup> May 1874 Eastbourne Gazette. List of visitors including **Major Graham Taylor**.

13<sup>th</sup> January 1875 the regiment landed at Portsmouth. On their march to Parkhurst Barracks on the Isle of Wight they passed and cheered Queen Victoria.

### **Hampshire Advertiser - 10 April 1875**

#### **Newport**

CORONER'S INQUEST AT PARKHURST.- Mr. E. F. Blake, deputy coroner, held an inquest on Wednesday at the Hospital, Parkhurst Barracks, on view of the body of Major Graham Taylor, of the 49<sup>th</sup> Regiment. Mr. T. Denyer was foreman of the jury. The following evidence was taken:- Mr. E. J. Upward, of Newport, provisions merchant, deposed: On Monday, about 4.30p.m., I was driving from Yarmouth to Newport, and, as I was passing Vittlefields, near Parkhurst Forest, I met deceased riding on horseback at a furious pace, and he was soon out of sight. When I was ascending the hill near Mackintosh Cottage deceased passed me at a furious pace. I cannot say whether he had control or not over the horse. Then when I came near the gateway to the barracks hospital, which is a short distance from Mackintosh Cottage, I saw deceased lying on the ground and supported by Mr. King. - Mr. James King, of Park-green, said he was passing along the road in the direction of Yarmouth when deceased on horse back riding at a very fast pace, came up to the barrack gate leading to the hospital: there at a drop in the road at the gateway the horse stumbled and fell head over heels; deceased fell headlong and the horse rolled on him. Witness went forward and, raising deceased, asked if he was much hurt, but deceased was unconscious, and uttered no sound. Deceased sat his horse well, and it seemed to witness he had control over the animal. It was purely a stumble in the hollow at the gateway.- Major Young, of the 49<sup>th</sup> Regiment, deposed,- Deceased was senior captain and brevet major in the 49<sup>th</sup> Regiment. On Monday last. About 4 p.m., I and deceased on horseback went out riding on the Yarmouth road. He asked me to keep a little behind, as the horse he was riding, Colonel Fitzgerald's, was fresh. As deceased was passing Mackenzie Cottage his horse bolted with him. He stopped it, and then it bolted again at a furious pace. After that I met him returning at a very rapid gallop, and I spoke to him, but if he replied I did not hear it. I think at that time he had no control over the horse. I turned and rode back to the gateway leading to the barrack hospital, and there saw deceased lying senseless on the ground. I had him taken to his quarters and remained with him, but he never regained conscious. Deceased had never ridden the horse before. He was a fair rider. I had seen the horse before, once at exercise and once in stable. The horse appeared to be quiet, but fresh.- Henry Parmeter, private in the 49<sup>th</sup> Regiment, and groom to Colonel Fitzgerald commanding the regiment, deposed,- The horse in question was recently purchased by my master; I fetched it from Cowes on the 17<sup>th</sup> ult. I rode it every day up to Monday last, when deceased rode it on the Yarmouth road. At first it was not quiet with me. It once bolted with me for some yards, and in presence of deceased, I told the colonel of it. The horse had a soft mouth. I had no trouble with him afterwards. He was

apt to try his rider at first, but was very well after being mastered. From what I know of the horse I think him unsafe for a man who is not a good rider.- Surgeon-Major James J D'Altera, of the 49<sup>th</sup> Regiment, deposed;- I was sent for on Monday afternoon, and went and saw deceased in bed at his quarters. He was insensible and unconscious, and he remained so up to the time of his death. On examination I found a scalp wound on the vertex of the head, and no other external mark of injury. Deceased presented all appearance of a serious case of concussion of the brain. From the first I had no hope of his recovery, and advised that his friends should be sent for. The symptoms gradually increased through the night, and at 5 a.m. more serious symptoms presented themselves, and deceased died at 7 a.m. on Tuesday. My opinion is that deceased was paralysed from the first. Verdict "Accidental death."

### **The Standard - 15 April 1875**

#### **London**

THE NEXT OF KIN of the late Brevet Major TAYLOR, 49<sup>th</sup> Regiment, who died on the 6<sup>th</sup> April last, is requested to COMMUNICATE without delay with the President of the Committee Adjustments, Parkhurst Barracks, Isle of Wight.

NOTICE.- Any person or persons having a CLAIM against the Estate of the late Major GRAHAM TAYLOR, 49<sup>th</sup> Regiment, who died on the 6<sup>th</sup> April are requested to forward the same to the President of the Committee of Adjustment, Parkhurst Barracks, Isle of Wight on or before April 30<sup>th</sup> next.

### **Isle of Wight Observer - 17 April 1875**

#### **Newport**

MILITARY FUNERAL.-The mortal remains of Major Graham Taylor, of the 49<sup>th</sup> Regiment, who was killed by a fall from his horse, were borne "with dirges due and sad array" from Parkhurst Barracks to the Carisbrooke cemetery on Friday last. The coffin, covered with the Union Jack, the shako, and sword of deceased resting thereon, was borne on a gun-carriage drawn by four horses. The firing party-a wing of the regiment-with arms reversed, followed by the band of the regiment and the band of the 106<sup>th</sup> regiment playing alternately, led the way. A train of officers and non-commissioned officers followed the bier. A large number of spectators lined the way. At the cemetery the Rev. H. Hare, of Parkhurst, chaplain to the forces, and the Rev. F. R. Ellis, of Carisbrooke, officiated. At the conclusion of the burial service, the firing party, commanded by Capt. Nason, discharged their vollies over the grave of the esteemed and much-lamented officer. Deceased had been in the regiment 12 years, after serving with the 53<sup>rd</sup> regiment in the campaign of 1851-52 against the hill tribes on the Peshawur frontier, and in the Indian Campaign of 1857-58. Mentioned in despatches, and received a medal.

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