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September 28, 2004

Born 14 High Street, Monks Coppenhall, Cheshire

15 July 1880

(remember that the premises was listed as a Hatters in the trade directories of the period¹!)



(High Street, Crewe -- Continue along Mill Street (toward the town centre) and we come to High Street.
In the distance we can see the junction with Edleston Road.)²

Hatters.	
Haywood Edward J.	81 Victoria street
Platt Henry,	7 Coppenhall terrace, and Market street
Stafford Geo.	5 Coppenhall terrace
Taylor Jas.	14 High street
Hay and Straw Dealer.	
Hull Richd.	Nantwich road

(1874 Directory Crewe & Monks Coppenhall Listing)

This following picture might be a more modern photo of 14 High Street (source not noted)!

¹ The 1878 Post Office Directory for Cheshire lists a James Taylor & Co, Hatters at 14 High St. Crewe. Also, the Morris & Co.'s Directory and Gazetteer of Cheshire, 1874 lists the same information.

² accessed 7/17/03, South Cheshire Family History Society,

<http://www.scfhs.org.uk/cgi/showimage.cgi?image=gallery/crewe/image51.jpg&text=High%20Street&width=640&height=391>

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Address 14 High Street, Monks Coppenhall, Crewe, Cheshire 1881 (census)

Address 18 Fishwick Street, Hollinwood 1891 (census)
(he was listed as scholar ... meaning still in school)

Address 33 Eastwood Rd., New Moston 1901 (census)
(still at home with mother and brother Herbert)

Occupation Railway Clerk 1901

Marriage Bethesda Chapel 1905 (13 December)

Manchester Rd., Hollinwood

Occupation Commercial Clerk 1905

Birth of Elsie 31 Wesley St., Failsworth 1907
(pictured to left)



(this address is also confirmed by the 1911 Slater's Manchester, Salford and Suburban Directory³, see image to right)

Occupation Clerk at Electrical Works 1907

{Family lore has that Ernest worked for Rolls-Royce in Trafford Park and then in Crewe. It has been learned that it is Royce Ltd that had works in Trafford Park, though originally based on Cooke St, Manchester. "From what you

say it seems that your great grandfather may have worked for Royce Ltd, but not for Rolls-Royce. Rolls-Royce never had premises in Trafford Park. Before Royce met Rolls in 1904, he had established an electrical engineering company, which moved into building electric cranes. The crane business outgrew the original works in Cooke Street Manchester, and new premises in Trafford Park were acquired.

WESLEY STREET,
Oldham Rd. Failsworth to Gee St.
(West side.)
1 Whitehead Thomas, builder
3 Whitehead Orlando, mill hand
5 Lees Navello, lodgeman
7 Taylor Harry, pattern maker
9 Wharton Herbt, sanitary insptr
11 Arrandale Samuel, minder
15 Armstead Frank, cotton spinner
17 Abbett William, weaver
19 Roberts David, iron turner
21 Bottomley William, sexton
23 Leach James William, miller
25 Wright John, weaver
27 Makin Robert, booking clerk
29 Kiding Joseph, postman
31 Taylor Ernest, clerk
33 Whitehead John, foreman
79 McCaffery Mrs. Frances, shopkpr

³ This directory, accessed via www.historicaldirectories.org also contained these entries for Eastwood Road, New Moston ... (west side) 29 Taylor Mrs Lucy, 33 Middleton James, grocer (east side) Cheetham Reuben, timber merchant (Linden house) – the latter a Wolfenden connection!

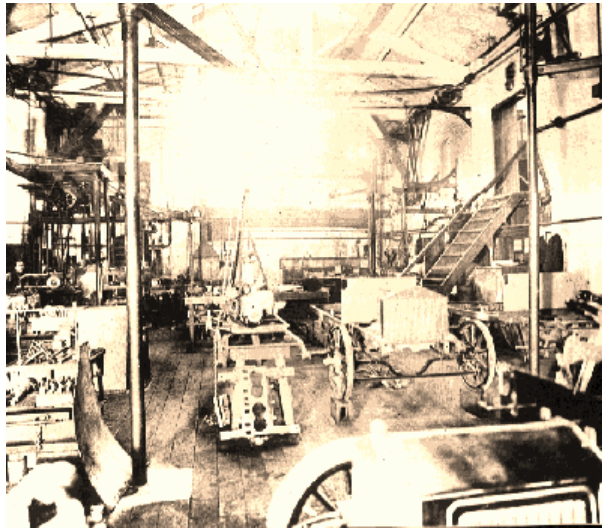
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Production of Rolls-Royce cars started at Cooke Street in 1904, and moved to Derby in 1908. The crane business, Royce Ltd continued at Trafford Park as an entirely separate company. I am afraid that we have no records of this company.

Royce Ltd was taken over by Herbert Morris Cranes of Loughborough, in about 1930, and I believe that records of this company are in the hands of the Leicestershire Museums Authority."⁴}

If this is the case, the following is a photograph of the works at Cooke St where Ernest may have worked when he was listed as a clerk at Electrical works⁵



As suggested above, the author contacted the Leicestershire archives and learned the following⁶:

"Dear Diane,

There are records of Royce Ltd of Trafford Park, Manchester amongst the archives of Herbert Morris Ltd (our ref: 28D69/125-167) but unfortunately these do not include records relating to personnel. They consist mostly of order books, pattern registers, Drawing Office & Electrical Dept technical records and cover the period 1897 to 1969. There are also photographs of crane parts.

I am sorry not to be able to help you. Yours sincerely, Jess Jenkins, Assistant Keeper of Archives"

Address

29 Eastwood Rd., New Moston

c. 1911



(Moston Lane intersecting Eastwood Road, c. 1909-1911, girl to right of pram is Elsie Taylor)

⁴ e-mail received 9/8/03, Philip Hall, The Sir Henry Royce Memorial Foundation, Philip Hall [philiphall@henry-royce.org]

⁵ accessed 9/8/03, <http://www.darkforce.com/royce/founders.htm>

⁶ e-mail received 9/16/03, Kim Goodwin [KGoodwin@leics.gov.uk], Assistant Keeper of Archives, Leicestershire Archives

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(Elsie Taylor, Ernest Taylor, Mary Nelson Taylor, c. 1909/1910)



(the above is from a real estate add for the selling of this property, labeled 29 Eastwood Road, assuming no change in house numbering ... if nothing, it gives some perspective on what the property was like at this time, the original was a pdf file format⁷)



Pastor *Strict and Particular Church at Slaithwaite,* 1922-1934
 Yorkshire (For details on his association, see Appendices
 A&B ... this information was pulled from the Addenda
 originally published in March 2001 & April 2001,
 respectively)

Address 112 Mosten Lane c. 1926
 (pictured to left)

Address 26 Moston Lane, 1929 (Directory)
 New Moston, Failsworth

Occupation Clerk 1929

Occupation Accountant 1936

Activity *Performed the marriage ceremony for daughter, Elsie Taylor to John Richard*
 Fountain, Bethesda in Hollinwood

Address *Shelton Lock, Derby* 1936

⁷ accessed 7/17/03, <http://www.phlawyersdirect.com/solicitors.html>, listing for 29 Eastwood Road, New Moston

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"A wedding took place on Saturday in the Particular Baptist Church, Hollinwood, and a large company of friends gathered to witness the ceremony. The bridegroom was Mr. J. R. Fountain, son of Mr. J.G. Fountain, of Albert Street, Hollinwood, and the bride was Miss Elsie Taylor, daughter of Mr. Ernest Taylor, now of Shelton Lock, Derby, but at one time of New Moston. Both families are old members and workers at Bethesda, the young couple being members of the choir and devoted to the Sunday School.

The bride's father conducted the marriage ceremony, assisted by Mr. A. Mackenzie, pastor at Bethesda, who gave an appropriate address.

(excerpt from newspaper notice of Elsie marriage)

In Loving Memory of
ERNEST
The Dearly Loved Husband of
MARY TAYLOR
Who Died Oct. 28th 1950, Aged
70 Years
Also the Above MARY,
Who Died Sept. 10th 1962, aged
81 Years
Also JOHN RICHARD
FOUNTAIN,
Beloved Husband of ELSIE,
Who Died Feb. 27th 1967, Aged
57 Years



(Ernest Taylor, c. 1933)

Occupation (Shares Registrar with Rolls Royce Ltd in Chellaston, Derby?)

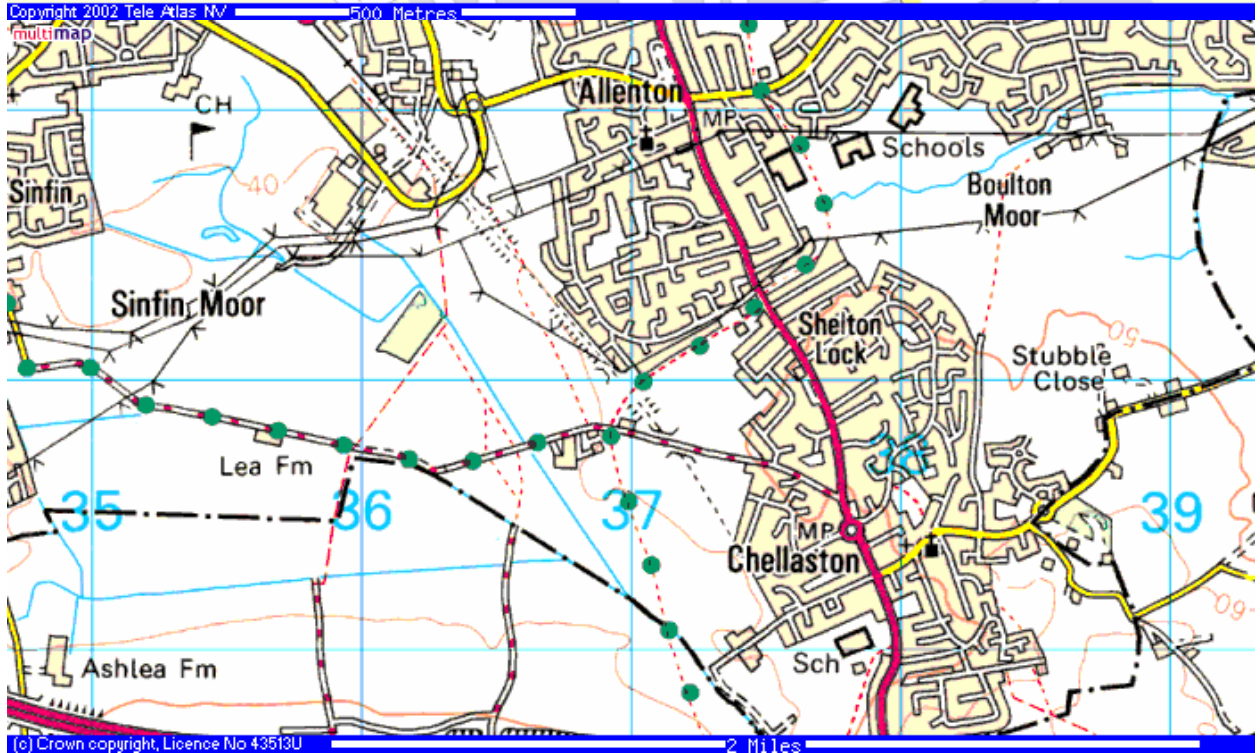
Retired c. 1946

Address 20 Welwyn Ave, Chellaston, Derby 1950

Below is a map showing Welwyn Avenue, Chellaston, Derby. It appears that this address is actually part of Shelton Lock, Derby and this is a reference that the author remembers hearing. Below is a detailed map showing Welwyn Avenue and the other map shows Chellaston and Shelton Lock relative to one another⁸.

⁸ accessed 7/13/03, www.ordsvy.gov.uk

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This is just SW of Derby. Apparently, Shelton Lock is named for a Lock on the Derby Canal which used to run through the area. Here is a picture, c. 1935 of the Derby Canal, Shelton Lock and the Lock Keepers Cottage⁹. The source of this photo tells us "The Derby Canal was commissioned in 1793 and Benjamin Outram was appointed engineer. When the canal was opened in 1796, it was 14 miles long, and ran from a junction with the Erewash

Canal at Sandiacre to a junction with the Trent and Mersey Canal at Swarkestone. The Derby Canal once ran through Shelton Lock and as you can see here, it became delapidated, though boats can be seen in the distance using the waterway. The Derby Canal was owned by the Derby Canal Company and was never nationalised. It was abandoned in 1964 but now the Derby Canal Society are trying to restore it."

⁹ accessed 7/13/03, <http://www.picturethepast.org.uk/>

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Appendix A

Ernest Taylor & Slaithwaite

(Originally Published March 2001)

It has been confirmed that Ernest Taylor was involved with a Baptist Church in Slaithwaite ... below is a summary of Slaithwaite from 1834.

SLAITHWAITE¹⁰ is a chapelry in the parish of Huddersfield 4 and a half miles SW from that town and about 2 and a half NE from Marsden; situate in the valley of the Colne and near to the Huddersfield and Manchester canal.

The manufactures of this chapelry are extensive numerous and various; comprising that for woollen cloth and smallwares; cotton spinning and machine making; there is besides a considerable iron and brass foundry (where also steam engines are made); together with several scribbling and slubbing mills.

The prosperity of the place is likewise promoted by its spaw which was discovered a few years since; said to be equal in its chalybeate properties to the waters of Harrogate and found to be efficacious in the cure of rheumatic and scorbutic complaints.

Mr. R. Varley of the firm of Scholes Varley and Co. extensive cotton spinners of this place has at a considerable expense erected commodious baths for the accommodation of visitors and the spaw is now resorted to in the spring and summer months by the neighbouring gentry and families of the most respectable class in trade.

The chapel here dedicated to St. James was rebuilt in 1784; it is a convenient edifice and will accommodate five hundred persons. The living is a perpetual curacy in the gift of the vicar of Huddersfield; the Rev. Thomas Jackson in the incumbent.

A place of worship for baptists a free school and a grammar school are in the chapelry; the population of which at the last census amounted to 2 852 persons; and that of the neighbouring township of Linthwaite at the same period 2 852.

Pigot & Co's National Commercial Directory 1834

Contact with the West Yorkshire Archive Service yielded the following information ...

"Providence Strict and Particular Baptist Church at Kitchen Fold in Slaithwaite was founded in 1811. It was a small independent church and never became part of the Yorkshire Baptist Association (to which most local Baptist churches belong). The church has never deposited any records with our Archives."

An organization called "The Strict Baptist Historical Society (SBHS)"¹¹ exists and has provided some wonderful information. Below is a copy of the Death Notice of Ernest Taylor as published in "The Christian's Pathway" of 1951.

¹⁰ Huddersfield & District Family History web site, www.dhfs.org.uk

¹¹ 19 March 2001 correspondence with librarian, David J. Woodruff, 10 Priory Rd, Dunstable, Beds. LU5 4HR

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ERNEST TAYLOR, who for many years was Pastor of the Church at Slaithwaite, Yorks, and well known amongst the Northern Churches, entered into rest on October 28th, aged 70 years. In the later years of his life, owing to his position on the secretarial staff of the Rolls-Royce Company, he had resided at Derby and had served many of the Churches in the Midlands. Four years ago he retired from business life but had continued, in some measure, to supply the Churches and will be missed in many directions.

The funeral service was held in the Cause at Hollinwood, and was conducted by Mr. A. McKenzie of Warrington, after which his mortal body was laid to rest in Hollinwood Cemetery to await that glorious day when the dead in Christ shall rise first.

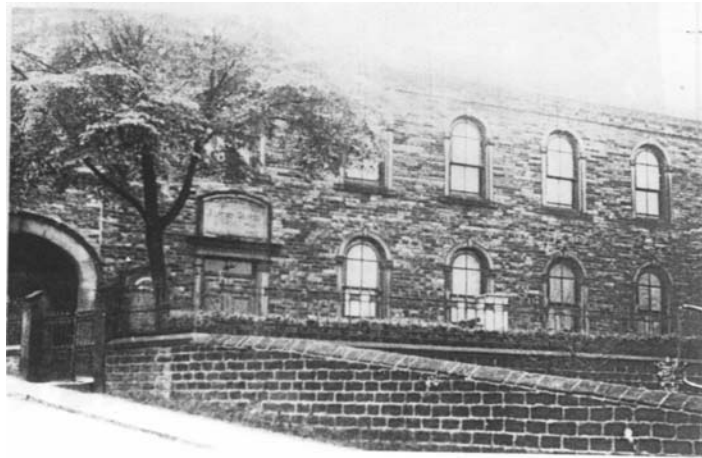
Thus another servant of the Lord has finished his course leaving many near and dear, in the bonds of the flesh and in those of sacred ties, to mourn his loss. To each and to all we tender our sincere sympathy with the earnest desire that the Lord's sanctifying blessing may be experienced. Ever more and more solemn becomes the need—if the Lord tarries His coming—for the raising up of more labourers in whose heart the Word of the Lord is a living fire.

Additionally, information was provided on the referenced church¹².

"Today there is but one Strict and Particular Baptist Chapel in the Huddersfield district, namely, Providence Chapel, Slaithwaite...

Providence. Slaithwaite.

William Cooper	1816
Higson	c. 1823-1840
William Holland	1840-1844
Robert Parry	1864-1869
W.E. Thomsett	1872-1877
O.S. Dolbey	1878-1887
Thomas Jones	1888-1894
J.H. Snow	1898-1904
David Smith	1909-1915
E. Taylor	1922-1934"
<i>(The latter being our Ernest Taylor!)</i>	



There was also a history printed in the 1910 issue of "The Earthen Vessel and Gospel Herald" that stated ...

"This Church", said Mr. Hirst "like all the other Baptist Churches in the neighborhood, is descended from the parent Church at Salendine Nook, the historical order of succession being; -- Church at Salendine Nook constituted 1743; Church at Pole Moore constituted 1792; Church as Slaithwaite constituted 1810.

Seven members of the Church at Pole Moor, "upon a denial of not walking by the law," were separated from the Church, and became the founders of the Providence Church. One of the members licensed a house for divine worship,

¹² same correspondence as previous footnote, from an unpublished manuscript written in the 1950s by Ralph Chambers on northern Strict Baptist churches

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it was not exactly known where, but was thought at High House Green, but "they were forced from it by the Lord of the Manor." At last "a refuge was found," and opened on June 24th, 1810..."

The church is pictured above¹³.

¹³ *same correspondence as #3, file photo*

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Appendix B
Ernest Taylor & Slaithwaite Baptist Church
(Originally Published April 2001)



(Ernest Taylor, front row, far right, holding pipe)

According to Mr. David E. Elliott, Minister of Providence Baptist Chapel, Slaithwaite¹⁴

“The Chapel is much the same today as was in the twenties and thirties – you will see in the Photo (see below) the only things changed will be the trees – they are no longer there, the Notice board is different now and of course the gas lamp is long gone. You can compare the Photo with the sketch on the letter head (see below).

We have 2/3 people still attending our Chapel today who were young people in your Great Grandfather’s day --they are now in their 80s & 90s.

I have looked back into the old records and there was nothing significant said of Mr. Taylor that might be of interest to you.

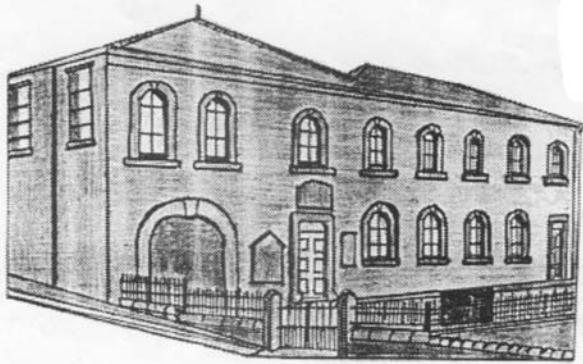
He was the Pastor here for 12 yrs, but he was associated with this Chapel before and after these dates.

I don’t think he lived here, but at Failsworth, Manchester and traveled the 20 miles or so by bus or train on the Saturday and probably returned on the Monday.

He was well respected as a minister of the gospel. I think his pastorate finished here when he moved to Derby with his employment.”

¹⁴ Correspondence from Mr. D.E. Elliott dated 11 April 2001.

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It ends up that one of the parishioners mentioned by Mr. Elliott, wrote a letter describing the author's great grandfather, Ernest Taylor¹⁵.

"Pastor Ernest Taylor lived in the Manchester area during the years he was pastor of Slaithwaite S.P.B. Chapel. There being no buses early on Sunday mornings he had to travel to Slaithwaite on the Sat. Evening & as my parents, brother & I lived only about 8-10 mins. Walk from the chapel & on the bus route, he would often spend Sat. evening with our family, after a bit of supper he would lead us in a quite epilogue before walking over to the other side of the valley to spend a night in the home of an elderly lady who used to attend Pole Moor Baptist chapel.

We held two services on the Sun. afternoon & evening, & again it was my duty to see Mr. Taylor on to the bus after evening service – his journey home would not take very long perhaps 40 or 50 mins. I think during those days our congregation would be about 30 adults & perhaps 8 or 9 children.

I should describe Mr. Taylor as a very sincere servant of the Lord – not a loud voice but very forceful in his message. Sometimes he would bring his wife with him & on other times he would bring his daughter Elsie with him. Both my brother Arthur & myself knew Elsie very well. My brother became organist at the chapel & still plays twice a Sunday aftn & even. He will be 92 in Oct. & I hope to reach 89 in the same month. Trusting this information is interesting to you I bring my letter to a close wishing you Gods Richest Blessing.

Mr. Selwyn Varley"

¹⁵ Written correspondence from Mr. Selwyn Varley included in correspondence mentioned in footnote #1.

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Appendix C
Memories of Edith Lewis Warburton
(Originally Published February 2001)

“My Uncle Ernest was a lovely man; he was married to my mother’s sister, Auntie Mary and during my father’s absence in the army played a big part in my life. He was a member of the “Strict and Particular Baptists” at the Bethesda Church (opposite what is now the Roxy Cinema) and oh, my – were they strict and particular. They wouldn’t have flowers in church, they had ‘concerts’ in the Sunday school room but couldn’t have songs, recitations, or plays, only hymns, anthems, and bible readings. I was taken to a children’s Christmas tea party there and they got severely ticked off, because I laughed out loudly at some mishap that occurred, I think someone upset the jelly! Uncle Ernest wasn’t a bit like that. He was a gentle, kindly and happy man with a merry twinkle in his eye. I believe he was often at odds with the Church Elders who objected to his levity. His job was Chief Cashier of Rolls Royce, at Trafford Park but he gave up all his weekends to act as the Pastor of a small Baptist Church at Slaithwaite near Huddersfield. He often bought me books, one in particular I remember was about three Dwarfs called Tick, Tack and Tock, they lived in a grandfather clock and their exploits were hilarious. Another was about a family of mice – a kind of Beatrix Potter book, rather anxiously Uncle asked, “you are not afraid of mice are you?” I didn’t know whether I was or not but I couldn’t wait to get my hands on the book so I boldly replied “No” and I never had the slightest fear of them since.”