

William F. Taylor

Date of Birth: March 26, 1883 ☐

Place of Birth: Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

Date of Death: October 14, 1970 ☐

Place of Death: Lumberville, Pennsylvania

Discipline(s): Painter, Printmaker

Well-known for his impressionistic landscapes of the Delaware River and the areas around his Lumberville home, William Francis Taylor was born in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. He began his professional career there as a lithographer and newspaper artist.

He moved to New York City to attend the Art Students League and studied there from 1905 until 1907. He came to Bucks County in 1910 and married his first wife, fellow painter Mary Smyth Perkins Taylor, here in 1913. The Taylors were part of the group of artists who gathered and studied together at Phillips Mill. The Phillips Mill Community Association was founded in 1929 after Taylor formed a subscription committee to purchase the Mill property from its owner, Dr. George Morley Marshall.

Taylor was also active in historic preservation. In 1930, he acquired and restored the 180-year-old building, and launched the Cuttalossa Inn, while using the building across the street, Hard Times Tavern for lodging. In 1961 he painted, after much research, what he felt was a realistic depiction of George Washington crossing the Delaware. An artist who felt that his strength was in "...capturing the beauty of the county," he was the first president of the Delaware Valley Protective Association, an organization founded to preserve the natural beauty of Bucks County.

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