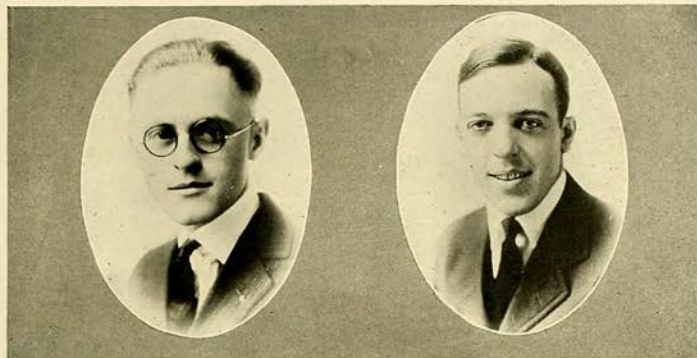


William Hall Taylor, son of Wilber Fisk (1860-1935) and Maude Beulah (Metcalf) Taylor, was born 4 March 1898 New Era, Oceana County, Michigan. His World War I Draft Registration, 18 September 1918, located him working for his father on the farm, Oceana County, and he was enumerated still living at home in the 1920 Oceana County, Michigan US Federal Census. William graduated from Michigan State College about 1923. He was a department editor for the MSC campus yearbook, "Wolverine." On the 1940 US Federal Census form, William stated he had 5 years of college.



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From a small handbook in 1887 to an all college memory book of 500 pages of pictures in 1922 is the growth of the Aggie yearbook. P. G. Holden, father of E. B. Holden, '23, was the editor of the 1887 Harrow. Since then the book has passed through a series of changes in name and periodicity and now appears annually as the WOLVERINE, published by each Junior Class. The Staff for the Class of '23 has made every effort to have the 1922 WOLVERINE fully fill its predestined purpose.

William married Edna Wilhelmina Rabe 30 July 1923, Claybanks, Oceana County. Edna, born 15 October 1899, was employed as a school teacher at the time of their wedding.

*Note: William Hall Taylor's middle initial is wrong in the following report.*

Lansing State Journal (Lansing, Michigan) Thursday May 1927

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The old teachers who will remain with the school are as follows: J. C. Allen, principal, science, mathematics and manual art; Miss Helen Denning, part of the seventh and eighth grade work and probably latin; Miss Martha Pratt, domestic science and art, part of the seventh and eighth grade work; Miss Irene Beaumont, music, sixth grade; Miss Emma Niebling, fourth and fifth grades; Miss Muriel Barr, primary and first grade.

The three teachers who are leaving have accepted better positions.

G. C. White, who has been superintendent since the beginning of the consolidated school, five years ago, will go to Reading, where he will hold the same position in the public schools, with a staff of twelve teachers. A new \$150,000 school building is being built there to replace the one burned this spring.

Miss Goldia Morford will become principal of the Covert high school and Miss Beulah Hager has accepted a teaching position in Eaton county at a substantial increase in salary.

#### Donna Mae Taylor

Donna Mae Taylor, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Taylor, Okemos, died at Edward W. Sparrow hospital Thursday morning. Besides the parents she is survived by one sister, Jean Ellen, her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Taylor, of New Era, Mich., and a grandmother, Mrs. Minnie Rabe, of New Era. The body was removed to the Gorsline-Runciman Funeral home and will be taken to the home at Okemos where funeral services will be held Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, with Rev. Paul Boodah officiating. Interment will be at Okemos.

Sparrow Hospital, Lansing, Ingham County. The baby was interred Glendale Cemetery, Okemos.

Lansing State Journal (Lansing, Michigan) Thursday 11 September 1930

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William left Okemos Consolidated in 1933.

Lansing State Journal (Lansing, Michigan) Thursday 3 August 1933

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Okemos, Aug. 3 - Members and friends of the Alaiedon Farmers' club are planning a farewell party for **Mr. and Mrs. William H. Taylor** who have been members of that club for the past six years. The party will be held at the Taylor home, Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

William and Edna were divorced in Ingham County 12 August 1939. Edna moved, with the two daughters, Jean Ellen and Mary Alice, to Mt. Pleasant, Isabella County, Michigan, according to the 1940 US Federal Census. Edna, who never remarried, died 18 April 1987, Muskegon County, Michigan. She was interred Oak Grove Cemetery, Montague, Muskegon County.

On 3 May 1941, East Lansing, Ingham County, William married widow Margaret (Bowerman) Reed. Margaret listed herself as employed with home extension work on the marriage license. William said he was teacher. Margaret, born 23 November 1899, Ontario Province, Canada, was the widow of LeRoy Reed. Mr. Reed, born 19 July 1897, succumbed to multiple sclerosis 8 January 1937.

By the early 1950's William was established as superintendent of what is now Vicksburg Community Schools, Kalamazoo County, Michigan.

*Battle Creek Enquirer (Battle Creek, Michigan) Tuesday 10 April 1952*

## **SAFECRACKERS GET \$714 ON SIX JOBS**

### Four Schools, Two Lakeview Business Places Entered

Four schools in this area were broken into and their safes burglarized, and two Lakeview business places were broken into last night.

The "take" amounted to \$714 in cash, \$30 in checks and a pistol. Police are comparing techniques used in the burglaries in an effort to link several together as possibly the work of one gang.

### Demolish Vicksburg Safe

At Vicksburg the thieves gained \$79.40 after practically tearing the safe apart. Entrance was made by breaking a lock on a classroom window,

forcing the lock on the door from the room into the hall and then prying open the office door. The steel case front of the safe was cut out much as one would use a can opener to open a tin can, according to Supt. W. H. Taylor, then the fireproofing material in the safe was dug out, after which the combination was knocked off. The school board had been in session in the building until 1 a.m. the robbery was discovered by Harlow Kott, school janitor, at 6 a.m.

*Note: Three school houses were mentioned in the 16 January 1954 newspaper write up. The Briggs school house was located in Pavilion Township, Jenkinson school house in Brady Township, and Prairie Grove school house in Schoolcraft Township, all in Kalamazoo County.*

*Battle Creek Enquirer (Battle Creek, Michigan) Saturday 16 January 1954*

### **JAIL 3 VICKSBURG BOYS FOR SCHOOL VANDALISM**

Kalamazoo - Three Vicksburg boys were jailed here today on charges of damaging two Vicksburg area schools so badly they had to be closed.

Charged with vandalism were David Mathis, 17, a service station attendant; George Hodgeman, 18, a garbage collector and Victor Michaelson, 18, who is unemployed.

Supt. William Taylor said he was forced to close the Briggs and Jenkinson schools because all the windows had been broken and it was impossible to keep them heated. Taylor said wall clocks were smashed, equipment overturned and supplies scattered about the floors. A piano also was kicked in at one of the schools.

The three youths also were accused of damaging the Prairie Grove School, which was not closed.

William died 14 December 1974, Kalamazoo County. Margaret, died 2 February 1984, Wayne County, Michigan. They were interred Schoolcraft Township Cemetery, Vicksburg.