

Humshaugh Churchyard Story

Names: Rev Hugh Taylor, Sarah Emily Taylor, Evelyn Lowry

Grave: In the row level with the church door and south of the church.

Text on Grave:

In memory of Rev Hugh Taylor of Humshaugh
Born March 3rd 1824
Died April 6th 1883

Also of his sister Sarah Emily Taylor
Born March 20th 1826
Died February 9th 1917

"Watch therefore for ye know not what hour your lord will come."

"Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

"When the morning was now come, Jesus stood on the shore."

In ever loving memory of Evelyn Lowry
Born October 14th 1867
Died October 8th 1937

"In thy presence is fullness of joy."

Story: Hugh and Sarah Emily Taylor were the children of coal owner, Thomas Taylor and his wife, Eliza. They were baptised at Christ Church, Tynemouth and grew up in that parish, where family coal mining interests lay. Their uncle, Hugh Taylor, a coal owner in the same area, was also agent to the Duke of Northumberland. In 1862, he bought Chipchase Castle, which is still owned by his descendants. His nephew and niece, Hugh and Sarah Emily, also moved to this part of the county, living in Wark and Humshaugh.

Hugh Taylor took holy orders, but is described on some census documents as a 'clergyman without the care of souls'. It is documented, however, that he had been curate-in-charge at St Michael's, Wark. There is a memorial to him there, in the form of a stone font, presented by his sister, Sarah Emily. The Taylors had moved to Humshaugh House during the 1870s, where Hugh died in 1883.



Sarah Emily continued to live at Humshaugh House until 1917, when she died aged 91. There are still books inscribed with her name in St Peter's Church. This is the local newspaper report of Miss Taylor's funeral. It is a fitting obituary to this well-respected lady, loved by all.

Hexham Herald – 17th February 1917

**Death of Miss S E Taylor – Humshaugh's Sainly Nonagenarian
Mourned by Rich and Poor**

Full of years and good works, Miss Sarah Emily Taylor, Humshaugh's saintly nonagenarian, passed peacefully to her rest on Saturday, and no more eloquent tribute to a useful and well-spent life