

Carol Hochmuth Taylor, North High Class of 1959



1) Cora 1876-1963, 8) Hilda 1896-19??, 7) Ruth 1893-1978, 4) Mabel 1884-1962, 3) Lillian 1882-1971, 2) Ethel 1880-1971, 6) Clarence 1891-19??, wife Mary Ellen Brigham Taylor 1854-1939, 5) Stephen 1887-19??

My paternal grandparents, Harry and Julia Hochmuth, immigrated to America from Germany; Harry at the age of 6 in 1890, and Julia's date of entry unknown. They eventually came to Colorado to settle, work on the railroad, and raise three children, one of them my father, Harold R. Hochmuth.

My maternal ancestry began here in America in 1635 with Thomas Brigham sailing from England to Massachusetts on the Susan and Ellen. Col. Levi Brigham fought in the Revolutionary War. Harvard was built on Brigham land and the Brigham and Women's Hospital was named in their honor. Sylvester Brigham was a settler of the Illinois Territory and fought with Abraham Lincoln in the Black Hawk War.

The Taylors were originally from Scotland and Ireland. Two sons, George and John were the first generation in America. Their exact date of entry is unknown. George settled in Pennsylvania and was a patriot who signed the Declaration of Independence. John went to Rhode Island. He had thirteen children; his first son, Stephen, settled in Ohio and was an engineer and inventor. His son, Stephen Augustus met and married my great grandmother, Mary Ellen Bingham Brigham and they moved to Central City in 1879 so my great grandfather could maintain the mining machinery. Four girls later, the price of silver crashed, and the Taylors (one of them my grandmother Lillian) moved first to Idaho Springs and later to the Highlands area of Denver. They were very poor, had four more children, for a total of six girls and two boys, all of whom survived. Stephen Augustus Taylor disappeared before the turn of the century and his whereabouts or whatever happened was never known. Lillian Taylor, my grandmother, married Claude Strawn, had two children, my mother, Marjorie E. Strawn who married Harold R. Hochmuth. Both attended North High School. My mother graduated Denver University, and my father graduated Colorado State University.

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Taylor House, Idaho Springs, Colorado



Stephen Augustus Taylor



Harold Hochmuth, North High School Drill Team, May 1930



Marjorie Strawn, Drill Team Sponsor, May, 1930