



**Richard TAPLEY**  
**1770 - 1824**

## CHILD OF THOMAS AND MARGARET TAPLEY

### 155 RICHARD TAPLEY (1770 - 1824)

Richard TAPLEY was born in 1770 at Folkestone, being baptised there on 21 October 1770. His father was Thomas TAPLEY (1746- 1807), and his mother was Margaret TAPLEY, nee TAYLOR .

Richard married early in life on 26 June 1788, not quite 18 years of age, to Elizabeth STEVENSON, probably at Folkestone. They were to have 14 children from this marriage over the ensuing twenty six years.

1551 Thomas TAPLEY, was born at Folkestone, and baptised there on 5 August 1789.

1552 Margaret Anne TAPLEY was baptised on 18 May 1791 at Folkestone.

1553 Sarah TAPLEY, was baptised on 21 May 1793 at Folkestone, but was to die a year later on 24 June 1794.

1554 Elizabeth TAPLEY, one of twin daughters, was baptised at Folkestone on 10 April 1795, and apparently died soon after this.

1555 Sarah TAPLEY, the other twin , baptised also on 10 April 1795, had been given the name of an earlier child who had died. Sarah was to live only a short time, and died aged three years on 31 July 1798.

1556 Richard TAPLEY, their next child was baptised on 17 April 1797, but died a year later in 1798, at Folkestone.

1557 Hannah TAPLEY, baptized at Folkestone on 5 April 1799, was to survive and later marry.

1558 Richard TAPLEY, baptized on 16 October 1801 at Folkestone, named after his father also following the death of the younger Richard.

1559 James TAPLEY, was baptised at Folkestone on 4 January 1804. He also was to die young in 1807, aged three.

155A Jane TAPLEY, was baptized at Folkestone on 12 February 1806.

155B Edward TAPLEY, was baptized on 30 December 1807 at Folkestone.

155C John TAPLEY, baptized on 11 October 1809 at Folkestone.

155D William Stevenson TAPLEY, was born at Folkestone, and baptised there on 11 July 1813.

155E Daniel TAPLEY, their last child, was born at Folkestone, and baptised there on 6 September 1815. (1)

Richard and Elizabeth lived at Folkestone all of their lives, where Richard was a Tailor by Occupation in Dover Street, Folkestone. Dover Street is a very narrow street near a churchyard, and led down a steep slope to the harbour. In the Napoleonic scare in 1800, Richard volunteered

to act under a Captain or leader as approved by the Civil Authority. He stated that he was willing to provide one of the following: felling axe or pick axe, shovel, spade , saw, or bill-hook.

In 1789, Richard paid rates of one shilling, and in 1796 and 1799, he was owing money to a Commission. By 1806 he had been appointed a Rate Collector. He laid large stones on a footpath in Dover street also in 1806.

In 1800 he was one of 23 tailors working in Folkestone. (2)

Their first child, Thomas, married at Folkestone to Mary MORFORD on 26 February 1811, and moved to Dover, and later to Holland, eventually emigrating to South Australia. Their son Richard also later emigrated to South Australia, as did John, and William. Daniel became a Sea Captain and spent many years in Burma, and also emigrated to South Australia late in life. (3)

It is not known when his wife Elizabeth died, but Richard TAPLEY died at Folkestone 17 December 1824, aged 54 years. (4)

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### TAPLEY

Thomas TAPLEY was the son of RICHARD TAPLEY and from a "Who's Who" of Folkestone, compiled relating to the Napoleonic scare- 1800, we learn:

RICHARD TAPLEY, tailor lived in Dover Street and was a Volunteer aged 38 with 4 children..... He owed money in 1797 and 1799 to the Commission but was appointed Rate Collector by 1806. He laid large stones on the footpath in Dover Street in 1806.

In 1800 there were 23 tailors working in Folkestone- naval uniforms I wonder?

Some details regarding Richard Tapley were obtained from the Schedule 4 papers. These show his name and age, address and the fact that he was volunteering to act under a Captain or leader as approved by the Civil Authority and was willing to provide one of the following: felling axe or pick axe, shovel, spade, saw, bill-hook. (Although whether for military purposes it doesn't say). He signed his own name to this agreement.

The Folkestone Town Records Vol 2 show that Richard Tapley was there in 1796, 1797, 1801-3, 1805, 1806, & 1810.

The Sessions records for 1796 show that the Jury was largely involved in affairs which would now be regarded as the province of local government; issuing licenses for public-houses, fining traders for minor offences (one example 3/4d for faulty weights) and maintenance of illegitimate children.

In 1789 Richard Tapley paid rates of 1 shilling(Records Vol 3)

Dover street is near the churchyard and very narrow. All pre-19th Century streets led down a steep slope to the harbour.

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## CHILDREN OF RICHARD & ELIZABETH TAPLEY

### 1551 Thomas TAPLEY (1789-1856)

Thomas was the first born son of Richard and Elizabeth TAPLEY, and married in 1811 to Mary MORFORD, and lived for a time at Dover, Folkestone, Vlissingen and Rotterdam in Holland, and finally emigrated to Adelaide in South Australia in 1838. His life is treated in detail in a separate section, as his family had the largest number of descendants in Australia.

### 1552 Margaret Anne TAPLEY (1791 - 1871)

Margaret Anne TAPLEY was born at Folkestone, Kent, England and was baptised there on 18 May 1791. She was the first daughter of the marriage.

Little detail is known of her life, and whether she married or not is unknown at this time.

She died in the year 1871 at the age of 80 years, at Elham, Kent in England. Elham in Kent is only about 5 miles north-west of Folkestone.

### 1553 Sarah TAPLEY (1793-1794)

Sarah TAPLEY was born at Folkestone, and baptised there on 21 May 1793. Sarah was only a year old when she died on 24 June 1794 at Folkestone.

### 1554 Elizabeth TAPLEY (1795)

Elizabeth TAPLEY was one of twin daughters born in 1795 at Folkestone, and baptised on 10 April 1795. Elizabeth apparently died soon after this.

### 1555 Sarah TAPLEY (1795 -1798)

Sarah was the name given to the other twin born in 1795, and baptised at Folkestone on 10 April 1795.

Sarah was not to live beyond her third year, and died at Folkestone on 31 July 1798.

### 1556 Richard TAPLEY (1797)

Richard was baptised at Folkestone on 17 April 1797, and was not to survive very long. He was the fourth child of Richard and Elizabeth that died in infancy.

### 1557 Hannah TAPLEY (1799 - )

Hannah was baptised at Folkestone on 5 April 1799, and was to grow to maturity.

She married on 24 April 1837 to Jacob SQUIRE. She was 38 years of age at this time. It is not known whether they had any children, or when she died.

### 1558 Richard TAPLEY (1801 - 1874)

Richard TAPLEY was baptised at Folkestone on 16 October 1801, and was also to grow to maturity. His life is treated separately in more detail.

He became a Master Mariner, and later married his cousin Margaret TAPLEY in 1827. They were to emigrate to South Australia about 1841 .

#### **1559 James TAPLEY (1804 -1807)**

James was born probably in 1803 at Folkestone, and was baptised there on 4 January 1804.

James died at the age of three years on 3 February 1807 at Folkestone.

#### **155A Jane TAPLEY (1806 - )**

Jane TAPLEY was baptised at Folkestone on 12 February 1806, and was to survive to maturity.

Jane married at the age of 23 years on 6 July 1829 to George HARDEN about whom nothing further is known.

It is not known what family they had, or when Jane died.

#### **155B Edward TAPLEY (1807 )**

Edward was baptised at Folkestone on 30 December 1807, and nothing further is known of him, so he may have died in infancy also.

#### **155C John TAPLEY (1809 - 1869)**

John TAPLEY was baptised at Folkestone on 11 October 1809, and was to be later connected with the sea as a mariner, later a Captain..

He also was to migrate to South Australia, and became a Lighthouse keeper. He is treated in more detail in a separate section.

#### **155D William Stevenson TAPLEY (1813 - 1867)**

William Stevenson TAPLEY was born in 1813 at Folkestone, and was baptised there on 11 July 1813.

William became a Mariner and Captain.

William later migrated to South Australia and married there, and became a Lighthouse keeper. He also has a separate section detailing his life and family.

#### **155E Daniel TAPLEY (1815 - 1881)**

Daniel TAPLEY was born at Folkestone and baptised on 6 September 1815, and was the youngest child of Richard and Elizabeth TAPLEY.

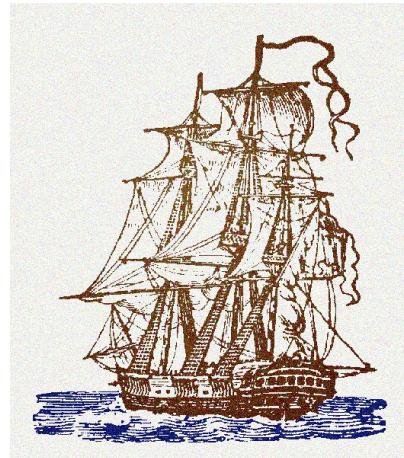
Daniel was to become a Master Mariner, and had a distinguished career in the British Naval Service, much of his time spent at Burma, where he married. He retired to England for a time, later emigrating to South Australia.

Details of his life and family are the subject of a separate section

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TO  
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## CHILDREN OF RICHARD & ELIZABETH TAPLEY

### The Emigrants to South Australia

The Children of Richard and Elizabeth TAPLEY that emigrated to South Australia were as follows-----

#### **1551 Thomas TAPLEY (1789-1856)**

Thomas was the first to arrive in South Australia with his family in 1838. Because his story is the major part of this TAPLEY Story, I have left his family until last in the Family Narrative.

#### **1558 Richard TAPLEY (Captain)(1801 - 1874)**

Richard and his family emigrated to South Australia in the year 1840, and his story follows first, with his known descendants.

#### **155C John TAPLEY(Captain) (1809 - 1869)**

John's date of arrival in South Australia first is uncertain, but seems to have been about 1845. Little is known of him, and his story follows that of Richard's family.

#### **155D William Stephenson TAPLEY (Captain) (1813-1867)**

William TAPLEY, appears to have arrived in South Australia about 1840, and his story follows next in this volume.

#### **155E Daniel TAPLEY (Captain) (1815-1881)**

Daniel TAPLEY and his children arrived in South Australia, later than the others, due to his Naval Service in Burma, following which he returned to England where his wife died, and then he and the children emigrated to South Australia in the 1860s. His story and that of his descendants follow that of William, and precedes the main story of the Thomas TAPLEY family, to which the author is related.

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