

**Hazen P. Day of Baltimore and Burlington:  
The Neighbors Bring Him Home**  
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A Maryland resident claimed an 1816 Vermont birth to Vermont-born parents, but no known record provides his specific birthplace or his parents' or siblings' names.<sup>1</sup> Hazen P. Day married in Lansingburgh, Rensselaer County, New York, in 1838.<sup>2</sup> He resided in Philadelphia by 1844, and in Baltimore, Maryland, from 1853 until his 1887 death.<sup>3</sup> No known document identifies Hazen as Isabelle Taylor's brother. No known document identifies either of them as a child of William and Abigail Day. No known document identifies William and Abigail as husband and wife, nor do their names appear together in any known document. Studying Hazen's ties to his "neighbors" — those associates who shared close geographic, vocational, political and religious proximity — brings a Maryland man home to his Vermont family. Analysis, correlation, and assembly of common and lesser-known records build a persuasive case.

**Research question:** Where in Vermont was Hazen P. Day born, and who were his parents?

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<sup>2</sup> For "1816" see Baltimore, Md., death certificate no. A3208, Hazen P. Day, 1887; Maryland State Archives, Annapolis; scan provided by Nicole LaRue. For marriage see "Married," second entry, Day to Murray, *Troy Northern Budget*, Troy, N.Y., 14 September 1938, p. 2, col. 5.

<sup>3</sup> For 1844, see Pennsylvania Department of Health, death certificate no. 47488, Alexander M. Day, 1936 (born 1844 in Philadelphia, son of Hazen Day); "Pennsylvania, Death Certificates, 1906-1963," database and images, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com>). This is consistent with Hazen's 1850 residence. See 1850 U.S. census, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, City of Philadelphia, population schedule, p. 86B, dwelling 242, family 282, Hazen Day household; National Archives micropublication M432, roll 819. For 1853 see *Matchett's Baltimore Director for 1853-'54...* (Baltimore, Md.: Richard J. Matchett, 1853), 80. Also, Baltimore, death certificate A3208 (1887), Hazen P. Day.

## Eternal Neighbors

- Hazen P. Day and his wife rest in Curtis Taylor's lot at Baltimore's Lorraine Park Cemetery.<sup>4</sup>
- Besides Hazen and his wife, the thirteen neighboring residents of the plot include Curtis's wife and children, and Isabelle Taylor, whose relationship to Hazen is unknown.
- Hazen's age at death on 21 September 1887 calculates to a birth on 8 November 1816.<sup>5</sup>
- While Isabelle's ages vary across records, she is roughly four years younger than Hazen.<sup>6</sup>
- Like Hazen, Isabelle was born in Vermont to Vermont-born parents.<sup>7</sup>

## Baltimore Neighbors

- Hazen P. Day first appears in Baltimore directories in 1853, at 224 North Howard Street.
- Having first appeared in 1851, Isabelle Taylor lived in 1853 at 275 North Howard Street.<sup>8</sup>
- Today the above addresses are 269 feet apart.
- By 1855, Hazen moved to 86 Pearl Street, and Isabelle to 1 North Freemont Street, just three-tenths mile west.<sup>9</sup>
- The next year they shared an address at 107 Vine Street.<sup>10</sup>
- Hazen remained on Vine St. for more than a decade, while Isabelle lived on adjacent and intersecting streets.

- Premise A: Hazen P. Day and Isabelle Taylor are buried in the same row of the same cemetery plot.
- Premise B: Hazen and Isabelle are about four years apart in age, both born in Vermont to Vermont-born parents.
- Premise C: Hazen and Isabelle migrated to Baltimore within a year or two of each other and lived on the same street and then in the same household, and continued to live within blocks of each other.

Conclusion 1: Hazen P. Day and Isabelle Taylor's relationship is consistent with siblings.

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<sup>4</sup> Lorraine Park Cemetery Office (Baltimore, Maryland), record of occupants for section 3, lot 630, Curtis M. Taylor, lot owner (left side of document).

<sup>5</sup> Baltimore City, Maryland, death certificate no. A3208, Hazen P. Day, 1887; Maryland State Archives, Annapolis.

<sup>6</sup> 1850 U.S. census, Burlington, Chittenden Co., Vt. pop. sch., p. 313r, dwell. 538, fam. 708, Issabel Taylor, age thirty; NARA microfilm M432, roll 923. Also, 1860 U.S. census, Baltimore, Md., pop. sch., ward 19, p. 88, dwell. 577, fam. 698, Isabella Taylor, forty; NARA microfilm M653, roll 466. Also, 1870 U.S. census, Baltimore, Md., pop. sch., ward 13, p. 121, dwell. 707, fam. 801, Isabel Taylor, forty-eight; NARA microfilm M593, roll 577. Also, 1880 U.S. census, Baltimore, Md., pop. sch., ED 207, p. 4, dwell. 33, fam. 46, Isabel Taylor, sixty-four.

<sup>7</sup> 1880 U.S. census, Baltimore, Md., pop. sch., ED 127, p. 372D, dwell. 29, fam. 34, Hazen P. Day. 1880 U.S. census, Baltimore, Md., pop. sch., ED 207, p. 356D, dwell. 33, fam. 46, Isabel Taylor.

<sup>8</sup> *Matchett's Baltimore Director for 1853-'54...*, 80, Hazen P. Day, and 296, Isabella Taylor.

<sup>9</sup> *Matchett's Baltimore Director for 1855-'56...*, 89, Hazen P. Day, and 332, Isabella Taylor.

<sup>10</sup> John W. Woods, compiler, *Woods' Baltimore Directory, for 1856-'57...* (Baltimore, Md.: John W. Woods, ca. 1857), 64, Hazen P. Day, and 261.

## Vermont Origin and Burlington Neighbors

- Hazen Day's daughter identified Hazen's place of birth as "Berleith," Vermont.<sup>11</sup>
- Isabelle Taylor's recorded place of birth was "Berlington," Vermont.<sup>12</sup>
- None of those place names exist in Vermont as written, but both resemble Burlington, Vermont, a Chittenden County city on Lake Champlain.
- In Burlington on 25 July 1838 Isabella Day married M. C. Taylor.<sup>13</sup>
- St. Paul's Church in Burlington recorded the baptisms of their children – Almira in 1838 and Curtis in 1842.<sup>14</sup>
- In 1850 widow Isabelle Taylor, born about 1820, lived in Burlington with her children, Almira and Curtis.<sup>15</sup> No compatible entry was found in earlier or later Vermont censuses, nor was any Vermont census entry found for Hazen Day.
- William G. Day, born 1775-80, headed a Burlington household from 1810 through 1840. His 1840 household allowed for the presence of Isabelle, her husband, and children, although the age of one child varies from Almira's expected age.<sup>16</sup>
- Neither Matthew nor Isabelle recorded a property purchase in Burlington. William G. Day owned no recorded property during Isabelle's lifetime. Despite this, their locations can be identified.
- In 1850 Isabelle was enumerated in Burlington two households from Charles Joseph, a free black man born "Isle of France."<sup>17</sup> In 1840 William Day was enumerated in Burlington two households from Charles Joseph.<sup>18</sup>
- Isabelle was involved in a property dispute heard in Chancery Court in 1850-1851.<sup>19</sup>

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<sup>11</sup> Baltimore City, Maryland, death certificate no. F54203, Elizabeth M. Pierson, 1939; Maryland State Archives, Annapolis.

<sup>12</sup> Baltimore, Md., death certificate no. A24147, "Isabele" Taylor (1890).

<sup>13</sup> Taylor-Day marriage notice, *Burlington Free Press*, Burlington, Vt., 3 August 1838, p. 3, col. 4. Rev. J. Caughey, likely Methodist Episcopal minister Rev. James Caughey who served Burlington at the time, performed the ceremony. The author found no civil or church record of the marriage.

<sup>14</sup> "Vermont, Vital Records, 1720-1908," digital images, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com>), birth index cards for Almira Chase Taylor (1838) and Curtis I. D. Taylor (1842); citing State of Vermont, Vital Records through 1870; New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston, Massachusetts. The reverse side of these cards indicates that the information came from St. Paul's Church parish records, Burlington. The church burned in 1971, but some diocesan copies of records survived. The Taylor baptisms were not among them.

<sup>15</sup> 1850 U.S. census, Burlington, Chittenden Co., Vt., pop. sch., p. 313A, dwell. 538, fam. 708, Issabel Taylor.

<sup>16</sup> 1810 U.S. Census, Burlington, Chittenden County, Vermont, p. 203A (upper right), p. 445 (left margin), line 19, William Day; NARA microfilm M252, roll 64. 1820 U.S. Census, Burlington, Chittenden Co., Vt., p. 486, p. 96 (stamped), line 16 of lower section, William Day; NARA microfilm M33, roll 486. 1830 U.S. Census, Burlington, Chittenden Co., Vt., p. 104, line 20, William Day; NARA microfilm M33, roll 184. 1840 U.S. Census, Burlington, Chittenden Co., Vt., pop. sch., p. 39, line 11, William G. Day; NARA microfilm M704, roll 541.

<sup>17</sup> 1850 U.S. census, Burlington, Chittenden Co., Vermont, pop. sch., p. 313A, dwell. 537, fam. 706, Charles Joseph, and dwell. 538, fam. 708, Issabel Taylor. "Isle of France" probably was Mauritius, off the African coast. See "The French Period (1715-1810)." *Encyclopedia Mauritania* (<http://www.mauritiuscyclopedia.com/History/French.htm>).

<sup>18</sup> 1840 U.S. census, Chittenden Co., Vt., pop. Sch., Burlington, p. 39, William G. Day and Charles Joseph.

<sup>19</sup> Chittenden Co., Vt., writ of attachment and notice of appearance, 30 August 1850; case no. 124, Englesby vs. Taylor; box 26, 1844-1851; Superior Court case files, civil cases; Special Collections, University of Vermont

- Analyzing this common neighbor's property transactions in correlation with the chancery court lawsuit provided specific locations for William Day's and Isabelle Taylor's residences.<sup>20</sup> A lot map revealed that the locations were on two sides of the same block across the street from each other.<sup>21</sup>

Premise D: In 1838 Isabelle Day married to M.C. Taylor in Burlington, Vermont. They had children Almira and Curtis.<sup>22</sup> Curtis Taylor owned the Baltimore cemetery lot.

Premise E: In 1840 William G. Day lived adjacent to lot 55 on Water Street in Burlington. Isabelle and her family may have lived in William G. Day's 1840 household.

Premise F: In 1850 Isabelle Taylor lived on lots 31 and 32 on the corner of Bank and Water Streets in Burlington.

Premise G: Lots 55 and 31/32 are diagonally across from each other on Water Street.

Conclusion 2: Isabelle Taylor lived across from William G. Day on Water Street in Burlington.

### Vocational Neighbors

- Hazen was the Quartermaster General's baker during the Civil War.<sup>23</sup>
- Hazen P. Day worked as a baker as early as 1850 in Philadelphia, and continued to do so until his death.<sup>24</sup>
- Isabelle Taylor and William G. Day's immediate neighbors worked as bakers and confectioners.<sup>25</sup> Fifty families enumerated prior to and fifty enumerated after this cluster revealed no other bakers.
- The "Brooks place," two blocks from William Day, was advertised in 1836 as a bakery.<sup>26</sup>

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Library, Burlington.

<sup>20</sup> Town of Burlington, Chittenden County, Vermont, land records, 13:87, T. Putnam to L. Putnam and C. Dickinson, Quit Claim Deed, 29 June 1836; 13:88, Putnam to Joseph, Quit Claim Deed, 29 June 1836; 13:408, Brooks to Joseph, warranty deed, 16 April 1838; 20:402-04, Joseph to Spear, Warranty Deeds, 1 March 1849; Public Records Division Microfilm F-1656, Secretary of State's Office, Vermont State Archives and Records Administration, Middlesex.

<sup>21</sup> John Johnson, surveyor, John H. Hopkins, lithographer, Map of Burlington, Vermont, 1836, approx.. 24x33, no scale; map collection, map A, 912.7431B925jj; Vermont Historical Society, Barre.

<sup>22</sup> Vermont, Vital Records, 1720-1908," digital images, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com>), birth index cards for Almira Chase Taylor (1838) and Curtis I. D. Taylor (1842).

<sup>23</sup> Hazen P. Day obituary, *The Baltimore (Maryland) Sun*, 22 Sep. 1887, p. 4, col. 3.

<sup>24</sup> 1850 U.S. census, Spring Garden, Philadelphia Co., Pennsylvania, ward 4, pop. sch., p. 86B, dwell. 242, fam. 282, Hazen Day household; NARA microfilm M432, roll 819. 1860 U.S. census, Baltimore, Maryland, ward 18, pop. sch., p. 394, dwell. 2207, fam. 2386, Hazen Day household; NARA microfilm M653, roll 465. 1870 U.S. census, Baltimore, Maryland, ward 14, pop. sch., p. 523A, dwell. 1317, fam. 1442, "Haysel" Day household; NARA microfilm M593, roll 577. 1880 U.S. census, Baltimore, Maryland, pop. Sch., ED 127, p. 372D, dwell. 27, fam. 34, Hazen P. Day household.

<sup>25</sup> 1850 U.S. census, Burlington, Chittenden County, Vermont, pop. sch., p. 312B, dwelling 533, family 702, Benjamin Maclure, 25, baker, James A. Knowler, 22, confectioner, p. 313A, dwell. 535, fam. 704, Joseph Peppein, 33, baker; and dwell. 538, fam 708, Issabel Taylor.

<sup>26</sup> Real estate notice, *The Burlington Free Press*, 15 January 1836, p. 4, col. 3.

- Premise H: Hazen P. Day made his lifelong living as a baker.  
 Premise I: Isabelle Taylor and William G. Day's neighbors worked as bakers and in related trades. More distant neighbors did not work as bakers or related professions.  
 Premise J: A bakery was located two blocks from William G. Day's residence.

Conclusion 3: Hazen P. Day's occupation is consistent with living in the same Water Street neighborhood as William G. Day and Isabelle Taylor.

### Political Neighbors: Hazen P. Day and William G. Day

- William G. Day signed an 1830 legislative petition regarding the abolishing imprisonment for debt, and Hazen and William Day both signed similar 1834 petitions.<sup>27</sup>
- About to turn 21, Hazen P. Day took the Freeman's Oath to vote in Burlington in 1837.<sup>28</sup>

- Premise K: Hazen P. Day is found on record in Burlington, Vermont, the year he reached adulthood, during the same time William G. Day lived there.  
 Premise L: Both men shared political ideology regarding the abolishment of debtors' prisons.  
 Premise M: Connections among petition signers link William and Hazen Day to the same neighborhood.

Conclusion 4: Hazen P. Day came of age in Burlington where William G. Day lived and they shared political beliefs.

### Abigail Day

- Isabelle's 1890 interment record lists " \_\_\_\_\_ & Abigail Day" (*sic*) as her "kindred."<sup>29</sup>
- Isabelle's maiden name was Day.<sup>30</sup>
- Abigail Day, "kindred" to Isabelle Taylor, resided on Water Street in Burlington at the time of her 1849 death, the same street on which Isabelle resided. Chronically ill, she may have lived with Isabelle.<sup>31</sup>
- William G. and Abigail Day were likely both born in the latter 1770s.<sup>32</sup>

<sup>27</sup> "Petition of Ebenezer M. Farrington and 874 others, for an act abolishing imprisonment for debt," 18 October 1830; document 161 of vol. 61, Petitions to the General Assembly, October 1829 – October 1830; "Petition of John P. Richardson and others praying that imprisonment for debt may be abolished," 15 October 1834; document 41 of vol. 64, and "Petition of Enos Blinn and others praying for an extension of the limits of the jailyard," 23 October 1834; document 60 of vol. 64; Petitions to the General Assembly, series SE-118; Manuscript Vermont State Papers, 1777-1946; VSARA.

<sup>28</sup> Burlington, Vermont, Town Records, 1816-1846: 544-45, list of those taking the Freeman's Oath, 5 September 1837; on display in locked bookcase in Local History Room, Fletcher Free Library, Burlington.

<sup>29</sup> Lorraine Park Cem., Register of Interments 1, "Isabella" Taylor, 337; Lorraine Park Cemetery and Mausoleum, Gwynn Oak, Md.; MSA microfilm M-10751.

<sup>30</sup> "Married." *Burlington (Vermont) Weekly Free Press*, 3 August 1838, p. 3, col. 4.

<sup>31</sup> For residence see "Cholera Report," *The Burlington (Vermont) Free Press*, 6 August 1849.

<sup>32</sup> For age 75 at death see "Abigvil" Day death notice, *Burlington Free Press*, 8 August 1849, p. 2, col. 5. Also see Elmwood Cemetery burial records, lot 245, Abigail Day; Department of Parks and Recreation, Cemetery Division,

- Abigail was described as a widow at the time of her 1849 death.<sup>33</sup> Consistent with this, William G. Day's last appearance on record was 1840.<sup>34</sup>

Premise N: Isabelle (Day) Taylor was "kindred" to Abigail Day.

Premise O: Abigail's year of birth is compatible with William's.

Premise P: William G. Day, Abigail Day, and Isabelle Taylor all lived on Water Street.

Conclusion 5: Abigail Day was likely the mother of Hazen and Isabelle and the wife of William G. Day.

### Religious Neighbors

- In 1830 William G. Day signed the founding charter of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.<sup>35</sup>
- Isabelle and her husband, Matthew Taylor, baptized their children at that church in 1838 and 1842.<sup>36</sup>
- Mrs. Abigail Day received communion there on 28 August 1831. She likely was the "Mrs. Day" who was confirmed on 20 December 1835. In August 1849 the church noted her burial.<sup>37</sup>

Premise Q: Isabelle baptized her children in a church with which William G. Day was a founding member.

Premise R: Abigail Day attended the same church, at least from a year after the founding, until her death.

Conclusion 6: William G. Day, Abigail Day, Isabelle Taylor, Matthew Taylor, and their children are all affiliated with the same church in Burlington.

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Burlington. The overlapping span of birth years for the eldest male and female in William G. Day's census households from 1810-1830 is about 1775-1780. The eldest male's age in 1840 is consistent with this. The eldest female's age in 1840 indicates a birth about 1781-1790. For citations, see note 11.

<sup>33</sup> "Cholera Report," *The Burlington (Vermont) Free Press*, 6 August 1849, p. 2, col. 4.

<sup>34</sup> 1840 U.S. Census, Chittenden Co., Vt., pop. sch., Burlington, p. 39, line 11, William G. Day.

<sup>35</sup> St. Paul's Church, Burlington, Vermont, Articles of Association, 6 December 1830, inserted between pages 1 and 2; Records of the Protestant Episcopal Society of the Town of Burlington, Book 1, Society Records of the Episcopal Church in Burlington, 6 December 1830 – 17 April 1876; St. Paul's Episcopal Church Records, Burlington, Vermont, carton 2, folder 1, Miscellaneous loose papers, 1830-1973, Special Collections, Bailey-Howe Library, University of Vermont, Burlington.

<sup>36</sup> "Vermont, Vital Records, 1720-1908," birth index cards for Almira Chase Taylor (1838) and Curtis I. D. Taylor (1842).

<sup>37</sup> St. Paul's Cathedral (Burlington, Vermont), parish register no. 1, unpaginated, communicants, entry no. 20, Mrs. Abigail Day (28 August 1831), confirmations, entry no. 152, Mrs. Day (20 December 1835), burials, entry no. 103, Mrs. Abigail Day (13 August 1849); Episcopal Diocesan Center at Rock Point, Burlington; FHL microfilm 1,509,453, item 1. Copies retrieved by Alexandria Radford.

## Eternal Neighbors

- Isabelle's husband, Matthew C. Taylor, died in 1846 and is buried in the same cemetery plot as Abigail Day.<sup>38</sup>
- The plot, surrounded by four cornerstones, holds three graves. William G. Day could occupy the third grave.<sup>39</sup>

Premise S: Isabelle's husband Matthew Taylor was buried in the same cemetery plot as Abigail Day. William Day may be buried there as well.

Conclusion 7: Isabelle's husband, Matthew Taylor, is closely related to Abigail Day, consistent with a relationship of a mother to her son-in-law.

### Summary: His Neighbors Bring Hazen P. Day home to his Vermont Family

1. Hazen P. Day and Isabelle Taylor's relationship is consistent with siblings.
2. Isabelle Taylor lived across from William G. Day on Water Street in Burlington.
3. Hazen P. Day's occupation is consistent with growing up in the same Water Street neighborhood as William and Isabelle.
4. Hazen P. Day came of age in Burlington where William G. Day lived and they shared political beliefs.
5. Abigail Day was likely the mother of Isabelle Taylor and the wife of William G. Day.
6. William G. Day, Abigail Day, Isabelle Taylor, Matthew Taylor, and their children are all affiliated with the same church in Burlington.
7. Isabelle's husband, Matthew Taylor, is closely related to Abigail Day, consistent with a relationship of a mother to her son-in-law.

### Neighbors Bring Hazen Home

**Final Conclusion: Hazen P. Day and Isabelle (Day) Taylor of Baltimore, Maryland, were the children of William G. and Abigail Day of Burlington, Vermont.**

Residential, occupational, political, and religious networks identify the parents and a sibling for a man whose only recorded place of birth was simply "Vermont." Although Hazen P. Day's family owned no property during Hazen's lifetime, family members' associations identified not only his Vermont city of origin, but also the specific place where he lived. No known record states the relationships, but a web of connections bind Hazen P. Day to sister Isabelle (Day) Taylor, and them both to their parents, William G. and Abigail Day.

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<sup>38</sup> For year of death see "Vermont, Vital Records, 1720-1908," digital images, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com>), death index card for Matthew C. Taylor (1846); citing State of Vermont, Vital Records through 1870; New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston, Massachusetts. For plot numbers and location see Elmwood Cemetery, burial register, "Abigal" Day (1849), lot 245; and Matthew Taylor (1846), lot 244.

<sup>39</sup> H. C. Barber, "Plan of the Elmwood Avenue Cemetery, Burlington, Vermont," 1884; framed wall-hanging, Burlington Parks and Recreation Cemeteries Office. The lot map, drawn to scale, shows Abigail's lot 245 twice as wide as Matthew's lot 244. A personal visit to the cemetery revealed that the two lots are enclosed by a single set of cornerstones.