



## CONROE COMMUNITY CEMETERY RESTORATION PROJECT

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### Ben Taylor

There are several Ben Taylors that were born around the same time in the Houston area in 1881. The Ben that is buried in the Conroe Community Cemetery matches up with a death certificate where the identities of his wife and parents along with a more precise birth date are given. Working from this, this is the story of Ben:

1879-1881 – Sometime between 1879 and 1881, Ben Taylor is born in Montgomery, Texas. There is a census in 1880 with an Abe and Laura who have a son in 1879 with a nickname of Buney or Benny. Ben's parents are Abe Taylor and Luana Allen, so this is a plausible fit. The main issue is that this census lists this family as white. It could be a mistake since there are no records found that would corroborate a white family matching this one thereafter.

1900 – In the 1900 census, Ben is found living with his mother, Lewana and her new husband, Sam Bundy in Montgomery, Texas. Living with them are Ben's brothers, Abraham, 15 and Charles, 14, along with some of Sam Bundy's children. Ben is 21 and is a Brakeman for the train.

1907 – On July 5, 1907, Ben marries Annie Morgan in Houston, Harris, Texas.

1910 – In the 1910 Census, Ben, 30 and Annie, 29, are living in Ward 5 of Houston where Ben is still employed by the railroad working as a brakeman. This is Ben's first marriage and Annie's second marriage and they have been married for 4 years. Annie's daughter from her first marriage, Lillie Morgan, 11, is living with them. They have 3 boarders as well.

1912 – On January 7, 1912, Ben marries Lucy Carrington in Polk county, Texas.

1917 – On the 1917 WW1 Draft registration, Ben and Lucy are living at 2912 Lamar Ave in Houston, Texas. Ben gives a date of birth as October 11, 1878. He lists his employment as a brakeman for the Gulf Coast RR Liner.

1920 – In the 1920 Census, Ben, 39 and Lucy, 29 are living in Ward 3 of Houston and have a son, Frank Taylor who is 12. Ben is still working as a brakeman for the railroad.

1921 – Ben Taylor died on February 24, 1921. Cause of death is difficult to determine but the death certificate says “suffocated” on contributory causes. His parents are listed as Abe Taylor and Luana Allen and a date of birth of November 11, 1881 is given.

A middle initial of “M” is listed in the headstone of Ben Taylor. He was buried in the Conroe Community Cemetery with an estimated age of 33.

1974 – Ben and Lucy are listed on the death record of their son, Frank in Chicago, Illinois in 1974. It is presumed that Ben’s full name was Benjamin since Frank’s middle name is Benjamin, but no record of his full name has been found.

Biography researched by [Volunteers](#)

**Abram Taylor** 1858–Deceased • G7SL-SZD

 **Luana Allen** 1865–Deceased • MBH9-3HB

**Millie Taylor** 1878–Deceased • G474-PTP

**Buney Taylor** 1879–Deceased • G474-LG5

**Ben M Taylor** 1881–1921 • G7SL-J49

 **Annie Morgan** Deceased • GZ21-DXC

 **Lucy Carrington** 1889–Deceased • G7B4-S5F

 **Frank Benjamin Taylor** 1912–1974 • GZ2T-B46

 **Corinne Glenn** Deceased • GZ21-KXF

**Charles Taylor** 1886–1921 • G7SL-N24

 **Rev Abe H Taylor Jr** 1889–1951 • G7S2-NVN

 **Mattie Leo** 1884–Deceased • GWV2-TVD