

The Taylor-Madison Connection Orange County Dynasties

What was the family relationship between the 12th President of the United States, Zachary Taylor, to the 4th President, James Madison?

Quite simply, they were second cousins as they had the same great-grandfather, Colonel James Taylor II whose wife was Martha Thompson:

The Madisons:

- Colonel Taylor II and his wife Martha had a daughter, Frances Taylor;
- Daughter Frances married Ambrose Madison, grandparents of President James Madison; and
- Ambrose and Frances had a son named James Madison (Sr) who married Eleanor Rose Conway, parents of President James Madison (Jr.).

The Taylors:

- Colonel Taylor II and his wife Martha had a son named Zachary Taylor;
- Son Zachary married Elizabeth Lee, grandparents of President Zachary Taylor, and
- Zachary and Elizabeth had a son named [Colonel] Richard Taylor who married Sarah Dabney Strother, parents of President Zachary Taylor.

**Colonel James Taylor
(Martha Thompson)**

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Frances Taylor
(Ambrose Madison)

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James Madison
(Eleanor Rose Conway)

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James Madison
4th President

Zachary Taylor
(Elizabeth Lee)

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Col. Richard Taylor
(Sarah Dabney Strother)

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Zachary Taylor
12th President