

## 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