

GEORGE TAYLOR

George Taylor (1758-1828) emigrated to V.D.L. in 1822 and received a grant of land on the Macquarie River which he named Valley-Field. Three of his sons, George, David and Robert also received land near Valleyfield.

Subscription list 1824

List of subscriptions for a piece of plate to be presented to Mr Taylor of Macquarie River for his conduct in resisting an attack upon his house by convicts from Macquarie Harbour. The subscriptions are noted in "dollars" (from \$1 - \$4). 43 names or signatures of settlers are entered.

(1 folded foolscap paper)

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Note: In the early days of settlement in Australia Spanish pieces of eight were used as five shilling pieces, commonly known as "dollars", owing to a shortage of British currency in the colony. In 1812 a large quantity of Spanish "dollars" were imported, overstruck with the value "five shillings" and the centre cut out to form the famous "holey dollar" (the centre being used as a separate coin, "the dump", valued at 15 pence (1/4 dollar). In 1812 again large quantities of Spanish "dollars" were imported and an effort made to establish the dollar as the standard currency.

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