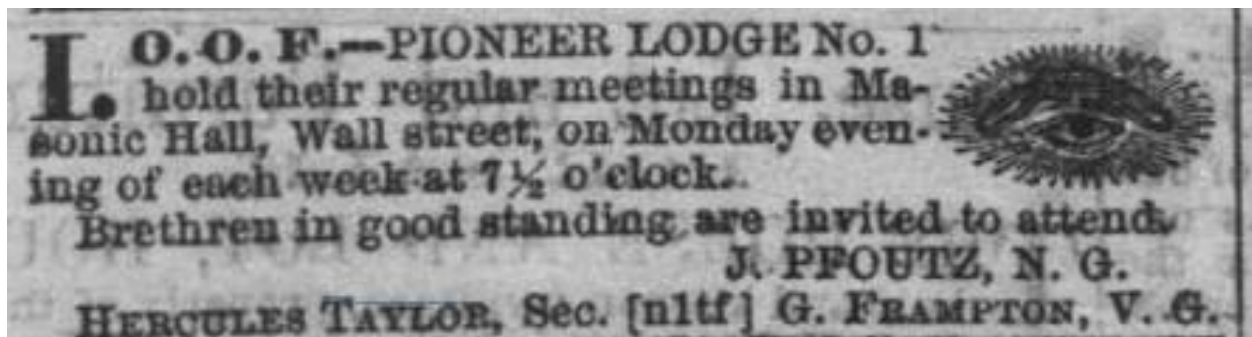


## Hercules Godfrey Taylor

Hercules Godfrey Taylor was born 1 May 1839 in Ireland. He was the youngest of five children of William Taylor and Elizabeth Coakley. The family immigrated and was living in New York City, New York, in 1855.<sup>1</sup> In 1864, Hercules was mining in the Boise Basin in Idaho.<sup>2</sup> He lived in Idaho City in 1867 and served as the secretary of the International Order of Odd Fellows.<sup>3</sup> He moved to Colorado in 1867 and then returned to Idaho after a few years.<sup>4</sup>

Hercules was a fish merchant in San Francisco, California, from 1871-1875.<sup>5</sup> By 1880, he was working as a miner in Silver Reef, Washington, Utah Territory.<sup>6</sup> [Interestingly, there was another Hercules Taylor on the 1880 Silver Reef census, but he was born in Scotland]. Hercules was wintering in his cabin in Deadwood Basin, Idaho, when he was found dead on 14 May 1897. He was two miles away from any other miner, and it would take too long to bring the body out, so he was buried in a lone grave in Lowman, Boise, Idaho.<sup>7</sup>



(Image from *Idaho World*, 27 July 1867)

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<sup>1</sup> New York State Census, 1855.

<sup>2</sup> *Salt Lake Tribune*, 17 May 1897, p. 2.

<sup>3</sup> *Idaho World*, 27 July 1867.

<sup>4</sup> *Salt Lake Tribune*, 17 May 1897, p. 2.

<sup>5</sup> California Great Registers, 1866-1910.

<sup>6</sup> United States Census, 1880.

<sup>7</sup> *Salt Lake Tribune*, 17 May 1897, p. 2.