

Mr. Pollard was married to Jennie Jenkins-Pollard who was born in Virginia and were the parents of eight children who, through marriage, became linked with several other early black families of this area including the Kile-Brooks Family of Sunnyside; the Howard Family of Toppenish; and the Blalocks of Yakima. Family members still own some of the original Pollard land in the Lower Valley.

The Family attended the Baptist Church and were politically affiliated with the Republican Party.

The William R. Taylor Family

William R. Taylor came with his parents to the Yakima Valley in 1889 when he was five years old, settling in Mabton, Washington. William married Nettie Nicholas who came to Roslyn with her parents Carter and Olivia Jones-Nicholas in 1889. The marriage of William and Nettie joined these two large pioneer families together. After farming in Mabton, Mr. Taylor moved on up to Yakima where he worked for the City and intermittently in various food processing plants (canneries).

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor had eleven children, two of whom remained in the Yakima area. A daughter, Opal, married William "Bill" Gray who was one of the owners of The Three Boys Cafe -- one of the earliest black-owned restaurants in Yakima. Opal was probably the first black to work in the local Bon Marche, from which she retired. Together Opal and Bill purchased and operated an orchard in Selah where they made their home. Another daughter, Olivia "Bunny" married Chester Emmons and together they established their home in Cowiche where they, too, owned and operated an orchard.



Taylor family reunion