

V: Bridge - Britons  
the Brook Taylors.

The Taylor family lived at Britons after the Berggraves and before the Comynghams took possession in 1820 and two of the family are recorded in plaques on the walls on the right at the entrance to Patriclawne church Herbert and his brother who were the sons of the Reverend Edward Taylor vicar of Patriclawne from 1739-1739. His <sup>grandfather John</sup> father had bought the estate in 1720 and the family can be traced back a generation before when Nathaniel Taylor represented Bedfordshire at Westminster <sup>under Cromwell's government</sup> having been nominated by Cromwell. His son Brook was a considerable mathematician of his generation and worked with Kepler on the laws of planetary motion and invented Taylor's theorem of which is a calculus <sup>on finite differences</sup> ~~of finite differences~~ <sup>which is still</sup> used today in higher mathematics ~~on finite differences~~; he travelled extensively in France and having been made a fellow of the Royal Society visited Paris and worked with 'd'Alembert' on the theory of refraction; he succeeded to his father's estate in 1729 but he is buried at St Anne's church Soho; he has been described as one of the great mathematicians after Newton of his period. His son was in the diplomatic service and acted as British minister to the courts of Hanse Cassel, Wurfenburg and Munich and was Ambassador at Berlin from 1828-1831; ironically his portrait was destroyed in a English air raid on Berlin in the last war ~~his portrait was destroyed~~; however the brother Herbert rose to even greater heights and after a long career in the Army - he was at the battle of Tournai in 1795 the Siege of Antwerp a year later he became private secretary to Queen Charlotte and represented

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