

# John Baxter Taylor, Jr.

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John Baxter Taylor Jr. was born November 3, 1882, in Washington, DC.,but then moved to Philadelphia, where he attended Central High School. While he was there he joined their track team and soon then became the captain of the track team . When high school ended he went to Brown Preparatory school,young Taylor was a member of a team that went undefeated. By them wining all those games captured the eye of Penn university. Taylor's association with Penn began when he entered the Wharton School in September ,1903.

Shortly after that he enrolled in the school of Veterinary Medicine for a three year program. During his student year at Penn,he contributed amazingly to Penn's athletic standings. He was a member of the track team from the 1903's -1908's. Taylor's stride measured 8 feet 6 inches,the longest of any runner yet known at that time .In 1907 he was the indoor champion for 600 yards.

Taylor was also gaining international fame-and Olympic gold. In the summer of 1904 he visited England and France, winning the majority of his races. The Olympics were held in England July1908, shortly after his graduation from Penn,Taylor had two chances to win the Olympics. His first opportunity came when he joined the 400 meter race. Sadly the race was called of because of a foul.

Two African American that earned medals George Poage won two bronze,Joe Stadler won one silver medal and John Baxter won a gold medal. After a couple months past he died due to Typhoid Pneumonia. His lost shocked the world. He died at the age of 26. He died in the city Philadelphia. (1)

His family home is at 3223 Woodland Avenue in West Philadelphia if you want to visit when your in town. To me he was one of the best runners in the world. Him and his record breaking stats will always be remembered and how stood out in depressing time . He will always be remembered.

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