

The Taylor family of Hamble

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A near capacity audience gathered to hear Anne Seaton talk about her family, the Taylors, who became established in Hamble in 1800. They continued in a range of businesses, including plumbing, building, coffin making and selling coal until 1964. The talk was illustrated with interesting photographs and trade implements, and a collection of documents was also available for inspection. These included advertisements in quaint language, some of which exhorted the 'rich and powerful' to continue their patronage of the family business.

The talk was sprinkled with anecdotes, giving a clear impression of life in Hamble through two centuries. Once it was a quiet village of 300 souls, all of whom knew each other. A community engaged in fishing, agriculture and working in the large houses or - as Anne's mother did - teaching in the local school. Anne's engaging talk inspired many in the audience to participate in memories of their own.