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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Elisha P. Taylor

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Elisha P. Taylor was a Confederate veteran who lived in the Keller area at the time the Civil War began. He told the 1880 census taker that he was born about 1825 in Indiana, and that he was not sure where his parents had been born. His headstone says he was born November 14, 1830. Elisha P. Taylor appears in the 1860 Tarrant County tax list.

Elisha served in Co. K, 7th Texas Cavalry with several other area men. His records in the National Archives say he was thirty-one years old when he enlisted on October 26, 1861 at Mansfield, Texas by Thomas O. Moody. He was mustered in November 21, 1861 at Camp Pickett near San Antonio. His horse was worth \$150 and his gear was worth \$25. He appears present on a muster roll for January and February 1862, and absent on a roll for January and February 1864.

When the 1880 Tarrant County census was taken, Mr. Taylor said he was born about 1825 in Indiana, with the birthplace of his parents unknown. In 1880 Mr. and Mrs. Taylor had four children living with them: Sallie E. Taylor (born about 1864); J. T. Taylor (a son born about 1866); and twin sons, Paul Taylor and Dowe Taylor (born about 1874).

Mr. Taylor's home is shown on the 1895 Sam Street Map of Tarrant County, Texas. In modern-day terms, it sat in Keller, north of Mt. Gilead Road, east of Highway 377, due north of about where Morris Street enters Mt. Gilead Road from the south, and west of the circle described by Unbridled Lane.

Taylor told the census taker in 1900 he was born in November 1828 in Ohio to two native Kentuckians. His wife, Nancy F. Taylor, said she was born in July 1845 in North Carolina to two natives of North Carolina. Their children included Alexander Taylor (born in December, 1860) and James C. Taylor (born in October 1867). In 1900, Mrs. Taylor said she had given birth to six children, five of whom were still living.

When he registered to vote in 1867, he was in Precinct 3, said he'd been in Texas since about 1857, in Tarrant County since about 1859, and in Precinct 3 since about 1866. They buried one son at Mount Gilead Cemetery before the Bourland Cemetery was established: John F. Taylor, March 8, 1870-April 3, 1871, son of Elisha and N. F. Taylor.

Elisha P. Taylor died April 22, 1902. A short notice of his death appeared in the Grapevine Sun on April 26, 1902: "*Mr. E. P. Taylor, an old resident of this place, died at 4 o'clock Tuesday morning, and was buried in Bourland cemetery the same evening. Mr. Taylor had only been sick a few days with pneumonia.*" Neither Elisha P. Taylor nor his wife applied to the State of Texas for Confederate pensions.

Mrs. N. F. Taylor was born July 21, 1842 and died July 4, 1914, according to her headstone in Bourland Cemetery. Their son, A. A. Taylor, lies buried beside them. His headstone says he was born at Keller, Texas on January 23, 1861, and died at Woodford, Oklahoma on November 15, 1926.



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