

## Military Record of William Lafayette Taylor

Catalog of Arkansas Resources and Archival Treasures:   Arkansas Confederate Pensions

Surname: Taylor   Given Name: William L.

Application Number: 29,925

Widow Surname: Taylor   Widow Given Name: Mary Elizabeth

Company: G   Regiment: 5   State Served From: Tennessee   Division: Cavalry

Pension County: Woodruff   Death Date: 7/27/1927

Application Year:   Widow Death Date:   Comments: widow applied 1929 / questionnaire

Next: Oct 9, 1940 from Auditor of State of Arkansas in Little Rock to Edd Taylor, McCrory:

"This will acknowledge receipt of yours of October 7th requesting war record of Wm Lafayette Taylor, who served in the C.S.A.

In reply will advise that records on file in this office reveal that his widow, Mary Elizabeth Taylor drew a pension from Arkansas for the service of her husband.

Her pension application, No. 29, 925 shows that he was a private, member of Company "G" of the 5th Regiment of Tennessee Cavalry and was honorably discharged in 1865 from service. He died July 27, 1927."

*The letter signed by J. Oscar Humphrey, Auditor of State. file name LetterconfirmAppl.jpg*

Next: Oct 10, 1940, letter from Edd Taylor to War Dept in Washington DC requesting "complete war record of William Lafayette Taylor who served in the C.S.A. and who was a private member of Company G of the fifth regiment Tenn. calvary, and was honorably discharged in 1865 from service. He died July 27, 1927."

*The letter has signature Edd Taylor and stamped by Administrative assistant of War Dept Oct 1940. file name LetterEddTaylor.jpg.*

The third document in my possession 3/17/09 is a letter to Edd Taylor, McCrory from The Adjutant General's Office of the War Department, Washington dated December 2, 1940.

"The record show that William Taylor, name also borne as William L. Taylor, not found as William Lafayette Taylor, private, Company G, 5th Regiment (McKenzie's) Tennessee Cavalry, Confederate States Army, enlisted July 24 (1863), at Blaine Cross Roads by Captain Graham. His name is not borne on the muster rolls on file in this office which cover the period from March 16, 1862 to April 30, 1863, but is borne on a special muster roll dated Tunnell Hill, Georgia, March 12, 1864, which shows him a prisoner of war.

Union prisoner of war records show that he was captured at Fishing Creek, Kentucky, also shown as Big Hill, Kentucky and Wild Cat, Kentucky, paroled at Camp Douglas, Illinois, and forwarded to Boulware's Warf, James River, Virginia, between March 16 and 21, 1865, by the Confederate Agent for exchange. No later record of him has been found.

The collection of Confederate States Army records on file in this Department is incomplete and the failure to find the complete or any record of any person thereon is by no means conclusive proof that such person did not serve at some period not covered by the records.

During a prior period, one William L. Taylor is shown to have served in Company C, of the above mentioned regiment, which company became Company H, 63rd Regiment Tennessee Infantry, Confederate States Army, but nothing has been found to show whether or not it is one and the same man."

signed by E.S.Adams, Major General, The Adjutant General, by S-JR

*The battle at Fishing Creek, Kentucky was in Jan 1862 and is described by Shelby Foote in his book "The Civil War a Narrative, Vol 1, Fort Sumter to Perryville, pages 176 to 182. Online references showing order of battle include 5th Tenn. Cav. Bn. - Lt. Col. George R. McClellan with 315 effective strength*

*see also <http://www.tngennet.org/civilwar/csacav/csamcken.html>*

**5th (McKENZIE'S) TENNESSEE CAVALRY REGIMENT** with Capt John W. Graham, Co. "G". Originally "K", 1st (Rogers'), then "K", later "G", 13th Battalion.

The fourth document in my possession 3/17/09 is "Application for Headstone or Marker" made by Edd Taylor of McCrory, Woodruff Co, Ark on March 3, 1942. This application asks for an upright granite headstone for William Lafayette Taylor, rank of private in Company G of 5th Reg, Tenn Cavlry. Date of death given as July 27, 1927. Enlistment date, July 24, 1863, discharged in 1865. Pension number is Widow's Application No 29,925. Cemetery is Odd Fellow's Cemetery located near McCrory Ark.

*My copy is of the original and a duplicate application, filed as HeadstoneApp.jpg*