

ELIZABETH TUMLINSON

Elizabeth Tumlinson was born July 13, 1814, in Tennessee. She was the daughter of John Jackson Tumlinson and Elizabeth Plemmons of Lincoln County, North Carolina. They came to Texas as part of Austin's Old Three Hundred. She married William Riley Taylor on May 14, 1830, in Gonzales County.

Elizabeth and her husband, William Riley Taylor, settled on the Joseph Tumlinson survey. Joseph Tumlinson was married to William Riley Taylor's sister, Joanna. After the death of her husband, Elizabeth continued the family's stock business with the help of her sons, John Milam Taylor and Joseph Taylor. Her oldest son William P. "Buck" Taylor was the first killed in the Sutton-Taylor Feud.

About 1880 Elizabeth moved to Junction, Kimble County, Texas. It is assumed that the move was instigated by her sons in order to distance her from the violence of the feud. But violence followed her as she was killed by robbers seeking the little black pot of gold she reputedly had. She died on February 22, 1886, and she is buried in the Junction City Cemetery.