

RICHARD
TAYLOR *and*
Red River Campaign
of 1864

RICHARD TAYLOR *and* *the* Red River Campaign *of* 1864

By Samuel W. Mitcham, Jr.



PELICAN PUBLISHING COMPANY
Gretna 2012

Copyright © 2012
By Samuel W. Mitcham, Jr.
All rights reserved

The word “Pelican” and the depiction of a pelican are trademarks of Pelican Publishing Company, Inc., and are registered in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Library of Congress Cataloging-in-Publication Data

Mitcham, Samuel W.

Richard Taylor and the Red River Campaign of 1864 / Samuel W. Mitcham, Jr.

pages cm

Includes bibliographical references and index.

ISBN 978-1-4556-1633-6 (hardcover : alk. paper) —

ISBN 978-1-4556-1634-3 (e-book) 1. Red River Expedition, 1864. 2.

Taylor, Richard, 1826-1879—Military leadership. I. Title.

E476.33.M58 2012

973.7'36—dc23

2012002765



Printed in the United States of America

Published by Pelican Publishing Company, Inc.
1000 Burmaster Street, Gretna, Louisiana 70053

Contents

Chapter I	Yankees	9
Chapter II	The Rebels.....	39
Chapter III	Opening Moves	67
Chapter IV	Taylor Reorganizes	99
Chapter V	Up the River and Through the Woods.....	113
Chapter VI	The Battle of Mansfield	143
Chapter VII	The Battle of Pleasant Hill	175
Chapter VIII	Bouncing Down the River	197
Chapter IX	The Camden Expedition	207
Chapter X	Monett's Ferry and the Retreat to Alexandria...	241
Chapter XI	Over the Falls.	267
Chapter XII	Across the Atchafalaya	285
Chapter XIII	What Happened to the Men of the Red River Expedition?	295
	Appendix I	315
	Appendix II	319
	Notes	325
	Bibliography.....	365
	Index	377

RICHARD
TAYLOR *and*
the
Red River Campaign
of 1864