Jesse Bex, Private, Co. H 120 IN Infantry, U.S.

1846  Bex was born to Achilles H. and Martha Williams Bex near Williams, Lawrence County, IN. Both Achilles and Martha were transplanted southerners.

1850  August 15: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Spice Valley, Lawrence County, IN showed 4-year-old Jesse living with his parents and siblings. His father, Achilles, was a farmer.

1860  August 7: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Spice Valley, Lawrence County, IN showed 13-year-old Jesse living with his siblings and parents. His father, Achilles “Killis,” was a farmer.

1861  June 7: Father Achilles died in Lawrence County, IN and was buried at Port Williams Cemetery.

1862  August 5: Jesse’s brother John Bex enlisted in the U.S. Army and mustered into Co. F 65 IN Infantry.

1863  March 19: Bex and his brother James enlisted in the U.S. Army and were mustered into Co. F 65 IN Infantry. They were then both transferred to 120 IN Infantry. James was in Co. B and Jesse in Co. H. James was 19 and Jesse was 18.

       July 11: Brother Achilles Bex enlisted in the U.S. Army and was mustered into Co. F 112 IN Infantry.

       It is interesting to note that Martha Bex lost her husband in June of ’61 and by July of ’63, four of her sons had joined the U.S. Army.

1864  November 30: Bex and his brothers James and John all fought at the Battle of Franklin.

1866  January 8: Jesse and James Bex mustered out of the U.S. Army.

1868-1869 (abt) Married Mary “Polly” Bowden.

1870  September 2: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Mitcheltree, Martin County, IN showed Jesse, a farmer, living with his young wife Polly and their infant son Richard.

1880  June 18: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Mitcheltree, Martin County, IN showed Jesse, a farmer, and Mary living with their son and daughter. Mary was pregnant at the time and gave birth to daughter Pearl in July.

1889  September 20: Bex filed for and was granted a pension for his military service.
1899  June 27: Listed in the Indianapolis Journal as having been issued an increase to his military pension, $16.00 to $17.00.

1910  April 18: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Huron, Lawrence County, IN showed Jesse living on his own income with his adult son Richard.

1920  January 2: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Spice Valley, Lawrence County, IN showed Jesse, a retired farmer, living with his adult son Richard.

1929  December 19: Jesse Bex died in Lawrence County, IN.