Can someone explain where I'm going wrong with this please?

I have some data which is generally 2 dimensional but occassionally they'll only be 1 data point in the netcdf file, meaning that IDL will initiate it as being 1 dimensional.

For these cases I catch them and reform them to keep the trailing "empty" dimension and put them into a structure.

If I do a help on the structure, this works and keeps the trailing dimension. If however, I do a help on the variable in the structure directly it loses the trailing dimension:

IDL> help, data
** Structure <16d2e18>, 12 tags, length=200, data length=197, refs=1:

   my_variable
         FLOAT   Array[10, 1]

IDL> help, data.my_variable
<Expression>   FLOAT   = Array[10]

Any ideas?