

Died

April 12 - 1956

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FORM B.

Deceased

April 12 - 1956

**WIDOW'S APPLICATION
FOR A PENSION**

The Comptroller of Public Accounts reserves the right to call for additional testimony if he deems it necessary.

Name of Applicant.

Mrs. Bettie Chambers

Anderson County.

R. F. D. or Street No. 512 E. Dallas St.

Postoffice Palestine, Texas

Filed June 1, 1951

Approved June 1, 1951

Pension allowed from June 1, 1951

Rejected _____

Robert S. Calvert

Comptroller of Public Accounts.

THE B. L. STEER CO., AUSTIN

*Compliments of
East Texas Genealogical Society*

Widow's Application for Confederate Pension

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Anderson.

I, Mrs. Bettie Chambers, do hereby make application for a pension pursuant to the provisions of Articles 6204 to 6227, inclusive, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925 as amended by H. B. No. 150, passed by the Forty-second Legislature at its Regular Session and all other laws of this State relating thereto.

I am a widow of Benjamin F. Chambers deceased, who departed this life on the 14th day of December, A. D. 1928, in the county of Anderson, in the State of Texas

I have not remarried since the death of my said husband; (or in case of remarriage that I am now a widow); and I do solemnly swear that I was never divorced from my said husband

Benjamin F. Chambers and that I never voluntarily abandoned him during his life but remained his true, faithful and lawful wife up to the date of his death. I was married to him on the 14th day of December A. D. 1904, in the county of Houston, in the State of Texas

My husband, the said Benjamin F. Chambers, served as a Confederate soldier (or sailor) in the war between the States of the United States; or (that he was a soldier who, under special laws of the State of Texas during said war, served in organizations for the protection of the frontier against Indian raiders or Mexican marauders); or (that he was a soldier of the militia of the State of Texas who was in active service during said war.) That my said husband served honorably from the date of his enlistment until the close of the war, (or until he was discharged or paroled in some military organization regularly mustered into the army or navy of the Confederate States until the surrender). He was honorably discharged or paroled in 1865

(Give date and cause.)

That I have been a bona fide resident of this State continuously since the 7th day of October A. D. 1876

1. What is your age, and date of birth? 74 October 7, 1876
2. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? 46 years
3. What is your postoffice address? 512 East Dallas St., Palestine, Texas
4. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate pension law and been rejected? Yes
5. If rejected, state when and where. 1928 Palestine, Texas
6. Did your husband draw a pension? Yes If so, give his file number 20819
7. Give, if possible, the postoffice address of your deceased husband at the time of his enlistment Palestine, Texas
8. What was your husband's full name? Benjamin Franklin Chambers
See File # 20819
9. In what State was your husband's command originally organized? Texas
10. How long did your husband serve? 1861-1865
11. If known to you, give date of enlistment and discharge 1861 - 1865

12. What was the name or letter of the company, or number of the regiment in which your husband served? If he was transferred from one branch of service to another, give time of transfer, description of command and time of service. (If applicant's husband was a pensioner give his file number, which is evidence sufficient for proof of service.) Unknown see file # 20819

13. Name branch of service in which your husband served, whether infantry, cavalry, artillery, or the navy, or if commissioned as an officer by the President, his rank and line of duty, or if detailed for special service, under the law of conscription, the nature of such service, and time of service

cavalry



14. To what race do you belong? White

Wherefore your petitioner prays that her application for a pension may be approved and such other proceedings be had in the premises as required by law

(Signature of Applicant)

Bettie Chambers

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30th day of May, A. D. 1951

Franklin C. Williams
Franklin C. Williams
County Judge Anderson County, Texas.

[Seal]

*Where applicant has remarried it is necessary that she state facts covering particulars of last marriage, date, to whom married, and date of last husband's death. She must also state that she is now a widow.

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AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

[Note.—There must be at least two creditable witnesses.]

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }
County of Anderson

Before me, Franklin C. Williams, County Judge of Anderson County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared Pearl Moore and Mrs. Z. E. Hassell, who are personally known to me to be credible citizens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know that Mrs. Bettie Chambers, applicant for a pension as the widow of Benjamin F. Chambers deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of Benjamin F. Chambers deceased; that they personally know that she has not remarried since the death of her husband, for whose services in the army she claims a pension, and that they have no interest in this claim.*

(Signature of Witness) Pearl Moore

(Signature of Witness) Mrs Z E Hassell

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 30th day of May, A. D. 19 51.

Franklin C. Williams

Franklin C. Williams
County Judge Anderson County, Texas.

[Seal.]

*Where applicant has remarried it is necessary that she state facts covering particulars of last marriage, date, to whom married, and date of last husband's death. She must also state that she is now a widow.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

[Note.—There must be at least two creditable witnesses.]

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }
County of Anderson

Before me, Franklin C. Williams, County Judge of Anderson County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared Pearl Moore and Mrs. Z. E. Hassell, who are personally known to me to be creditable citizens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know the above named applicant for pension, and that they personally know that the said Mrs. Bettie Chambers has been a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas since 1906 and that they have no interest in this claim.

(Signature of Witness) Pearl Moore

(Signature of Witness) Mrs Z E Hassell

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 30th day of May, A. D. 19 51.

Franklin C. Williams

Franklin C. Williams
County Judge Anderson County, Texas.

[Seal.]

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

(If possible the one witness should have served with the applicant's husband in the army, and if so, let him state it in his oath, also any other information regarding the army service of applicant's husband.)

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }
County of _____ }

Before me, _____, County Judge of _____ County,
State of Texas, on this day personally appeared _____

_____, who is personally known to me to be a creditable citizen, who, being by me sworn, on oath states that (he or she) is personally acquainted with the foregoing applicant, and that the facts set forth and statements made in her application are correct and true, to the best of (his or her) knowledge and belief, and that (he or she) has no interest in this claim. And further make oath to the following facts touching the service of applicant's husband in the Confederate Army:
(Witness must state fully the source of (his or her) knowledge of service of applicant's husband) _____

see file #20819

(Signature of Witness) _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this _____ day of _____, A. D. 19 _____

[Seal.]

County Judge _____ County, Texas.



FORM B.

**WIDOW'S APPLICATION
FOR A PENSION**

The Comptroller of Public Accounts reserves the right to call for additional testimony if he deems it necessary.

Name of Applicant.

Bettie Chambers

Anderson County.

R. F. D. or Street No. _____

Postoffice Palentine, Texas.

Filed June 10th, 1931.

Approved _____

Pension allowed from _____

Rejected June 10th, 1931.

Geo. H. Sheppard
Comptroller of Public Accounts.

THE S. L. STONER CO., AUSTIN

Acct. AGE

Geo. H. Sheppard
COMPTROLLER
JUN 10 1931

Widow's Application for Confederate Pension

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Anderson

I, Mrs. Bettie Chambers, do hereby make application for a pension pursuant to the provisions of Articles 6204 to 6227, inclusive, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925 as amended by S. B. No. 27, passed by the Forty-first Legislature at its Fifth Called Session and all other laws of this State relating thereto.

I am a widow of Benjamin F. Chambers deceased, who departed this life on the 14th day of December, A. D. 1928, in the county of Anderson, in the State of Texas

I have not remarried since the death of my said husband; (or in case of remarriage that I am now a widow); and I do solemnly swear that I was never divorced from my said husband Benjamin F. Chambers and that I never voluntarily abandoned him during his life but remained his true, faithful and lawful wife up to the date of his death. I was married to him on the 14th day of December A. D. 1904, in the county of Houston, in the State of Texas.

My husband, the said Benjamin F. Chambers, served as a Confederate soldier (or sailor) in the war between the States of the United States; or (that he was a soldier who, under special laws of the State of Texas during said war, served in organizations for the protection of the frontier against Indian raiders or Mexican marauders); or (that he was a soldier of the militia of the State of Texas who was in active service during said war.) That my said husband served honorably from the date of his enlistment until the close of the war, (or until he was discharged or paroled in some military organization regularly mustered into the army or navy of the Confederate States until the surrender). He was honorably discharged or paroled Disbanded & Came home After the War ended. Was stationed at Eagle Pass at that time
(Give date and cause.)

That I have been a bona fide resident of this State continuously since the 7th day of October A. D. 1876

1. What is your age, and date of birth? 55 yrs. Birth 7th Oct. 1876.
2. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? 26 yrs
3. What is your postoffice address? 512 E. Dallas St. Palestine, Texas
4. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate pension law and been rejected? Yes
5. If rejected, state when and where Rejected 1930, Palestine Texas
6. Did your husband draw a pension? Yes If so, give his file number 20810
7. Give, if possible, the postoffice address of your deceased husband at the time of his enlistment Palestine Texas
8. What was your husband's full name? Benjamin F. Chambers
9. In what State was your husband's command originally organized? Texas
10. How long did your husband serve? About two years
11. If known to you, give date of enlistment and discharge do not know
12. What was the name or letter of the company, or number of the regiment in which your husband served? If he was transferred from one branch of service to another, give time of transfer, description of command and time of service. (If applicant's husband was a pensioner give his file number, which is evidence sufficient for proof of service.) Company 'A' 2nd Texas Cavalry
13. Name branch of service in which your husband served, whether infantry, cavalry, artillery, or the navy, or if commissioned as an officer by the President, his rank and line of duty, or if detailed for special service, under the law of conscription, the nature of such service, and time of service. Company 'A' 2nd Texas Cavalry.



Wherefore your petitioner prays that her application for a pension may be approved and such other proceedings be had in the premises as required by law.

(Signature of Applicant) Mrs. Bettie Chambers

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9th day of June A. D. 1931.

B. J. Kennedy
County Judge Anderson County, Texas.

[Seal]

*Where applicant has remarried it is necessary that she state facts covering particulars of last marriage, date, to whom married, and date of last husband's death. She must also state that she is now a widow.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

[Note.—There must be at least two creditable witnesses.]

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Anderson

Before me, B. J. Kennedy, County Judge of Anderson County,
State of Texas, on this day personally appeared H. C. Williams
and R. R. Hassell, who are personally known to me to be credible citi-

zens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know that Mrs. Bettie
Chambers applicant for a pension as the widow of Benjamin F. Chambers
deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of Benjamin F. Chambers deceased; that they personally
know that she has not remarried since the death of her husband, for whose services in the army she claims
a pension, and that they have no interest in this claim.*

(Signature of Witness) H. C. Williams

(Signature of Witness) R. R. Hassell

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 9th day of June, A. D. 1931.

B. J. Kennedy

[Seal.]

County Judge Anderson County, Texas.

*Where applicant has remarried it is necessary that she state facts covering particulars of last marriage, date, to whom married, and date of last husband's death. She must also state that she is now a widow.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

[Note.—There must be at least two creditable witnesses.]

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Anderson

Before me, B. J. Kennedy, County Judge of Anderson County,
State of Texas, on this day personally appeared R. R. Hassell and
W. L. Johnson, who are personally known to me to be creditable citi-

zens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know the above named applicant for
pension, and that they personally know that the said Bettie Chambers
has been a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas since 1906
and that they have no interest in this claim.

(Signature of Witness) R. R. Hassell

(Signature of Witness) W. L. Johnson

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 9th day of June, A. D. 1931.

B. J. Kennedy

[Seal.]

County Judge Anderson County, Texas.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

(If possible the one witness should have served with the applicant's husband in the army, and if so, let him state it in his oath, also any other information regarding the army service of applicant's husband.)

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Anderson }

Before me, B. J. Kennedy, County Judge of Anderson County,
State of Texas, on this day personally appeared Col Geo. A Wright,

....., who is personally known to me to be a creditable citizen, who, being by me sworn, on oath states that (he ~~or she~~) is personally acquainted with the foregoing applicant, and that the facts set forth and statements made in her application are correct and true, to the best of (his ~~or her~~) knowledge and belief, and that (he ~~or she~~) has no interest in this claim. And further make oath to the following facts touching the service of applicant's husband in the Confederate Army: .

(Witness must state fully the source of (his ~~or her~~) knowledge of service of applicant's husband).....

I was in the same company with Mr. Chambers and knew him well. So far as I know, he was neither discharged nor paroled. We were stationed at Eagle Pass and some time after the war ended we heard apart it and disbanded and came home.

(Signature of Witness) Geo A Wright

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 9th day of June, A. D. 1931.

B. J. Kennedy
County Judge Anderson County, Texas.

[Seal.]



FORM B.

WIDOW'S APPLICATION
FOR A PENSION

The Comptroller of Public Accounts reserves the right to call for additional testimony if he deems it necessary.

Name of Applicant.

Mrs Bettie Chambers
Anderson County.

R. F. D. or Street No. *372 E. Dallow St*

Postoffice *Palestine, Texas*

Filed *Jan. 1, 1929*

Approved _____

Pension allowed from _____

Rejected *Jan. 5, 1929*

H. Jewell

Comptroller of Public Accounts.

THE E. L. STECK CO., AUSTIN

Account of date of birth

Widow's Application for Confederate Pension

Handwritten notes in a circle: "Barnett", "M. J. Barnett", "Law."

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Anderson

I, Mrs. Betty Chambers do hereby make application to the Comptroller of Public Accounts for a pension, to be granted me under the Act passed by the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Texas, and approved April 7, A D. 1913, on the following grounds:

I am the widow of Benjamin F. Chambers, deceased, who departed this life on the 14th day of December, A. D. 1928, in the county of Anderson in the State of Texas

I have not remarried since the death of my said husband,* and I do solemnly swear that I was never divorced from my said husband, and that I never voluntarily abandoned him during his life, but remained his true, faithful and lawful wife up to the date of his death. I was married to him on the 14th day of December, A. D. 1904, in the county of San Houston in the State of Texas

My husband, the said Benjamin F. Chambers, enlisted and served in the military service of the Confederate States during the war between the States of the United States and he did not desert the Confederate service. I have been a resident of the State of Texas since prior to January 1, A. D. 1910, and have been continuously since a citizen of the State of Texas. I do further state that I do not receive from any source whatever money or other means of support amounting in value above the sum of \$300.00 per annum, nor do I own in my own right, nor does anyone hold in trust for my benefit or use, estate or property, either real, personal or mixed, either in fee or for life, of the value of one thousand dollars, exclusive of the home of the value of not over \$2000; nor do I receive any aid or pension from any other State of the United States, and I do further state that the answers given to the following questions are true:

- 1. What is your age, and date of birth? 52 yrs Oct 7th 1876
- 2. Where were you born? Houston Co, Texas
- 3. How long have you resided in the State of Texas? All my life
- 4. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? 13 yrs
- 5. What is your postoffice address? 512 E. Dallas St, Palestine, Texas
- 6. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate pension law and been rejected? No

If rejected, state when and where.....

- 7. Did your husband draw a pension? Yes If so, give his file number 20810
- 8. What is your husband's full name? 20810

- 9. In what State was your husband's command originally organized? 20810
- 10. How long did your husband serve?..... If known to you, give date of enlistment and discharge.....

11. What was the name or letter of the company, or number of the regiment in which your husband served? If he was transferred from one branch of service to another, give time of transfer, description of command and time of service. (If applicant's husband was a pensioner give his file number, which is evidence sufficient for proof of service.) 20810

12. Name branch of service in which your husband served, whether infantry, cavalry, artillery, or the navy, or if commissioned as an officer by the President, his rank and line of duty, or if detailed for special service, under the law of conscription, the nature of such service, and time of service. 20810



13. Do you own any property other than that rendered for taxes in your county? If so, state value of same and county where located. No

14. Have you transferred to another any property of any kind for the purpose of becoming a beneficiary under this law? No

Wherefore your petitioner prays that her application for a pension may be approved and such other proceedings he had in the premises as required by law.

(Signature of Applicant) Betty Chambers

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22 day of December A. D. 1928

E. H. Shelton

[Seal]

County Judge Anderson County, Texas.

*Where applicant has remarried it is necessary that she state facts covering particulars of last marriage, date, to whom married, and date of last husband's death. She must also state that she is now a widow.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

[Note.—There must be at least two creditable witnesses.]

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Anderson

Before me, E. H. Shelton, County Judge of Anderson County,
State of Texas, on this day personally appeared H. C. Williams

H. E. Bradford, who are personally known to me to be credible citizens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know that Mrs. Betty Chambers, applicant for a pension as the widow of Benjamin F. Chambers deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of Benjamin F. Chambers deceased; that they personally know that she has not remarried since the death of her husband, for whose services in the army she claims a pension, and that they have no interest in this claim.*

(Signature of Witness) H. C. Williams

(Signature of Witness) H. E. Bradford

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 22 day of December, A. D. 1928

E. H. Shelton

[Seal.]

County Judge Anderson County, Texas.

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AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

[Note.—There must be at least two creditable witnesses.]

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Anderson

Before me, E. H. Shelton, County Judge of Anderson County,
State of Texas, on this day personally appeared H. C. Williams

H. E. Bradford, who are personally known to me to be creditable citizens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know the above named applicant for pension, and that they personally know that the said Mrs. Betty Chambers has been a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas since prior to January 1, A. D. 1910, and that they have no interest in this claim.

(Signature of Witness) H. C. Williams

(Signature of Witness) H. E. Bradford

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 22 day of December, A. D. 1928

E. H. Shelton

[Seal.]

County Judge Anderson County, Texas.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

(If possible the two witnesses should have served with the applicant's husband in the army, and if so, let them, or either of them, state it in their oath, also any other information regarding the army service of applicant's husband.)

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }
County of.....}

Before me,, County Judge of..... County, State of Texas,
on this day personally appeared....., who
are personally known to me to be creditable citizens, who, being by me sworn, on oath state that they are personally acquainted with the foregoing applicant, and that the facts set forth and statements made in her application are correct and true, to the best of their knowledge and belief, and that they have no interest in this claim. And further make oath to the following facts touching the service of applicant's husband in the Confederate Army: (Witnesses must state fully the source of their knowledge of service of applicant's husband).....

see file no. 20810

(Signature of Witness).....

(Signature of Witness).....

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this..... day of....., A. D. 192.....

[Seal.]

County Judge..... County, Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR



I, *A. G. Godley*, State and County Assessor in the County of *Anderson*
State of Texas, do certify that Mrs. *Bettie Chambers* whose name is signed
to the foregoing application for a pension, under the Act of the Thirty-third Legislature, approved April 7,
1913, is charged on the tax rolls of said county with a homestead of the value of *\$1300⁰⁰*
..... Dollars, and, in addition to homestead, of other
property, real or personal, or both, of the value of *nothing*..... Dollars.

Given under my hand, this *1* day of *Jan*, A. D. 19*29*

A. G. Godley
State and County Assessor.

CERTIFIED COPY OF
MARRIAGE LICENSE

OF

B F Chambers

AND

Bettie Jordan

AS APPEARS OF RECORD IN

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OF THE MARRIAGE RECORDS OF

Houston COUNTY, TEXAS

J H Covington

COUNTY CLERK Houston

COUNTY, TEXAS

BY Wanda Milliff DEPUTY



To any Regularly Licensed or Ordained Minister of the Gospel, Jewish Rabbi, Judge of the District or County Court, or any Justice of the Peace in the State of Texas.

GREETING:
YOU ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO SOLEMNIZE THE
rites of MATRIMONY

Between Mr. B F Chambers

and Miss Bettie Jordan

and make due return to the Clerk of the County Court of said County within Sixty days thereafter, certifying your action under this License.

Witness my official signature and seal of office at office in Crockett Texas,

this the 14 day of December A. D. 19 04

(Seal)

W E Allbright Clerk County Court

Houston County, Texas

By _____ Deputy.

I J W Saxon hereby certify that on the 14 day of Dec

A. D. 1904 I United in Marriage Mr. B F Chambers and

Miss Bettie Jordan the parties above named.

Witness my hand this 15 day of Dec, A. D., 19 04



J W Saxon, J P

Houston Co.

Returned and filed for record the 14 day of Dec 19 04 and recorded the 21 day of Jan 19 05, in Book 7 Page 356 Marriage Records of Houston County.

By Buena Gilder Deputy. W E Allbright County Clerk.

The State of Texas } I, J H Covington, County Clerk in and for Houston
County of Houston } County, Texas, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Marriage License together with its return thereon of Mr. B F Chambers and Miss Bettie Jordan as the same appears of record in my office in Vol. 7, Page 356, Marriage Records of Houston County, Texas.

To Certify Which, witness my hand and seal of office, at office in Crockett Texas, this, the 2nd day of July A. D., 19 04.

J H Covington, County Clerk

Houston County, Texas

By Kanna Milliff, Deputy.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, *
 COUNTY OF ANDERSON. * BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public in and for Anderson County, Texas, on this day personally appeared Betty Chambers, who after being by me duly sworn, upon oath deposed and said:

My name is Betty Chambers and I am 72 years of age. I reside at 512 East Dallas Street in the City of Palestine in Anderson County, Texas. I am a housewife and not otherwise employed as I am unable to work due to my age and ill health. I am the widow of Benjamin Franklin Chambers who was enlisted in Company A, 2nd Texas Cavalry, Confederate States Army. This company was raised by Peter Hardeman about the middle of April, 1861, and into the Confederate Service and Louisiana and disbanded June, 1865. My husband served in this company from the date of its organization to its disbandment. My husband died December 14, 1928, in Palestine, Anderson County, Texas. He rendered valuable service to the Confederacy and did not desert and was honorably discharged from the army. Attached hereto is a copy of an inscription on a picture hanging in the Carnegie Library in Palestine, Texas; the Company of which my husband was a member. He was receiving a Confederate pension at the time he died. There is attached hereto a certified copy of my marriage license to Benjamin Franklin Chambers. I do not own property real or personal exceeding in value \$1,000.00, exclusive of homestead. I do not have an income, annuity, or emoluments of office or wages for services in excess of \$300.00 per year, nor the aid of a pension fund from another state of the United States.

Betty Chambers



CERTIFIED COPY OF
THE MARRIAGE RECORD

OF

MR. B. F. CHAMBERS

TO

MISS BETTIE JORDAN.

AS APPEARS OF RECORD IN

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OF THE MARRIAGE RECORDS OF

Houston. COUNTY, TEXAS

Royse Heard.

COUNTY CLERK Houston.

COUNTY, TEXAS

BY Blye Jones DEPUTY

CERTIFIED COPY OF MARRIAGE RECORD

THE STATE OF TEXAS }
COUNTY OF HOUSTON.

No. _____

To any Regularly Licensed or Ordained Minister of the Gospel, Jewish Rabbi, Judge of the District or County Court, or any Justice of the Peace, in and for the State of Texas—GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO SOLEMNIZE THE RITES OF MATRIMONY

BETWEEN MR. B F CHAMBERS AND M BETTIE JORDAN.

and make due return to the Clerk of the County Court of said County within sixty days thereafter, certifying your action under this License.

Witness my official signature and seal of office at office in CROCKETT, Texas, the 14th day of Dec., 19 04

W. E. Albright, Clerk, County Court, Houston, County. By Deputy.

(SEAL)

I, J.W. Saxon, hereby certify that on the 14 day of Dec., 19 04, I united in Marriage B.F. Chambers and Bettie Jordan the parties above named.

Witness my hand this 15 day of Dec., 19 04.

J. W. Saxon J P Houston Co.

Returned and filed for record the 15th day of Dec., 19 04, and recorded the 21 day of Jan, 19 05.

N. E. Albright County Clerk. By Buena Gilder Deputy.

THE STATE OF TEXAS }
COUNTY OF Houston.



I, Royse Heard, Clerk of the County Court of Houston County, Texas, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of the Marriage License issued to B.F. Chambers and Bettie Jordan, and the return of the person who solemnized the rites of matrimony between said parties as the same appears of record in my office, in Volume 7 on page 356, of the Marriage Records of said County, and I am the lawful possessor and custodian of said record.

Given under my hand and official seal, at office in Crockett, Texas, this the 29 day of May, A. D., 19 51.

ROYSE HEARD, Clerk, County Court, HOUSTON, County. By Blue Jones Deputy.

(SEAL)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 29th day of July, A. D. 1948, to certify which witness my hand and seal of office.

(L.S.)

Franklin C. Williams
Notary Public, Anderson
County, Texas.

The statements in the above affidavit being believed by me to be true I hereby approve the same and recommend that Mrs. Betty Chambers be granted a pension as the widow of a Confederate soldier.

Pace McDonald, County Judge
Anderson County, Texas.

Filed for record July 29th, 1948, at 10:55 o'clock A. M.

Recorded July 29th, 1948, at 11:30 o'clock A. M.

Cecil W. James, County Clerk,
Anderson County, Texas.

By Laura Endel Deputy.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS, *
COUNTY OF ANDERSON. * I, Cecil W. James, County Clerk,
in and for Anderson County, Texas, do hereby certify that
the above and foregoing one and one-half pages contain a
true and correct copy of the affidavit of Mrs. Betty
Chambers, dated July 29th, 1948, as the same appears of
record in Volume 399, page 317, Deed Records of Anderson
County, Texas. (TX)

To certify which witness my hand and seal
of office this the 29th day of July, A.D.1948.

Cecil W. James, County Clerk,
Anderson County, Texas.

By Laura Endel Deputy.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS, *

COUNTY OF ANDERSON. *

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared

Fannie G. Matthews and after being by me
duly sworn, upon oath deposes and says:

My name is Fannie G. Matthews and I am 73 years of age. I am a resident of Palestine, Texas, and have known Mrs. Betty Chambers since the year 1906. I am in no way related to or interested in the financial welfare of Mrs. Betty Chambers who has applied for a pension as the widow of a Confederate veteran. She is a credible person and I believe the statements entitling her to a pension are correct and true.

Mrs Fannie G. Matthews

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 29th day of July A. D.

1948.

Franklin C. Williams (TX)
Notary Public, in and for
Anderson County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS, *

COUNTY OF ANDERSON. *

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared

Pearl Moore

and after being by me

duly sworn, upon oath deposes and says:

My name is Pearl Moore and I am 77 years of age. I am a resident of Palestine, Texas, and have known Mrs. Betty Chambers since 1906. I am in no way related to or interested in the financial welfare of Mrs. Betty Chambers who has applied for a pension as the widow of a Confederate veteren. She is a credible person and I believe the statements entitling her to a pension are correct and true.

Pearl Moore

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 29th day of July A. D.

1948.

Francis C. Newman (TX)

Notary Public, in and for
Anderson County, Texas

52039

I hereby certify that the information hereon is a true and correct copy of the original certificate filed in this office of the Local Registrar to the best of my knowledge and belief. Recorded in Book 1 Page 366 of the Record of Deaths, City of Palestine, Texas.

J. G. HARDGRAVE, Local Registrar

By Marie Austin Deputy

NOTE THE INFORMATION CALLED FOR ON THE REVERSE SIDE

1. PLACE OF DEATH STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF Palestine CITY OR PRECINCT NO. Anderson		TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
2. FULL NAME OF DECEASED B. F. Chambers		GIVE STREET AND NUMBER OR NAME OF INSTITUTION	
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11. BIRTHPLACE (STATE OR COUNTRY) Alabama		12. MAIDEN NAME Eliza Rogers	
13. BIRTHPLACE (STATE OR COUNTRY) Alabama		14. SIGNATURE B. F. Chambers, Jr.	
15. PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Rucker		16. SIGNATURE Pt. Arthur,	
17. DATE OF DEATH 12-1-28		18. I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I ATTENDED THE DECEASED FROM 12-1-28 TO 12-14-28 194	
19. I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I ATTENDED THE DECEASED FROM 12-1-28 TO 12-14-28 194		20. I LAST SAW HIM ALIVE ON 12-14-28 194	
21. THE DEATH OCCURRED ON THE DATE STATED ABOVE AT 4:50 P.M.		22. THE PRIMARY CAUSE OF DEATH WAS: Pneumonia	
23. CONTRIBUTORY CAUSES WERE		24. DATE OF OCCURRENCE	
25. PLACE OF OCCURRENCE		26. MANNER OR MEANS IF RELATED TO OCCUPATION OF DECEASED. SPECIFY	
27. SIGNATURE E. W. Link		28. SIGNATURE O. C. Cutter	
29. ADDRESS Palestine, Texas		30. ADDRESS Palestine, Texas	
31. FILE NUMBER 52		32. FILE DATE 11-14-28 194	
33. SIGNATURE OF LOCAL REGISTRAR O. C. Cutter		34. POSTOFFICE ADDRESS Palestine, Texas	

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO AGAW-O/SJR

22 July 1948

Respectfully returned to

Mrs. Betty Chambers,
512 E. Dallas,
Palestine, Texas.

The records show that Benjamin F. Chambers served as a private of Company A, 2d Regiment Texas Cavalry, Confederate States Army. No record has been found of the date and place of his entry into service.

His name appears on a Roll of Prisoners of War, which shows he was surrendered by General E. K. Smith, Confederate States Army, at New Orleans, Louisiana, 26 May 1865. Date of parole not found of record. His residence is shown as Anderson County, Texas.

Edward F. Witsell
EDWARD F. WITSELL
Major General
The Adjutant General



52039 2 Incls.

January 5, 1929.

Mrs. Betty Chambers,
512 E. Dallas Street,
Palestine, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Chambers:

I am in receipt of your application for pension, but same cannot be approved at this time on account of your age.

The Confederate Pension Law of this State requires that in order for the widow of a confederate soldier to be eligible for pension she must not be a woman born since the year 1861.

Your application shows that you are fifty-two years of age and born October 7, 1876, which you makes you much too young to become a pensioner.

If the law should be amended at any time so as to approve your application, you may renew your claim at that time and it will have prompt attention.

HH/E

Yours very truly,

Comptroller of Public
Accounts.



VERNON W. MCDAVID
COUNTY ATTORNEY, RUSK COUNTY

V. M. JOHNSTON,
ASSISTANT

HENDERSON, TEXAS

June 25, 1931.

Hon. Geo. H. Sheppard,
State Comptroller,
Austin, Texas.

In Re. Mrs. Bettie Chambers,
Palestine, Texas.

Dear Sir:

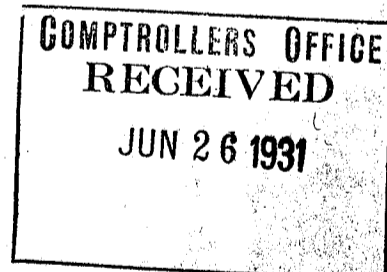
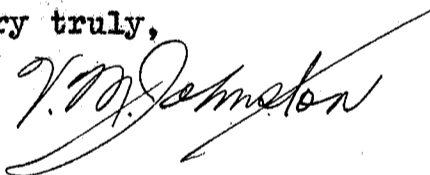
I am specially interested in seeing the above named person get a pension from the State, if she is at all entitled to get same.

She is the widow of Benjamin F. Chambers, File No. 20810, Anderson County, Texas, who died some two years ago, and Mrs. Chambers has never received any pension.

Please advise me, if under the laws recently enacted by the Legislature she is not in the class to receive a pension.

Thanking you for an early reply to this letter, I am,

Yours very truly,



June 30, 1931.

Hon. Vernon H. McDavid,
County Attorney,
Henderson, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 25th, in regard to an application for pension filed by Mrs. Bettie Chambers which was rejected in 1929 on account of her age.

I am sorry to advise that Mrs. Chambers is not eligible for pension under the present law.

The requirement of the law is that in order for the widow of a Confederate soldier to be eligible for pension, she must not be a woman born since the year 1873. The application of Mrs. Chambers shows that she was born on October 7, 1876, and for this reason her application must be rejected.

Yours very truly,

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State Comptroller of Public
Accounts.

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PACE McDONALD
COUNTY JUDGE ANDERSON COUNTY
PALESTINE, TEXAS
August 2, 1948

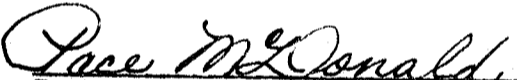
Mr. George H. Sheppard
Comptroller of Public Accounts
Austin, Texas

Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed the Death Certificate of Benjamin Franklin Chambers which we failed to send with the application of Mrs. Betty Chambers, a widow, who is applying for a Confederate Veteran's pension.

The above application was mailed to you July 29, 1948.

Yours very truly,


Pace McDonald, County Judge
Anderson County, Texas



FMD/md

August 2, 1948

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Hon. Pace McDonald
 County Judge Anderson County
 Palestine, Texas

Dear Judge McDonald,

I am in receipt of your letter of July 29th, to which you attached a copy of the Petition filed in your Court by Mrs. Betty Chambers, the widow of a Confederate Soldier asking to be granted a pension under said petition. On hearing said Petition ~~in~~ which you recommend that Mrs. Chambers be granted a pension as the widow of a Confederate Soldier, you are advised that there is no question with reference to Mrs. Chambers being the widow of a Confederate Soldier, but I am very sorry to advise that she is not eligible for pension on account of her age. She has twice been rejected on the same ground in ~~petitions~~ *applications* filed; one in 1929, and one in 1931.

The law is that in order for the widow of a Confederate Soldier to be eligible for Confederate pension, she must be a woman born prior to January 1, 1873. I refer you to Article 6205, page 437, Special Law of the State of Texas, passed by the Regular Session of the 42nd Legislature, convened in January, 1931, and for the same reason given Mrs. Chambers in my letter of February 28, 1939, this petition must be rejected.

Yours very truly,

Geo. H. Sheppard
 COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

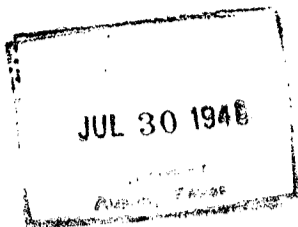
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CC: Mrs. Betty Chambers
 512 East Dallas
 Palestine, Texas



PACE McDONALD
COUNTY JUDGE ANDERSON COUNTY
PALESTINE, TEXAS

July 29, 1948



Mr. George H. Sheppard
Comptroller Of Public Accounts
Austin, Texas

Dear Sir:

I hand you herewith the application of Mrs. Betty Chambers an elderly lady of this City whom I have known during my entire life time. This lady is applying for a Confederate Veteran's pension since she is the widow of a Confederate veteran.

I believe the facts set out in the affidavits are true and correct and I recommend that she be granted a pension as the widow of a Confederate soldier.

Your usual prompt attention will be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,


Pace McDonald, County Judge
Anderson County, Texas

PMD/rd



February 28, 1939

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Mrs. Bettie Chambers
512 East Dallas
Palestine, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Chambers:

Replying to your letter of February 27, you are advised that you are not eligible for Confederate Pension under the present law of this State on a account of your age.

Applications for pension filed by you in 1929 and 1931 were rejected on this ground, and up to the present time there has been no change in the law regarding the age of a Confederate widow.

The bill you mention which is now pending before the Legislature was a bill to change the date of residence in Texas from ten to eight years and will not apply in your case if it should be adopted.

Yours very truly,



Geo. H. Sheppard
Comptroller of Public Accounts.

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June 12, 1931.

Mrs. Bettie Chambers,
512 E. Dallas St.,
Palestine, Texas.


Dear Mrs. Chambers:

I am in receipt of your application for pension, but I am sorry to advise that under the pension law you are not eligible for pension on account of your age.

The requirement of the law is that in order for the widow of a Confederate soldier to be eligible for pension, she must not be a woman born since the year 1873 and for this reason your application must be rejected.

Yours very truly,

JHE:R.

Acting State Comptroller of Public
Accounts. 

BAILEY FUNERAL HOME

ABOVE ALL -- SERVICE

PHONE 8611

PALESTINE, TEXAS

April 14, 1956

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Mr. Robert Calvert
Comptroller Office
Austin Texas

Montgomery, Ala. Pa.
+ Dallas, April 16, 1956

Dear Mr. Calvert,

We conducted the funeral
of Mrs. Bettie Chambers who died
on April 12, 1956 in Palestine, Texas.

Her family said that she
was a Confederate Veteran's Widow
and was entitled to an allowance
of \$200.00 on her funeral as such.

So, I would appreciate
your sending me all the
necessary forms so that I
may aid the family in applying
for her Mortuary Warrant as they
called it.

Yours truly,
J. P. Bailey Jr.

June 1, 1951

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Mr. J. A. Bynum
Tax Assessor-Collector
Houston County
Crockett, Texas

Dear Mr. Bynum:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 31st enclosing application for Confederate Pension of Mrs. Bettie Chambers of 512 E. Dallas Street, Palestine, Texas.

This is to advise the application of Mrs. Chambers is being approved today. Mrs. Chambers will receive formal notice of the approval of her application within the next few days. The first payment to which she is entitled will be for the month of June and warrant will be mailed to her on June 30, 1951. The payments will be \$100.00 per month.

If Mrs. Chambers should at any time change her address she should immediately notify this office.

Yours very truly,

Robert S. Calvert
Comptroller of Public Accounts.

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ROY SELMAN
COUNTY JUDGE

ROYSE HEARD
COUNTY CLERK

MISS FLORENCE SHROYER
COUNTY TREASURER

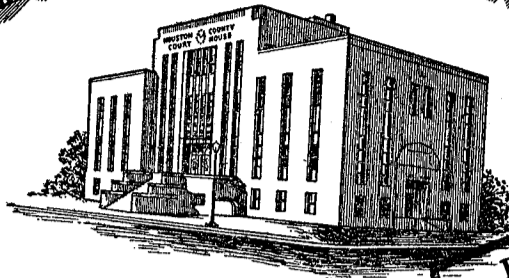
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COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT

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COUNTY AUDITOR

HARVEY BAYNE
COUNTY SERVICE OFFICER

Crockett, Texas
May 31, 1951

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State Comptroller
JUN 1 1951
No. 1
Austin, Texas

Attention:
Mr. W L Brown

Hon. R.S. Calvert
Comptroller of Public Accounts
Austin, Texas.

Dear sir:

As per your letter of May 25th., I am enclosing application for Confederate Pension by Mrs. Bettie Chambers of Palestine, Texas.

You will note that she was unable to answer some of the questions with reference to date of Husbands discharge, number of his company and his file Number. She told me that all this information, as best she could remember, was submitted by a former count Judge of Anderson County in her application referred to and he never returned the papers to her. That person is deceased.

I will personally appreciate a careful consideration of this application.

Yours very truly,

J. A. Bynum
J. A. Bynum



Palestine, Texas, May 8, 1956

Mr. L. V. Davis, Sr.
Funeral of Mrs. Betty Chambers

IN ACCOUNT WITH

BAILEY FUNERAL HOME

TOM BAILEY, OWNER

ABOVE ALL — SERVICE

107 W. CRAWFORD STREET

PHONE 8611

1956

April 12 Casket	\$ 29.50	1956
Embalming	25	1956
Dress	30	1956
Wreath	10	1956
Cemetery services	15	1956
	\$ 375	1956
" " Credit by Burial Policy	\$ 150.00	
Balance Due	\$ 225.00	

This Bill is Just, due, and is paid
May 8, 1956
Bailey Funeral Home, Palestine, Texas



State of Texas
County of Anderson:
I, S. H. Roseman
Notary Public for Anderson County, Texas
(52037)

RECEIVED
STATE COMPTROLLER
MAY 9 1956
AT
AUSTIN, TEXAS

The following is copied from an inscription on a picture hanging in the Carnegie Library in Palestine, Texas:

Group of Company A
2nd Texas Cavalry, Confederate States Army

This company was raised by Peter Hardeman about the middle of April, 1861, in the counties of Houston, Anderson, Cherokee, and Nacogdoches, calling for twenty-five men from each of these counties, and marched immediately to San Antonio, where the regiment was organized and mustered in State service on May 17, 1861, and into the Confederate service on May 23, 1861. In a few days after this, this company with a part of the regiment started on the expedition to Arizona and New Mexico and returned to San Antonio in the summer of 1862, when the regiment being again brought together, was reorganized and served until the close of the war in Texas and Louisiana and disbanded June, 1865. This company being among the first troops called for was composed of boys and young men, several of the boys being only fifteen years old. All were good, true, noble, and loyal soldiers from the rise to the fall of the Confederacy.

(Signed) J. C. King
Capt. Co. A, 2nd Tex. Cav.
Confederate Army Veterans



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Please have application for Mortuary Warrant properly executed and have the Undertaker attach a sworn itemized statement showing the cost of the funeral. Return to Robert S. Calvert, State Comptroller, Austin, Texas

APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT

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THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Anderson I, L.V. Davis

do hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the accounts and indebtedness of the late Mrs. Bettie Chambers, who was a pensioner of the State of Texas, and whose file number was 52039 and whose original county was Anderson

The said pensioner Mrs. Bettie Chambers, died on the 12 day of April, 1956, in the town of Palestine County of Anderson, Texas.

The pensioner died in the home of DeHoney Nursing Home who was related to the pensioner as Nursing Home

That the warrant, which application is hereby made for, shall be applied to paying all or part of the funeral expenses incurred by the said pensioner Mrs. Bettie Chambers

I further certify that the warrant for the current month has not been cashed by the pensioner, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I am related to the pensioner as Nephew that my postoffice address is Gen - Del

Elkhart City, Texas State

Sworn to before me this 8 day of May, 1956

Signed L.V. Davis Notary Public in and for Anderson County, State of Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKER

I, T.B. Bailey Jr., do certify that I am undertaker in the town of Palestine, County of Anderson, State of Texas that I had charge of the body of Mrs. Bettie Chambers, who died in the town of Palestine, County of Anderson, State of Texas on the 12 day of April, 1956. That said body was prepared for burial by me on the 13 day of April, 1956, and that I am of the opinion that warrant herein applied for should be issued to the said L.V. Davis who makes the foregoing application.

Signed T.B. Bailey Jr. Undertaker.

CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN



I, do certify that I am a practicing physician and that I attended in his last illness, and am of the opinion that his ailments were

I further certify that I am of the opinion that the Mortuary Warrant above requested should be issued in the name of the aforementioned applicant, in accordance with Act passed by the Thirty-eighth Legislature and approved March 2, 1925.

Signed Physician's Address April 16, 1956.

Execute, attach sworn statement showing the cost of the funeral. Return to Robert S. Calvert State Comptroller Austin, Texas

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