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FORM A.

**Soldier's Application  
for a Pension**

*Dead*

*3-4-36*

The Commissioner of Pensions reserves the right to call for additional testimony if he deems it necessary.

Name of Applicant.

*Obe Childress*

*Anderson* County.

Postoffice *Paletown*  
*Texas*

Filed *11/1/15*

Approved *Nov. 11-1915*

Pension allowed from *Mar 1-1914*

Rejected

*J. C. Jones*

Commissioner of Pensions.

For Use of Soldiers Who Are in Indigent Circumstances

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Anderson

I, O. Childress do hereby make application to the Commissioner of Pensions for a pension to be granted me under the Act passed by the 33rd Legislature of the State of Texas, and approved April 7, 1913, on the following grounds:

I enlisted and served in the military service of the Confederate States during the war between the States of the United States, and that I did not desert the Confederate service, but during said war I was loyal and true to my duty, and never at any time voluntarily abandoned my post of duty in the said service; or (that I was in the service of the State of Texas during the war, to protect said State against the Indians and Mexicans for more than 6 months). That I was honorably discharged or surrendered.

At close of war I was a paroled prisoner from Vicksburg, Miss

(Give date and cause.)

that I have been a bona fide citizen of this State since prior to January 1, A. D. 1900, and have been continuously since a citizen of the State of Texas. I do further state that I do not hold any National, State, city or county office which pays me a salary or fees of \$300.00 per annum, nor have I an income from any other employment or other source whatsoever which amounts to \$300.00 per annum, nor do I receive from any source whatever money or other means of support amounting in value to the sum of \$300.00 per annum, nor do I own in my own right, nor does any one hold in trust for my benefit or use, nor does my wife own, nor does any one hold in trust for my wife, estate or property, either real, personal or mixed, either in fee or for life, of the assessed value of over one thousand dollars, exclusive of a home of the value of not more than \$1000.00; nor do I receive any aid or pension from any other State, or from the United States, or from any other source, and that I am not an inmate of the Confederate Home, and I do further state that the answers given to the following questions are true:

1. What is your age? 69 years of age.
2. Where were you born? Winston County, Miss.
3. How long have you resided in Texas? Since 1866 continuously.
4. In what county do you reside? Anderson County.
5. How long have you resided in said county, and what is your postoffice address? Since 1875 - P.O. in Palestine, Texas.
6. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate pension law and been rejected? If rejected, state when and where. No.
7. What is your occupation, if able to engage in one? None. What is your physical condition? Fair
8. In what State was the command in which you served organized? Mississippi
9. How long did you serve? Give, if possible, the date of enlistment and discharge. Enlisted in Nov 1862 and served until surrender of Vicksburg in July 1863.
10. What was the letter of your company, number of battalion, regiment or battery? Company C - 3d Bat Miss State Troops
- Give the name of your colonel, lieutenant-colonel and major Burgan Colonel, Calomere war captain
11. If transferred from one command to another, give time of transfer, name of command and time of service. No



12. What branch of the service did you enlist in—infantry, cavalry, artillery or navy? Infantry

13. If commissioned direct by the President, what was your rank and line of duty?

*W - a Private*

14. If detailed for special service, under the law of conscription, what was the nature of your service and how long did you serve?

*Never detailed - a Volunteer*

15. What is the assessed value of your home, if you own a home?

*Own none - Nothing*

16. What is the assessed value of your other property?

*Nothing*

17. Have you transferred to others any property of any kind for the purpose of becoming a beneficiary under this law?

*W.*

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

(Signature of Applicant.)

*O Childress*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *30* day of *Oct -*, A. D. 191*5*

*E. V. Swift*

[Seal.]

County Judge *Anderson* County, Texas.

### AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of *Anderson*

Before me *E. V. Swift*, County Judge of *Anderson* County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared *T. H. Knighten & Henry Davis*

known to me to be credible citizens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know

*O. Childress*, the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the said *O. Childress* has been a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas since prior to January 1, A. D. 1900, and that they have no interest in his claim.

(Signature of Witness) *T. H. Knighten*

(Signature of Witness) *Henry Davis*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *30* day of *Oct -*, A. D. 191*5*

*E. V. Swift*

[Seal.]

County Judge *Anderson* County, Texas.

### AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of *Anderson*

Before me *G. S. Gage* Notary Public for *Anderson* County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared *Charles B. Weir and Mrs. Weir*

who are personally known to me to be credible citizens, who, being by me sworn, on oath state that they are per-

sonally acquainted with the foregoing applicant, and that the facts set forth and statements made in his application are correct and true, to the best of their knowledge and belief, and that they have no interest in his claim, and said applicant's habits are good and free from dishonor. And *They* further make oath to the following facts touching the applicant's service in the Confederate Army: (State fully your source of knowledge.)

*Testimony of Chas. B. Weir says that he was in the Confederate service with the applicant Obe Childress in the State of Miss. M. A. Weir says that he Obe Childress was in the Confederate service*

(Signature of Witness) *Edward B. Weir*  
(Signature of Witness) *M. A. Weir*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *9* day of *Oct*, A. D. 191*3*

*G. E. Gage* Notary Public for  
~~County Judge~~ *Anderson* County, Texas.

[Seal.]

**CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR**

I, *R. R. Sadler*, State and County Assessor in the County of *Anderson* State of Texas, do certify that *Obe Childress*, or his wife, or his trustee, or trustee for his wife, 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 *Nothing* Dollars, and of other property, real or personal, or both, of the value of *Nothing* Dollars.

Given under my hand, this *31* day of *oct*, A. D. 191*3*

*R. R. Sadler*  
State and County Assessor.



(COPY)

Vicksburg, Mississippi, July 9th, 1863.

To all whom it may Concern, Know ye That:

I O. Childres a private of Co. C 3d Bat Miss State Troops in service of C. S. A., being a Prisoner of War, in the hands of the United States Forces, in virtue of the capitulation of the City of Vicksburg and its garrison, by Lieut. Gen. John C. Pemberton, C.S.A., Commanding, on the 4th day of July, 1863, do in pursuance of the terms of said capitulation, give this my solemn parole under oath--

That I will not take up arms again against the United States, nor serve in any military, police, or constabulary force in any Fort, Garrison or field work, held by the Confederate States of America, against the United States of America, nor as guard of prisons, depots or stores, nor discharge any duties usually performed by Officers or soldiers, against the United States of America, until duly exchanged by the proper authorities.

O. Childres

Sworn to and subscribed before me at Vicksburg, Miss, this 10 day of July 1863.

Geo C McKee

11 Reg't Ills Infty Vols

Major and Paroling Officer.



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Wellington Tex

March 19, 1936

MAR 21 1936

War Department,  
Washington D. C.

Gentlemen, — My Father, who died March 13, was a Confederate soldier. I want to put the name of his Company on his monument and can't recall what it was. Can you give me this information? He enlisted in Mississippi, about 1861 or 2 — surrendered at the end of the "Siege of Vicksburg" to Grant's Army. If you can give me any thing to let me know what Company he was in I will appreciate it. His name was,

anderson yours, Obe Childress

32201 Zeffie Childress

March 21, 1936.

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Miss Zeffie Childress  
Wellington, Texas.

Dear Miss Childress:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 19 requesting the service record of Obe Childress as a Confederate Soldier.

The records of this office show that Obe Childress filed application for Confederate Pension in the State of Texas in 1915 and the same was approved under file number 32201. He received a Confederate Pension until his death in March, 1936. He enlisted in November 1862 and served until the close of the war where he was paroled as a prisoner in Vicksburg, Mississippi. He was a private in Company C, (Capt. W. W. Calmes) 3d Battalion (Lieutenant Colonel, T. A. Burgan) Mississippi State Troops, Confederate States Army.

Yours very truly,

JHTB

Comptroller of Public  
Accounts.

a duplicate of this  
parole it will be a  
benefit to me in my  
old age and highly  
Appreciated.

Yours Truly,  
Obe Childress  
Montalba, R. F. D. #1  
Anderson County  
Texas

TX

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

1534955

Address: "The Adjutant General,  
War Department, Washington, D. C."

1 incl WAR DEPARTMENT, 1534955

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, June 21, 1909.

*Respectfully returned to*

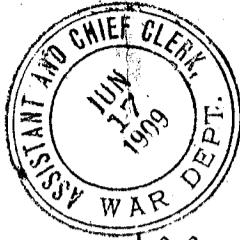
Mr. Obe Childress,  
R. F. D. #1,  
Montalba, Texas,

with a copy of the parole of O. Child-  
ress; private, Company C, 3d Battalion,  
Mississippi State Troops.

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*J. M. ...*  
The Adjutant General.

[A. G. O. 72-1]



SECRETARY'S OFFICE  
JUN 17 1909  
WAR DEPARTMENT.

Montalba Texas

June 10, 1909

Jacob, M. Dickinson

Secretary of War,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir-

I was made prisoner  
of war at the fall of  
Vicksburg July 4, 1863,  
by General Grant, TX

I belonged to Calouse's  
company, Bergone's battal-  
ion, of Pemberton's Army

I was paroled there  
and if you will be  
so kind as to give me

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**E. V. SWIFT**

Attorney-At-Law  
**COUNTY JUDGE**  
Anderson County



Palestine, Texas, Oct. 30th. 1915.

Hon. J. C. Jones,  
Pension Commissioner,  
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I herewith enclose to you pension application of Mr. Obe Childress. I have known Mr. Childress many years, and can sincerely recommend him as a good citizen, and ask that his application be granted.

Yours very truly,



*E. V. Swift*  
County Judge.



J. C. JONES, COMMISSIONER

OFFICE OF  
COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS  
STATE OF TEXAS  
AUSTIN

To the Adjutant General,

War Department,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to request the military record of Obe Childress who is reported to have enlisted in Company C, Regiment 3 Batt, Miss. State Troops, Col. Burgan, Capt. Calomese Infantry in service in the Confederate States Army.

Purpose: The \_\_\_\_\_ person above named is an applicant for a Confederate pension granted by the State, and I desire to verify his proof of service.

Very respectfully,



J. C. Jones  
Commissioner of Pensions.

Was this part  
of the C. S. A.

WAR DEPARTMENT,


THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, NOV. 9, 1915.

Respectfully returned to the

Commissioner of Pensions,  
State of Texas, Austin.

The records show that O. Childress (name also borne as O. Childers, but not found as Obe Childress), private, Co. C. (Capt. W.W. Calmes), 3d Batt'n (Lieutenant Colonel T.A. Borgan) Mississippi State Troops, Confederate States Army, enlisted July 30, 1862, and that he was captured July 4, and paroled July 10, 1863, at Vicksburg, Miss. No later record of him has been found.



The Adjutant General.

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NOV 5 1915

R. A. GARNER  
SUP'T POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

G. H. TURNER  
SUP'T RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

DR. G. P. BARNES  
SUP'T STREETS AND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

# City of Palestine

Gen. A. Wright, Mayor

O. C. FUNDERBURK, CITY ATTORNEY

O. C. CUTTER  
CITY TAX ASSESSOR AND COLLECTOR

C. O. MILLER, CITY SECRETARY

J. W. SAMMONS, CITY ENGINEER

JOHN T. MIDDLETON  
CHIEF OF POLICE

*Palestine, Texas,*

April 11, 1918.

Honorable Commissioner of Pensions,

Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

If consistent with the rules of your Department, will you kindly advise me if you are paying to one O. B. (or Obe) Childress of this, Anderson County, a PENSION and if so the date of his application, or when payments on such pension was begun.

Thanking you in advance for this information, I am,

Very truly yours.

*C. O. Miller*  
City Secretary.

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*An ...*



April 12, 1918.

Mr. C. O. Miller,  
Palestine, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 11, beg to state that Obe Childress of Anderson County filed an application for a pension with this department November 1, 1915 and same was approved November 11, 1915. His first payment was due February 28, 1916. Our records show that he is still on the pension roll.

Hoping this is the information you desire, I am

Yours truly,

J. C. Jones,  
Commissioner of Pensions

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APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Collingsworth } I, Zeffie Childress
do hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the accounts and indebtedness of
the late Abe Childress, who was a pensioner of the State of
Texas, and whose file number was 32201 and whose original county was Anderson

The said pensioner Abe Childress, died on the
11 day of February, 1936, in the town of Wellington
County of Collingsworth, Texas.

The pensioner died in the home of Zeffie Childress
who was related to the pensioner as daughter

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

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 daughter
that my postoffice address is 1101 Galveston St.
Wellington City Texas

Signed Zeffie Childress

Sworn to before me this 9th day of March, 1936

Notary Public in and for Notary Public State of Texas.

Must return before
40 days expires from
date of Pensioners' death

CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKER

I, D. G. Eeiv, do certify that I am undertaker in the
town of Wellington, County of Collingsworth, State of Texas
that I had charge of the body of Abe Childress, who died in the
town of Wellington, County of Collingsworth, State of Texas
on the 11th day of February 1936. That said body was prepared for burial by me
on the 11th day of February 1936, and that I am of the opinion that
warrant herein applied for should be issued to the said Zeffie Childress
who makes the foregoing application.

Signed D. G. Eeiv Undertaker.

CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN

I, DR. CLIFTON E. HIGH, do certify that I am a practicing
physician, and that I attended Abe Childress in his last illness, and
am of the opinion that his ailments were Pneumonia, following
influenza.

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, 1923.

Signed Clifton E. High M.D.

Physician's Address Wellington Texas

39720 Feb 1936
Cancelled

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