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FORM NO. 1—AMENDED  
OCTOBER 1, 1902. *Chapman*

Confederate Pension Application.

Name of Applicant, *3009*

*A. T. Richardson*

*Ark. Tenn.* County,

Post Office *Mount Airy*

Comptroller's File No. ....

I have carefully examined the within application for pension, together with the proof in support thereof, and I recommend that the application be

*Disapproved*  
this day of *MAR 31 1902*

A. D.

*S. A. Bell*  
Chief Pension Clerk

I hereby *Disapprove* the within application for pension, this *MAR 31 1902* day of

A. D.

*W. B. ...*  
Comptroller

No Application Rejected by County Judge or County Commissioner's Should be Forwarded to Comptroller.

WOMERSCHMANN, SCHUTZE & CO., PRINTERS, AUSTIN, TEXAS.

NOTE—The law provides that pensions can begin only on the first day of April and October of each year.

FORM No. 1. Amended October 1, 1902.

APPLICATION of Indigent Soldier or Sailor of the late Confederacy for pension under the Act of May 12, 1899. Hereafter use no other blank but this.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }  
 COUNTY OF Anderson }

To the Honorable County Judge of Anderson County, Texas.

Your petitioner, A. J. Richardson respectfully represents that he is a resident citizen of Anderson County, in the State of Texas, and that he makes this application for the purpose of obtaining a pension under the act passed by the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Texas, and approved May 12, A. D. 1899, the same being an act entitled "An act to carry into effect the amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing that aid may be granted to disabled and dependent Confederate soldiers, sailors, and their widows under certain conditions, and to make an appropriation therefor," and I do solemnly swear that the answers I have given to the following questions are true.

NOTE—Applicant must make answer to all of the following questions, and such answers must be written out plainly in ink.

- Q. What is your name? Answer A. J. Richardson
- Q. What is your age? Answer 64
- Q. In what County do you reside? Answer Anderson
- Q. How long have you resided in said County and what is your post office address? Answer Resided in Anderson County 23 years, Montalba Texas.
- Q. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate Pension Law heretofore, and been rejected? If so, state when and where. Answer No
- Q. What is your occupation if able to engage in one? Answer Farming
- Q. What is your physical condition? Answer Rheumatism
- Q. If your physical condition is such that you are unable by your own labor to earn a support, state what caused such disability. Answer Old age and Rheumatism.
- Q. In what State was your command originally organized? Answer Mississippi
- Q. How long did you serve? Give date of enlistment and discharge. Answer About 3 years. Enlisted Spring of 1862 & served until close of war.
- Q. What was the name or letter of your company and name or number of your regiment? Answer Company #6 Mississippi Regiment
- Q. State whether you served in the infantry, artillery, cavalry, or the navy. Answer Infantry & Cavalry
- Q. State whether or not you have received any pension or veteran donation land certificate under any previous law, and if you answer in the affirmative state what pension or veteran donation land certificate you have received. Answer No
- Q. What real and personal property do you now own, and what is the present value of such property? Give list of such property and value. Answer 26 acres of land, valued at \$4,000, 2 ponies, 1 mule, valued at \$150.00, 15 head cattle, valued at \$75.00

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- Q. What property, and what was the value thereof, have you sold or conveyed within two years prior to the date of this application? Answer *\$1 mule for \$100.00*
- Q. What estate has your wife in her own right, real and personal, and what is its value? Answer *None*
- Q. What income, if any, do you receive? Answer *None*
- Q. Are you in indigent circumstances; that is, are you in actual want, and destitute of property and means of subsistence? Answer *Yes*
- Q. Are you unable by your labor to earn a support? Answer *Yes*
- Q. Have you transferred to others any property of value of any kind for the purpose of becoming a beneficiary under this law? Answer *No*
- Q. Did you ever desert the Confederacy? Answer *No*
- Q. Have you been continuously since the first day of January, 1880, a bona fide resident citizen of this State? Answer *Yes*
- Q. If you originally enlisted in the Confederate service from the State of Texas, were you at the date of the passage of this act, a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas? Answer \_\_\_\_\_

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

(Signature of Applicant)

*A. J. Richardson*  
*August*  
*1906*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *2* day of *August* A. D. *1906*

(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 *R. E. Erwin*

County Judge of *Anderson* County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared *N. M. Brown*

who are personally known to me to be credible citizens, who being by me duly sworn on oath, state that they personally know *A. J. Richardson* the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the said *A. J. Richardson* is unable to support himself by labor of any sort.

(Signature of Witness) *N. M. Brown*

(Signature of Witness) *W. M. Montgomery*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *2nd* day of *July* A. D. *1908*

(SEAL)

County Judge *Anderson* County, Texas.

AFFIDAVIT OF PHYSICIAN.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF Anderson

Before me R. E. Erwin

County Judge of Anderson County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared

J. H. Keel

....., who is a reputable practicing physician of this County, who being by me duly sworn on oath, states that he has carefully and thoroughly examined A. J. Richardson applicant for a pension, and finds him laboring under the following disabilities which render him unable to labor at any work or calling sufficient to earn a support for himself: Rheumatism and heart trouble.

(Signature of Physician) J. H. Keel M.D.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17 day of April A. D. 1908

(SEAL.)

R. E. Erwin  
County Judge Anderson County, State of Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY JUDGE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF Anderson

I, R. E. Erwin

County Judge of Anderson County, State of Texas, do hereby certify that on the 2

day of August A. D. 1906, before me came on to be heard the application of A. J. Richardson for pension under the Confederate Pension Law of this

State, approved May 12, A. D. 1899; that the answers of said applicant to the questions propounded were made under oath as the same appear in writing in the foregoing application; that the affidavits of the witnesses who are credible citizens were made before me as the same hereinbefore appear, and that the foregoing affidavit of Doctor J. H. Keel

who is a reputable practicing physician of this county, was made before me. I also certify that the said applicant.....

A. J. Richardson is not an inmate of the Texas Confederate Home, nor otherwise disqualified under the provision of Section 12, of the Confederate Pension Law. I further certify that after considering all the proceedings had before me relative to the said application for a pension by the said A. J. Richardson

I find the said applicant is lawfully entitled to the pension provided by the Confederate Pension Law of this State, and I hereby approve said application.

Witness my hand and seal of office at Calistone this 13

day of May A. D. 1908

(SEAL.)

R. E. Erwin  
County Judge Anderson County, State of Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.



THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF Anderson

We, the undersigned members of the Commissioners Court of

Anderson County, Texas, hereby certify that the foregoing application of.....

A. J. Richardson for a pension, together with the proof in support thereof, was duly submitted

by Hon. R. E. Erwin County Judge of this Anderson

County, to the Commissioners of this Anderson County, at a regular term thereof on the 11

day of May A. D. 1908, and after a careful consideration of the same we find the said applicant

is lawfully entitled to the pension provided for by the Confederate Pension Law of this State, and we hereby approve said application.

Witness our hands and seal of office at Calistone this 13

day of May A. D. 1908

(SEAL.)

(Signature of Commissioners)

J. F. Nash  
W. H. Farish  
W. M. Hammett  
W. M. Brown

EX PARTE

*A. J. Richardson*  
Applicant for Confederate Pension.

Pending in the Honorable Commissioners Court  
of *Anderson* County, Texas,  
before the Honorable County Judge of said County.

The Honorable County Judge of *Anderson* County, Texas,  
will please take notice that, five days after the service hereof, applicant herein will apply to the Clerk of the County Court of  
said County and State, for a commission to take the depositions of *S. D. Chamberlin*  
and *Miss* who reside in the County of *Nowata* in  
the State of *Miss.* in answer to the following interrogatories and such cross interrogatories as may be  
propounded by the County Judge of said County, which will be read in evidence upon the hearing of applicant's claim for pension  
in behalf of applicant; said testimony is material and indispensable to applicant in furnishing the required proof to his claim  
for a pension under the Act of May 12, 1899, the application for which is now pending before the Honorable County Judge, and  
the facts necessary and required to be proven under the provisions of said Act, applicant believes can not be proven by any  
witness residing in the County of *Anderson* and State of Texas, of which he is a bona fide resident.

*A. J. Richardson*  
(Applicant) Attorney for Applicant.

Direct Interrogatories to be propounded to the Witness

*S. D. Chamberlin*

- INT. 1. What is your name? Age? Present place of residence and postoffice address?
- INT. 2. Do you personally know, or did you at any time know *A. J. Richardson* who is an applicant for pension under Act of May 12, 1899?
- INT. 3. How long have you known the said *A. J. Richardson* applicant for pension and when and where did you first know him?
- INT. 4. Do you personally know that the said *A. J. Richardson* applicant for pension enlisted in the service of the Confederacy, and performed the duties of a soldier or a sailor?
- INT. 5. Do you personally know in what company and regiment the said *A. J. Richardson* applicant, enlisted and served in the Confederate army? When? Where? And the time of service? If you personally knew and so have stated that he enlisted and served in the Confederate navy, then state: When? Where? And how long he so served?
- INT. 6. Do you further know that *A. J. Richardson* the said applicant for pension, is unable to support himself by labor of any sort?

*1st S. D. Chamberlin. 63, Shugardok - Shugardok Miss*  
*2. Yes*  
*3. I have known him from boyhood. Keuper Co. Miss*  
*4. I do. 1863, Nowata Co. Miss. about 2 years*  
*5. Thomas Cal. Co. which I was a priv. - Perrins Reg. Jacksons division - 1863. Nowata Co. 2 years*  
*6. I do not*

CROSS INTERROGATORIES.



To be Propounded to *Waived*

~~Cross INTERROGATORY 1. If, in answer to the foregoing direct interrogatories, you have stated that you personally know or did know said applicant, and that you know that he enlisted in the service of the Confederacy and performed the duties of a soldier or sailor, and having named the company and regiment in which applicant so enlisted and served, then please state fully what is your source of such knowledge? And state whether or not you know or at any you knew of any other soldier or sailor by the name of \_\_\_\_\_ serving in the same company or regiment in which you say the said applicant \_\_\_\_\_ enlisted or if you have stated that said applicant enlisted and served in the navy of the Confederacy, then state whether or not you know~~

any other sailor of the same name as said ..... applicant,  
serving in the same command?

If you say that you so knew other soldiers or sailors of the same name of applicant's, then can you and how do you identify  
and locate the one from the other or others?

Cross INT. 2. Are you positively certain that said ..... applicant  
for pension, is the identical person serving as testified by you?

Cross INT. 3. If you have answered Direct Interrogatory No. 6 in the affirmative, then please state your source of  
knowledge or information? Is not this your answer simply based on conjecture?

Cross INT. 4. Do you know whether or not the said ..... applicant  
for pension, ever deserted the service in the Confederate army or navy?

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THE STATE OF TEXAS, )

County of Anderson )

I, A. E. Erwin .....

County Judge of said County, in said State,  
do hereby waive copy of interrogatories, notice, time and issuance of commission, and it is hereby agreed that the answers to the  
hereinabove direct and cross interrogatories of the said herein named witness ..... may be attached hereto.

A. E. Erwin  
County Judge Anderson County, Texas.

A. J. Richardson  
(Applicant) Attorney ..... for Applicant.

Application for Confederate Pension.  
In Re  
IN COMMISSIONERS COURT,  
Anderson County, Texas,  
Pending before County Judge of said County.  
EX PARTE  
A. J. Richardson  
Applicant.  
INTERROGATORIES  
PROFOUNDED TO  
J. D. Chamberlain  
Witnesses  
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DEPOSITION IN PENSION CLAIMS, WITH CAPTION AND CERTIFICATES.

EX PARTE

IN RE APPLICANT FOR CONFEDERATE PENSION

*A. J. Richardson*

Under Act May 12, 1899, pending in County Commissioners Court of *Anderson*

Applicant for Confederate Pension.

County, Texas, before the Honorable County Judge of said County.

Answers and depositions of (1)

to the accompanying interrogations (2)

propounded to \_\_\_\_\_ in the above entitled cause taken before (3)

in accordance with the accompanying (5)

To the first interrogatory the said

Witness, answers

*S. D. Chamberlain*  
*S. D. Chamberlain - 63,*  
*Shugrout Tex. Co. Miss. Shugrout*  
*Tex. Co. Miss.*

*2 Yes*  
*3 I have known him from boy*  
*hood, Kempner Co. Miss*  
*4 I do, 1863, Tex. Co. Miss about*  
*2 years*

*5 Thomas Co. Texas regiment Jackson*  
*division of Cavalry 1863 Tex. Co*  
*2 years*

*6 I do not.*

*I was a lieutenant in the Co. in*  
*which Richardson enlisted*



Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 3 day of Feb., 1908

S. D. Chamberlain

THE STATE OF Mississippi,  
COUNTY OF Hoxover I, Mr. E. Bump Notary Public  
(Here give name and official character of officer before whom taken.)

do hereby certify that S. D. Chamberlain  
and \_\_\_\_\_ are personally known to me to be credible citizens of said

County and State, and that the foregoing answers of S. D. Chamberlain  
the witness before named, and \_\_\_\_\_

whose name appear signed to the foregoing deposition, were made before me  
and were sworn to and subscribed before me, by said witness (4) \_\_\_\_\_

Given under my hand and official seal, this the 3 day of March, 1908.  
(L. S.) Mr. E. Bump  
Notary Public

NOTE.—In Texas, any Clerk of the District Court, any Judge and Clerk of the County Court, or any Notary Public or Justice of the Peace, within their respective Counties, are authorized to take depositions.  
Out of the State and within the United States—any Clerk of a Court of record having a seal, any Notary Public, or any Commissioner of Deeds of Texas.

File No. \_\_\_\_\_  
In the Commissioners Court  
OF  
Hudson County, Texas,  
Before the Honorable County Judge of said County.

EX PARTE  
A. J. Richardson  
Applicant for Confederate Pension

DEPOSITION  
OF  
S. D. Chamberlain

Witness for Applicant  
Filed \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_ 190\_\_\_\_  
Clerk.  
By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy.

Fee for taking Deposition, \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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- (1) Here give the name and residence of each witness.
- (2) Here state "and cross interrogatories," if any.
- (3) Here give the name and official character of the person taking the deposition.
- (4) Here state "respectively," if more than one witness.
- (5) Here state whether "Commission, or agreement," if Commission was waived.

Application of A. J. Richardson for a Confederate Pension.

Before the Hon. Commissioner's Court, Anderson County, Texas.

The State of Texas |

County of Anderson | Before me R. E. Erwin County Judge in and for  
Anderson County, Texas, on this day personally appeared S. C. Van Dender  
der who after being duly sworn on oath says, that he resides in  
Palestine, Texas and that his P. O. Address is Palestine, Texas, he is  
63 years of age, that he personally knows A. J. Richardson the applicant  
for a pension and has known him ever since he was a small boy, knew him  
first in Kemper County, Miss. I know that the applicant enlisted in the  
Service of the Confederacy and performed the duties of a soldier in  
Co. K 46 Regiment Miss. Volunteers (Infantry). He enlisted in Kemper  
Co. Miss. in 1862 and served during the campaign around Vicksburg Miss.  
I was a member of the same Co. In the early part of 1863 he was transfer-  
ed to Cavalry Co. in a regiment attached to Armstrongs Brigade where he  
did service as a soldier until the close of the war. He served in all to  
the best of my knowledge about three years. I do not know of my personal  
knowledge as the physical and financial condition of the applicant  
therefore, cannot testify as to his condition. I know that the applicant  
done good service as a soldier and never deserted the Confederacy.

S. C. Van Dender

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this the 25th day of Feb. 1907.

R. E. Erwin

Co. Judge in and for Anderson Co. Texas.





## Comptroller's Department

State of Texas

Austin SEP 8 - 1908

J. W. STEPHENS, COMPTROLLER  
JOHN T. SMITH, CHIEF CLERK

## Adjutant General

To the Military Secretary,

War Department,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to request the military record of

*A. J. Richardson* who is reported to have enlisted in  
 Company *Thomas'* *46<sup>th</sup>* Regiment *Mississippi Infantry*  
 in the service of the Confederate States army.

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

Very respectfully,

*J. W. Stephens*  
 Comptroller



ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
WAR DEPARTMENT  
1424417

*Quentin Stearns*  
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*A. F. Richardson*  
*Thomas Co - 46 New York*  
*ASB*

*Texas - State of*  
*J M Stephens Capt*

*Records of Service are*  
*appreciated for State*  
*Pension.*

Received A.G.O. SEP 11 1908

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

WAR DEPARTMENT, 1424417  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
WASHINGTON, September 15, 1908.

Respectfully returned to the  
Comptroller,  
State of Texas,  
Austin.

It is shown by the records that  
A. F. Richardson, 1st corporal,  
Company K, 6th Battalion Mississippi  
Volunteers, subsequently Company K,  
46th Mississippi Infantry, Confed-  
erate States Army, enlisted July  
8, 1861. He is reported on the roll  
for January and February, 1864 (last  
on file), as sergeant, absent without  
leave since February 9, 1864; reduced  
to ranks February 9, 1864.

The records of prisoners of war  
at Camp Douglas, Illinois, show  
that he was captured July 10, 1864,  
at Chattanooga, Georgia, and that  
he enlisted in Company I, 6th  
United States Volunteers, April 2,  
1865.

*A. F. Richardson*  
The Adjutant General.

[A.G.O. 72-1]



Comptroller's Department,

State of Texas,

Austin.

J. W. STEPHENS, COMPTROLLER.  
~~JOHN W. STEPHENS~~, CHIEF CLERK.  
B. F. TEAGUE.

May 26, 1908.

Hon. R. E. Erwin,  
Palestine, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I return the application of A. J. Richardson for a pension in order to enable him to make proof that he is unable to support himself by labor of any sort.

Yours truly,

*B. F. Teague*  
Acting Comptroller

Bolmes-L.



*I herewith return the Richardson papers with to objection removed.*

*Wm. Sprague*

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Palistine, Texas, July 29/1909

Hon. J. W. Stearns, Comptroller  
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir,

I received, this morning, a letter addressed to A. C. Williams from your department, ~~reference~~ dated the 18<sup>th</sup> of May, 09, and referring to the application of A. J. or A. F. Richardson for Pension.

A. F. (Ab. F.) and A. J. (Andrew J.) Richardson are two different men, though brothers. I will take up Ab. (A. F.) first. In the early Spring of 1861, Capt Enoch McDonald (afterwards Major McDonald of the 40<sup>th</sup> Miss. Regt.) made up the first Company in Kemper County, Miss. Did not go into any regiment from Miss. but went to Virginia and offered his services to Genl Henry A. Wise, who was then a Brigadier General. Was accepted and placed in a Virginia regiment, numbered 59, and commanded by Col. Shaw. There was a Louisiana Company also in that regiment, and known as Wise's Legion. Ab. F. Richardson was a member of the Company then as a private. He never was a Corporal.

There was no 6<sup>th</sup> Miss. Battalion. There was a full regt. 6<sup>th</sup> Miss. but A. F. Richardson never belonged to that regt. TX

During the latter part of 1861, or the first part of 1862, Wise's Legion was captured at Roanoke Island by General Burnside's forces. And after being kept for a while, was

2/ paroled, and returned to their homes until exchanged,  
 Capt. McDonald was not with the Company in that  
 Campaign, but was in Mississippi ~~re~~ getting recruits,  
 made up a new Company and went to the 40<sup>th</sup> Miss, where he  
 was soon promoted to Major, and was killed at the battle  
 of Corinth, Miss. Lieut. D. C. Durham was in Command  
 of the Company when it was Captured.

Sometime in 1862, the Roanoke Island prisoners were  
 exchanged. What was known as Co "F" 59 Virginia, reorgan-  
 ized and elected new officers. D. C. Durham was elected Cap-  
 tain, and amongst the non-commissioned officers appointed,  
 A. F. Richardson was made 5<sup>th</sup> Sergeant. He continued as such  
 up to the time of his Capture in 1864. Our Company was  
 assigned to the 9<sup>th</sup> Miss Battalion at Vicksburg, and there  
 already being nine Companies in it, our Company made a full regt,  
 and numbered 46<sup>th</sup>, and ours being the last Company, was "Co. K."  
 He was not absent without leave in Feby, 1864, because I was  
 with the Company then, and I made up all of the Muster  
 Rolls. He was never Court Martialed, nor was never reduced  
 to ranks. He was not Captured July 30<sup>th</sup> at Chatta<sup>Ga</sup>hoochee, I  
 was in that fight myself, and know that not one of our Comp-  
 any was Captured. He was Captured sometime in October 1864,<sup>Colo</sup>  
 Genl Hood made his celebrated flank movement into Tennessee.  
 I was not with the Command through Tenn, I was wounded  
 and Captured at Allatoona fight in Georgia, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> 1864.  
 A. F. Richardson wrote to me, of recent date, that he was in  
 Camp Douglas when Genl Lee surrendered April 9<sup>th</sup> 1865.  
 Was there when Lincoln was assassinated April 14/65.  
 Was there when Joseph Johnson surrendered to Sherman April  
 26<sup>th</sup> 1865. And that the Charges against him are false.

3/ I well know that some of them are false, From Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> 1864 until sometime in the early spring <sup>1865</sup>, I never saw the Command. I was kept about two months as a prisoner of war, and on account of being wounded, I was paroled and returned to my home, but went to the Command at Meridian, Miss, after the Spanish Fort fight, My parole forbids me doing any duty, but I did make up a Muster roll of the Company, and reported those that had been Captured in Northern Prison.


I can say to the credit to A. F. Richardson, he was a good soldier, and prompt in the discharge of all duties incumbent upon him, and unswervingly went into battle, He was never found wanting,

If you wish to investigate further his case, and find if I have made a true statement or not, I will refer you to Capt. D. C. Durham, Meridian, Miss, or D. D. Durham, Longview, Texas, or to D. C. Chamberlin, Sweetwater, Texas, who was 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant of Co. K 46<sup>th</sup> Miss. Regt.

Capt. Enoch McDonald, mentioned in the first part of this, was the father of Capt. W. J. (Bill) McDonald, Supt. of Revenue, Austin, and Capt Durham is his uncle, He will remember when his father made up the Company.

— A. F. Richardson is a resident of Tyler County, Texas —

Now, in regard to A. J. (Commonly called Andy) Richardson, but little need be said. He was with our Company — Co. K. 46<sup>th</sup> Miss. at Vicksburg, Miss. several months, He was serving in his brother John Richardson's place, while he was off on an extended furlough. He performed Camp duties that is required of a soldier. Was in one fight, and a hard one, at Chickasaw Bayou above Vicksburg, where we repulsed Sherman with heavy loss.

When his brother returned to the Command,  Andy joined a Cavalry Company and was attached to Genl.

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 Armstrongs Brigade, and served during the balance of  
 the War. That was from the Spring of 1863 to the close in  
 1865. When the War closed, A. J. Richardson returned to his  
 home. I saw him several times myself before I left for Texas,  
 He never was Captained, He made a good soldier when  
 he was with us at Vicksburg, and ~~he~~ one of his Lieutenants,  
 S. D. Chamberlin, Shuqualak, Miss. told me a few weeks  
 ago - I was there on a visit - that Andy was one of the  
 best soldiers of his Company,

If any Ex-Confederate soldier deserves a pension, Andy  
 Richardson does, He is almost helpless, He lives about 15  
 miles north west of Palestine.

Yours Truly  
 S. C. Van Deventer