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FORM B.

WIDOW'S APPLICATION FOR A PENSION

12-20-37 *Wheat*

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

Name of Applicant

Miss Sarah A. Steppard

County

R. F. D. or Street No.

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Postoffice *Montalba, Texas*

Filed August 11th, 1938.

Approved June 24th, 1938.

Pension allowed from June 1st, 1929.

Rejected

A. H. Penell
Comptroller of Public Accounts.

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Form 111B

Widow's Application for Confederate Pension

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Anderson

I, Mrs. Sarah A. Stafford 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 Wm Jefferson Stafford deceased, who departed this life on the 15th day of January, A. D. 1894, 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 2nd day of December, A. D. 1872, in the county of Anderson in the State of Texas

My husband, the said Wm Jefferson Stafford, 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? 78 yrs - Born Nov. 23 - 1850
 2. Where were you born? Anderson County, Texas
 3. How long have you resided in the State of Texas? 78 years
 4. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? 73 years - 5 yrs Henderson
 5. What is your postoffice address? Montalva, Sept. R.F.D. # 2
 6. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate pension law and been rejected? No
- If rejected, state when and where Never
7. Did your husband draw a pension? No If so, give his file number None
 8. What is your husband's full name? William Jefferson Stafford
 9. In what State was your husband's command originally organized? Mississippi
 10. How long did your husband serve? 4 years If known to you, give date of enlistment and discharge Do not know
 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.) Co. B. First Reg. - Organized in Jasper Co. Mississippi - or he enlisted there
 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. I am not certain - probably Cavalry

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 be had in the premises as required by law.

(Signature of Applicant) Sarah A. Stafford (IX)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th day of August, A. D. 1928

E. H. Shelton
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, E. H. Shelton, County Judge of Anderson County,
State of Texas, on this day personally appeared Geo. Ward, Jr. and
V. P. Dodson, 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. Sarah A. Stafford, applicant for a pension as the widow of William Jefferson Stafford deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of W. J. Jefferson Stafford 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) Geo. Ward, Jr.

(Signature of Witness) V. P. Dodson

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 6th day of August, A. D. 1928

E. H. Shelton
County Judge Anderson County, Texas.

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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 Susie Wall and
L. E. Coleman, 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 Mrs. Sarah A. Stafford 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) Susie Wall

(Signature of Witness) L. E. Coleman

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 6th day of August, A. D. 1928

E. H. Shelton
County Judge Anderson County, Texas.

[Seal.]

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 Anderson

Before me, E. H. Shelton, County Judge of Anderson County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared E. M. Kale and J. A. Price, 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) just after the civil war a man by the name of Kennedy and Wm Jefferson Stafford came to Texas from Mississippi. Both men did the first thing they did after landing in Texas for me. I was well acquainted with them. I have often heard them say Stafford served in the Confederate Army and that Stafford was wounded during the war. He had a scar on his head on left side of his face, which I have often heard him say was caused by a piece of a shell striking him during a battle. I know he was in the army. Kennedy was the only man I know as ever knew that he was wounded in Mississippi. I know him from just after the war until his death. I am 81 years of age.

I, J. A. Price, have read what E. M. Kale has said above. I am 81 years of age and was in Anderson County when Wm Jefferson Stafford came to Texas. To the best of my knowledge what is said above is true and correct. I have often heard that Wm J. Stafford was a soldier in the army. I have heard him say he was wounded. I know from my army that he was in the army.

I was generally known in the community where we lived that he was a soldier, and I never heard anyone say that he was
(Signature of Witness) E. M. Kale
(Signature of Witness) J. A. Price

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 6th day of August, A. D. 1928

E. H. Shelton
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 Mrs. Sarah A. Stafford 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 None

..... Dollars, and, in addition to homestead, of other property, real or personal, or both, of the value of None Dollars.

Given under my hand, this 6th day of August, A. D. 1928

R. R. Sadler State and County Assessor. (TX)



Comptroller's Department
 State of Texas
 Austin

August 11th, 1928.

To the Adjutant General,
 War Department,
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to request the Military record of Wm. Jefferson Stafford, who is reported to have enlisted in Company "B" Regiment 1st Mississippi, Organized in Jasper Co.

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in service in the Confederate States Army.

Very respectfully,

S. H. Gerrell

Comptroller of State of Texas.

Mrs. Sarah A. Stafford,



Form 2632b-S542-1126-2m

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IN REPLY
REFER TO

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WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON
Aug. 17, 1928.

Respectfully returned to

Comptroller's Department, State of Texas,
Austin, Texas.

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COMPTROLLERS OFFICE

The name William Jefferson Starford has not been found on the rolls on file in this office of Company B, of any Confederate States Ar my organization from the State of Mississippi, numerically designated the 1st.

Felix Hall
Major General,
The Adjutant General,
By *E. J.*

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WAR DEPARTMENT

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

IN REPLY A.G. 201
REFER TO Stafford, William J.
(5-9-29)ORD

WASHINGTON

May 13, 1929.

Honorable Clay Stone Briggs,
House of Representatives.

My dear Mr. Briggs:

I have your letter of May 9, 1929, in which you request a search of both the Union and Confederate States Army records for the service of one William Jefferson Stafford as of Company B, 1st Mississippi Regiment.

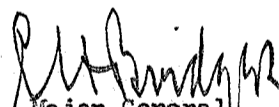
The name William Jefferson Stafford has not been found as of any Mississippi organization which was mustered into the military service of the United States within the period of the Civil War, nor has that name been found as of any Confederate States Army organization designated Company B, 1st Mississippi Regiment.

The records show that one William J. Stafford enlisted April 30, 1861, at Corinth, Mississippi, and served as a private of Company A, 12th Mississippi Infantry, C.S.A., from which he was discharged September 4, 1861, by reason of disability. He was 20 years of age at enlistment.

The records also show that one William J. Stafford enlisted March 15, 1862, at Jackson, and served as a private, Company I, 39th Mississippi Infantry, C.S.A. He is accounted for on the rolls as follows: March 15, 1862 to February 29, 1864, present; April 30 to August 31, 1864, the latest on file, absent, "At Hospital wounded slightly in head, June 26, 1864". A hospital muster roll of Stonewall Hospital, Montgomery, Alabama, dated November 15, 1864, shows that he returned to duty November 21. The Union prisoner of war records show that he was surrendered by Lieut. Gen. R. Taylor, and that he was paroled at Jackson, Mississippi, May 19, 1865. His residence is shown as Hinds Co., Mississippi.

The records further show that one W. J. Stafford enlisted November 17, 1862, in West Tennessee, and served as 1st corporal in Company D, 2d Partisan Rangers, Mississippi, C.S.A. The muster rolls covering the period from November 17, 1862 to October 31, 1864, the latest on file, show him present. No further record of him has been found.

Very respectfully,


Major General,
The Adjutant General.

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CLAY STONE BRIGGS
7TH DISTRICT OF TEXAS

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

May 17, 1929

Mrs. E. W. Sallee,
Route No. 8,
Palestine, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Sallee:

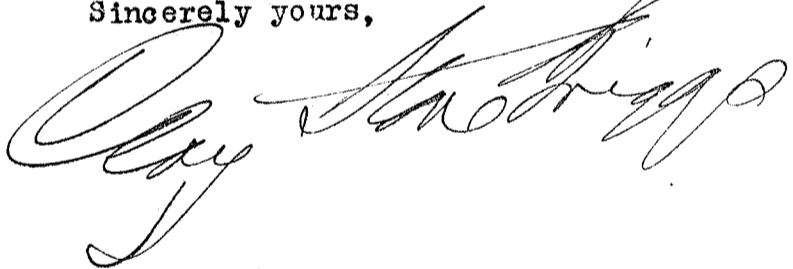
Yours of the 13th instant is just at hand, with letter from Dr. E. A. Barry, Biloxi, Mississippi, to Mrs. Stafford.

Under date of May 14th, last, I wrote you enclosing report of the Adjutant General of the United States, in which he referred to several Confederate veterans named Stafford from Mississippi, and I trust that Mrs. Stafford can readily identify her late husband from the information furnished. I think it would be well for her to forward the Adjutant General's letter to the Pension Commissioner at Austin, Texas, with her formal application for pension.

The letter from Dr. Barry is returned herewith.

Assuring you it was a pleasure to have been of service, I beg to remain,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Clay Stone Briggs". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name. To the right of the signature, there is a circular stamp containing the number "85".

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CLAY STONE BRIGGS
7TH DISTRICT OF TEXAS

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

May 14, 1929

Mrs. E. W. Sallee,
Route No. 8,
Palestine, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Sallee:

I am handing you herewith letter dated May 13, 1929, just received from General C. H. Bridges, Adjutant General of the United States, which is self explanatory.

I trust that the information furnished may be of assistance to Mrs. Stafford in establishing her right to a pension. As you no doubt know, claims based on service in the Confederate States Army must be filed with the State Pension Commissioner, Austin, Texas.

With best wishes, I beg to remain,

Sincerely yours,

Clay

Clay Stone Briggs



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BEN F. DENT
JUDGE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

V. MELVIN JOHNSTON
DISTRICT CLERK ANDERSON COUNTY
PALESTINE, TEXAS

CLEO TINDALL
DEPUTY DISTRICT CLERK

June 22nd, 1929.

Hon. S. H. Terrell,
State Comptroller,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

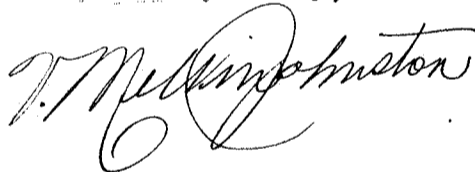
Do your records indicate that any Confederate soldier who served in Company I 39 Mississippi Infantry Confederate States of America is at this time drawing a pension?

Some time ago I wrote you relative to one William J. Stafford who enlisted in a Mississippi Company and his widow is now making application for a pension. She has been unable to find any person who served in the army with her husband, but has found and can find many witnesses that know he served in the army.

I am also enclosing herewith letters relative to this matter. You will note that the paragraph checked in letter addressed to Hon. Clay Stone Briggs from Major General C. H. Bridges described William J. Stafford as per the application for pension save and except that description gives his company as Company I instead of Company B.

Please check the file on this application and indicate what further information you desire in this matter. I am,

Yours very truly,



VMJ:LC

June 24, 1929.

Hon. V. Melvin Johnston,
District Clerk.
Palestine, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 22nd, in regard to the application for Confederate Pension of Mrs. Sarah A. Stafford of Route 2, Montalba, Texas, who is applying under the record of Wm. Jefferson Stafford as a Confederate soldier.

You are advised that on the record furnished by you in your letter of June 24th, I am approving the application of Mrs. Stafford. She will receive formal notice of approval within the next few days at which time an affidavit will be mailed her to be executed covering issuance of first quarterly warrant to which she is entitled, which warrant will issue on or about August 31st.

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Yours very truly,

Comptroller of Public
Accounts.



August 8, 1939

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Mrs. Sarah A. Stafford, widow
of William Jefferson Stafford
Deceased Confederate Soldier.
Pension File No. 45785 Anderson
County.

Mr. R. E. Sparkman
Italy, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 7 the records of this office show that Mrs. Sarah A. Stafford, widow of William Jefferson Stafford drew a Confederate Pension from the State of Texas under file number 45785 until her death in 1937.

The records show that one William J. Stafford enlisted March 15, 1862 at Jackson as a private in Company I, 39th Mississippi Infantry, C. S. A., and was paroled May, 1865.

The application for pension was approved on a report from the Adjutant General, War Department, Washington, D. C.

Yours very truly,

Geo. H. Sheppard
Comptroller of Public Accounts.



JHT:EE

Italy, Texas, Aug. 7, 1939.

Hon. Geo H. Sheppard,
State Comptroller, Div. 17,
Austin, Texas,

County Clerk, Jack Owens, Athens, Texas has requested that I establish the Civil War record of one William Jefferson Stafford, a deceased Confederate soldier whose widow, Sarah A. Stafford. This lady may have resided at Mont Alba, Cherokee, Co. as she is burried there.



Respectfully,

R. E. Sparkman

R. E. Sparkman.

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August 22, 1928.

Hon. O. Melvin Johnston,
District Clerk,
Palestine, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Agreeable to my letter of August 11, you are advised that I am now in receipt of a report from the War Department at Washington, D. C., which is in reply to my request for the military record of Wm. Jefferson Stafford, which report is as follows:

WAR DEPARTMENT
The Adjutant General's Office
Washington

August 17, 1928.

Comptroller's Department, State of Texas,
Austin, Texas.

The name William Jefferson Stafford has not been found on the rolls on file in this office of Company B, of any Confederate States Army organization from the State of Mississippi, numerically designated the 1st.

LUTZ WAHL
Major General,
The Adjutant General,
By, E.F.

Since this report fails to identify Mr. Stafford as a member of any of the military organizations from the State of Mississippi Confederate State's Army, it will be necessary, before the application of Mrs. Sarah A. Stafford can be approved, that she make proof of the military record of Mr. Stafford by the testimony of at least two credible witnesses who personally know he belonged to the army and rendered the services claimed by him, or she will be permitted to prove his service by documents or any other evidence that she may have. Secondary or hearsay testimony, such as given by E. M. Kale and J. A. Price, regarding the service of Mr. Stafford, does not prove his service as a confederate soldier.



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If the service of Mr. Stafford can be proven as required by the Statute, the application of Mrs. Stafford will have further consideration.

Very truly yours,

STATE COMPTROLLER
of Public Accounts.

JHT:Mc.



August 11, 1928.

Hon. V. Melvin Johnston,
District Clerk,
Palestine, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of August 6th,
enclosing the Application for Confederate
Pension of Mrs. Sarah A. Stafford.

You are advised that before this ap-
plication may be approved, I would like to
have a report on the military service record
of Wm. Jefferson Stafford as a Confederate
Soldier, which report I am requesting today
from the office of the Adjutant General, War
Department, Washington, D. C.

You will be advised immediately on
receipt of this report.

JHT/E

Yours very truly,

Comptroller of Public
Accounts.



V. MELVIN JOHNSTON
DISTRICT CLERK ANDERSON COUNTY
PALESTINE, TEXAS

August 6th, 1928.

Hon. S. H. Terrell,
State Comptroller,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

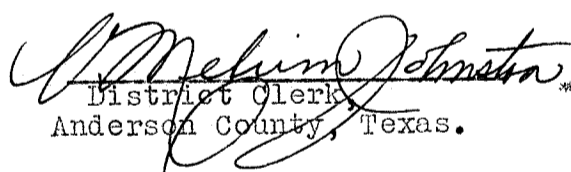

I am enclosing herewith Widow's Application for Confederate Pension of Mrs. Sarah A. Stafford, Montalba, Texas. I am not sure that sufficient information has been furnished. As shown by the application, the husband of the widow, William Jefferson Stafford, enlisted in the army in Mississippi. Immediately after the Civil War, Mr. Stafford, together with one Mr. Kennedy, who is dead and has been for many years, came to Texas, and all connection with friends and relatives in Mississippi have long since been discontinued. It is generally understood and known among the old people with whom Mr. Stafford was associated that he was a soldier in the Southern Army during the Civil War. But none of them served with him.

If this information is not sufficient, you can possibly advise me relative to any records that may have been kept in Mississippi.

Personally, I think this is a very worthy cause. Mrs. Stafford has been a widow for about 35 years and has never made application for a pension.

Thanking you to advise me promptly what, if any, other information is necessary, I am,

Yours very truly,


District Clerk,
Anderson County, Texas. 

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PALESTINE, TEXAS, *Dec. 21* 1937
Estate of Mrs. Sarah A. Stafford
For funeral of Mrs. Sarah A. Stafford
 IN ACCOUNT WITH

BAILEY UNDERTAKING CO.

TOM BAILEY, OWNER

ABOVE ALL—SERVICE

107 W. Crawford St.

PHONE 15

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<i>Dec 19</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>Order</i>	<i>100 00</i>		
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The above statement is correct and has not been paid.

The State of Texas,
 County of Anderson.

T. B. Bailey

Before me, a notary public in and for Anderson County, Texas, on this day personally appeared T. B. Bailey, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that the above statements were true and correct.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Palestine, Texas, this 27th day of Dec. 1937.

W. H. ...
 Notary Public, Anderson County, Texas.

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APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Anderson } I, W.A. Stafford

do hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the accounts and indebtedness of the late Mrs. Sarah A. Stafford, who was a pensioner of the State of Texas, and whose file number was 45785 and whose original county was Anderson

The said pensioner Mrs. Sarah A. Stafford died on the 19 day of Dec, 1937, in the town of Palatine Texas County of Anderson, Texas.

The pensioner died in the home of W.A. Stafford who was related to the pensioner as son

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. Sarah A. Stafford

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 son that my postoffice address is Palatine Texas Street or R. F. D.

Palatine City State Texas

W.A. Stafford Signed W.A. Stafford Sworn to before me this 20 day of Dec, 1937

Notary Public in and for Anderson State of Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKER

I, J. Bailey, do certify that I am undertaker in the town of Palatine, County of Anderson, State of Texas that I had charge of the body of Mrs. Sarah A. Stafford, who died in the town of Palatine, County of Anderson, State of Texas on the 19 day of Dec 1937. That said body was prepared for burial by me on the 20 day of Dec 1937 and that I am of the opinion that warrant herein applied for should be issued to the said W.A. Stafford who makes the foregoing application.

Signed J. Bailey Undertaker.

CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN

I, Fred E. Felder, do certify that I am a practicing physician, and that I attended Mrs. Sarah A. Stafford in his last illness, and am of the opinion that his ailments were cerebral apoplexy

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 Fred E. Felder, M.D. Physician's Address Palatine, Texas.

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Dec. 20, 1937



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