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FORM A

### Soldier's Application for Pension

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

*8-8-23*

Name of Applicant.

*Mathew D. Williams*

*Wesley* County

Postoffice *Wesley P.O. #1*

Filed *JUL 2-1909*

Approved *AUG 31 1909*

Pension allowed from \_\_\_\_\_

Rejected \_\_\_\_\_

Commissioner of Pensions.

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FORM A

For use of Soldiers, who are in indigent circumstances

THE STATE OF TEXAS }

County of Gregg }

I, Martine Wilkins, do hereby make application to the Commissioner of Pensions for a pension to be granted me under the Act passed by the Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Texas, and approved March 26, A. D. 1909, 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; that I was honorably discharged or surrendered surrendered in May 1865

(Give date and cause.)

that I have been a bona fide citizen of this State since prior to January 1, A. D. 1880, 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 in salary or fees one hundred and fifty dollars per annum, nor have I an income from any other employment or other source whatever which amounts to one hundred and fifty dollars per annum, nor do I receive from any source whatever money or other means of support amounting in value to the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars 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; 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? Sixty five
2. Where were you born? Chambers County, Alabama
3. How long have you resided in Texas? About 57 years
4. In what county do you reside? Gregg
5. How long have you resided in said county and what is your postoffice address? About 40 years - Gladewater Texas R.F.D. # One
6. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate pension law and been rejected? If rejected, state when and where. Have not applied
7. What is your occupation, if able to engage in one? Farmer - Not able to work
8. In what State was the command in which you served organized? Texas
9. How long did you serve? Give, if possible, the date of enlistment and discharge. Enlisted 1862 & served through the war
10. What was the letter of your company, number or name of battalion, regiment or battery? Company "F" 17th Texas Cavalry -
11. If transferred from one command to another, give time of transfer, name of command and time of service. not transferred
12. What branch of the service did you enlist in—infantry, cavalry, artillery or navy? Cavalry



- 13. If commissioned direct by the President, what was your rank and line of duty? *not commissioned*
- 14. If detailed for special service, under the law of conscription, what was the nature of your service and how long did you serve? *no*
- 15. Have you transferred to others any property of any kind for the purpose of becoming a beneficiary under this law? *no*

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

(Signature of Applicant) *Mortimer Wilkins*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *30* day of *June*, A. D. 19*09*

[SEAL.]

*J. H. McHaney*  
County Judge *Gregg* County, Texas.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

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

THE STATE OF TEXAS }

County of *Gregg*

Before me *J. H. McHaney*, County Judge of *Gregg* County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared *T. E. Palmer & R. H. Boster*, who are personally

known to me to be credible citizens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know *Mortimer Wilkins* the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the said *Mortimer Wilkins* has been a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas since prior to January 1, A. D. 1880, and that they have no interest in this claim.

(Signature of Witness) *T. E. Palmer*

(Signature of Witness) *R. H. Boster*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *30* day of *June*, A. D. 19*09*

[SEAL.]

*J. H. McHaney*  
County Judge *Gregg* 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 *Gregg*

Before me *J. H. McHaney*, County Judge of *Gregg* County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared *T. E. Palmer & R. H. Boster*

who are personally known to me to be credible 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 his application are correct

and true, to the best of their knowledge and belief, and that they have no interest in this 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: The witness J. E. Palmer says - "I personally know that the Applicant Martinez Wilkins Enlisted and served in the Confederate Army in the 17th Texas Cavalry Co. "F" - I was not in his <sup>Regiment</sup> ~~Company~~ but was with him & saw him a great many times during the service - we belonged to the same Brigade & command -

The witness R. H. Baxter says - I personally know that Martinez Wilkins Applicant Enlisted and served in Company "F" 17th Texas Cavalry - I belonged to some Company and served with him from 1863 to 1865 - we were messmates -

(Signature of Witness)

J. E. Palmer

(Signature of Witness)

R. H. Baxter

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 30 day of June, A. D. 1909.

J. H. McFarney  
County Judge Gregg County, Texas.

[SEAL.]

CERTIFICATE OF THE STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

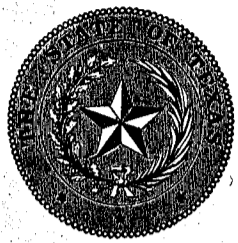
I, J. Matt Owens, State and County Assessor in the County of Gregg State of Texas, do certify that Martinez Wilkins or his wife, or his trustee, or trustee for his wife, whose name is signed to the foregoing application for a pension, under the Act of the Thirty-first Legislature, approved March 26, A. D. 1909, is charged on the land and personal property rolls of said county with estate, real, personal and mixed, at the assessed value of \$665.00 dollars.

Given under my hand, this 30 day of June, A. D. 1909.

J. Matt Owens  
State and County Assessor.

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OFFICE OF  
**Commissioner of Pensions**  
State of Texas  
Austin

E. A. BOLMES, Commissioner

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

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to request the military record  
of Mortimer Wilkins who is reported to have enlisted in  
Company F, 17<sup>th</sup> Regiment Texas Cavalry  
in the service of the Confederate States Army.

Purpose: ~~The widow of 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,

E. A. Bolmes  
Commissioner of Pensions.



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

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**WAR DEPARTMENT,**

**THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,**

**WASHINGTON, Aug. 11, 1909.**

*Respectfully returned to the*  
**Commissioner of Pensions,  
State of Texas,  
Austin.**

It is shown by the records that  
Mortimer Wilkins, private, Company F,  
17th Texas Cavalry, Confederate  
States Army, was enlisted March 1,  
1862. On the muster roll of Company  
F, 17th Consolidated Texas Cavalry,  
Confederate States Army, dated Feb-  
ruary 29, 1864, to which organization  
he appears to have been transferred,  
he is reported present. No later  
record of him has been found.



The Adjutant General.

[A. G. O. 72-1]

# APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT

STATE OF TEXAS

County of GREGG

I, G. W. Wilkins,

do hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted, the paying of the accounts and indebtedness of the late M. Wilkins, who was a pensioner of the State of Texas, and whose file number was 15302 and whose original county was Gregg.

The said pensioner M. Wilkins died on the 7th day of August, 1925, in the town of near Gladewater, County of Gregg, Texas.

The pensioner died in the home of his own who was related to the pensioner as -----

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

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

I am related to the pensioner as (Friend) Son that my postoffice address is R. F. D. #1, Gladewater, Texas. Street or R. F. D. City State

Signed G. W. Wilkins

Sworn to before me this 14th day of August, 1925.

Notary Public in and for Gregg State of Texas.

## CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKER

I, A. F. Shepperd, do certify that I am undertaker in the town of Gladewater County of Gregg, State of Texas, that I had charge of the body of M. Wilkins, who died in the town of Gladewater, County of Gregg, State of Texas on the 7th day of August, 1925. That said body was prepared for burial by me on the 7th day of August, 1925, and that I am of the opinion that warrant herein applied for should be issued to the said G. W. Wilkins who makes the foregoing application.

Signed A. F. Shepperd Undertaker.

## CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN

I, E. L. Walker, M. D. do certify that I am a practicing physician, and that I attended M. Wilkins, in his last illness, and am of the opinion that his ailments were

Causing Organic Cardiac Valvular Lesion  
Causing Dropsy and Arterio Sclerosis

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 E. L. Walker M.D. Physician's Address Gladewater, Texas.

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

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