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FORM A.

Soldier's Application for a Pension

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

Name of Applicant.

*C. C. Castle -
Anderson -*

County.

*R. F. D. # 4 -
Postoffice Palestine, Texas*

Filed *Jan 30, 1914*

Approved *Dec. 1, 1913*

Pension allowed from *Jan 1, 1914*

Rejected _____

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Commissioner of Pensions.

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FORM A

1252-913-3M

For Use of Soldiers Who Are In Indigent Circumstances

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Anderson

I, Cabrin Columbus Castley do hereby make application to the Commissioner of Pensions for a pension to be granted me under the Act passed by the 53rd 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 I surrendered in 1865, at close of war, at Charleston, S.C. with Gen. Joe E. Wheeler.

(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 whatever 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? 84 years of age -
2. Where were you born? Cobb County, Georgia -
3. How long have you resided in Texas? 32 years 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? 30 years continuously; P.O. R. F. D # 4 - Palestine, Texas -
6. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate pension law and been rejected? If rejected, state when and where. Never applied before -
7. What is your occupation, if able to engage in one? Notable What is your physical condition? Poor
8. In what State was the command in which you served organized? Georgia -
9. How long did you serve? Give, if possible, the date of enlistment and discharge. Enlisted in Feb. 1861 - and served until close of war.
10. What was the letter of your company, number of battalion, regiment or battery? Company K - Kings Battalion; with Gen. Joe E. Wheeler's Cavalry.
11. If transferred from one command to another, give time of transfer, name of command and time of service. Never 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?
Never Commissioned - acted as a Spy, with rank of 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?
A Volunteer - never detailed -
- 15. What is the assessed value of your home, if you own a home?
\$ 500.00
- 16. What is the assessed value of your other property?
No other property -
- 17. 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 a pension be approved and such other proceedings be had in the premises as are required by law.

(Signature of Applicant) *C C Castle*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *27* day of *January*, 19 *14*

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 *J. A. McReynolds + B. H. Gardner*, who are personally

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

C. C. Castle, the above named applicant for a pension; and that they personally know that the

said *C. C. Castle* 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) *J. A. McReynolds*

(Signature of Witness) *B. H. Gardner*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this *27* day of *January*, A. D. 19 *14*

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 _____ }

Before me, _____, County Judge of _____ County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared _____

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

Ensley Ala. Oct. 2/13.

Rev. C. C. Castle

Palustine Texas

My Dear Comrad,

Your letter received, and
am so glad to hear that you are
getting better, and hope you may
be spared to see several more reunions
but when the final Roll is called
I believe you will be ready to answer
it just like you did during the
war when you was called to go on a
scout, or to perform some dangerous
duty in the Yankies lines.

I appreciate Marys letter to me
so much, and hope she will



Continue to send them, I have
become to love her almost as I
do my own Daughter.

Dear Old Boy, I will attend
promptly to your Pension papers
as soon as they reach me, I was
with you, and knew you from
October 1863 to the close of the war
in April 1865. but I dont think
you and I were discharged until
sometime in May 1865.

I would like so much to see
you, and may the good Lord bless
and keep you in the prayer of
your old Comrad.

J. R. Acuff.

Dec. 19/1913.

Rev. C. C. Castle

Palestine Texas

My Dear Comrad,

Upon my return from the West where I have been for some time, I found your letter awaiting me, and now hasten to perform the request you made of me to certify to what I knew about you during the Civil War, which it gives me great pleasure to do. I am sorry your letter did not reach me before I went away, and all this delay would have been avoided. I have answered all the questions which I think would be required of me, if they want any more I will write them up a little history of your war record during the two years I was with you for it is all fresh in my memory yet.

I hope this delay will not inconvenience you in getting your pension, for if there was a man in the Confederate Army who deserved a Pension for faithful service to his Country it is yourself.

I am not feeling well since I came back from that clear climate, ^{in Arizona} I am suffering from Rheumatism in my breast, and Shoulder. I am going back and there as soon as I can arrange matters.

Your sincere Friend & Comrad, J. R. Acuff. (TK)

Ensley Ala. Dec. 19/1913.

To Whom it may Concern.

This to Certify that I knew C, C, Castles
as a Confederate Soldier in the Civil War
I knew him about two years.

He belonged to Company H. Kings Battalion

He made a true, and faithful Soldier.

He did not desert the Army, or abandon his post of duty.

He was in the battles of Lookout Mountain
and Missionary Ridge, and many other smaller
engagements while with Gen. Wheeler's Cavalry.

I did not know any other man in the
Confederate Army by the name of C, C, Castles.

J. R. Acuff

Sworn to and subscribed
before me this 19th
of December 1913.

(TX)

C. E. Burk
Notary Public

My Commission
Expires Feb 1915

The State of ~~Texas~~ Alabama. #

County of Jefferson. #

I, R. Fuller Judge of

Probate Court of Jefferson County, Alabama, hereby certify

that J. R. Acuff lives in this county; that his post office address is Ensley, Alabama; that he is a white man, and is known and regarded in this County as a Confederate Veteran; that I hereby certify that the said J. R. Acuff is a credible citizen and that he is trustworthy and worthy of belief, and that if his affidavit were tendered me to a certain fact I would go on the presumption that it was true.

Witness my hand and seal this ~~20~~ day of January 1914.

R. Fuller
Judge of Probate in and for Jefferson County, Ala.



E. V. SWIFTAttorney-at-Law
COUNTY JUDGE
Anderson County

Palestine, Texas, Jan'y. 27-1914-

Hon. Geo. W. Kyser,

Pension Commr,

Austin, Texas

Dear Sir:

I herewith enclose Pension Application of Rev. C. C. Castle, who has lived in our County many years - I have personally known Mr. Castle many years, and can certify that he has a good moral reputation - He is well liked and respected by his friends here -

We could find only one living witness as to his service in the army, but I believe you will find the evidence sufficient - He has been a member of the Confederate Camp here for many years, and I believe we can rely upon what he and his witness say -

He is in need, and a pension would be a great help to him - Please read over evidence attached to his application -

I join in asking that you grant him a pension, because I believe him entitled to one -

yours truly

E. V. Swift - County Judge - (TX)

April 14, 1939

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C. C. Castle, Deceased
Confederate Soldier
Pension File No. 26357
Anderson County.

Mr. R. E. Sparkman
Italy, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 13, the records of this office show that one C. C. Castle of Anderson County, Palestine, Texas drew a Confederate Pension from the State of Texas under file number 26357.

The application filed by Mr. C. C. Castle, also borne as Calvin Columbus Castle states he enlisted in February, 1861 and served until the close of the war. He was a member of Company K, Kings Battalion of Georgia Cavalry, C. S. A., with General Joe E Wheeler.

The application for pension of Mr. Castle was approved on the affidavits of witnesses who testified as to his service in the Confederate Army.

Yours very truly,

Geo. H. Sheppard
Comptroller of Public Accounts.

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