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FORM A.

**SOLDIER'S APPLICATION  
FOR A PENSION**

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

9-25-30

Name of Applicant.

Bartley E. Gilcrease

Anderson, County.

R. F. D. or Street No.

Postoffice Elkhart, Texas.

Filed October 23rd, 1928.

Approved October 30th, 1928.

Pension allowed from Sept. 1st, 1928.

Rejected

*S. H. Terrell*

Comptroller of Public Accounts.

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Soldier's Application for Confederate Pension

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Anderson

I, Bartley Enos Gilcrease do hereby make application to the Commissioner of Pensions 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, 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 the war I was loyal and true to my duty, and never at any time 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.

That I was honorably discharged or surrendered at Natchitoches, La. at the close of the war. I was not with the company the day they were discharged but was given my discharge 1 day later by a Federal office (Give date and cause.)

that I have been a bona fide citizen of this State 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 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 \$2000.00; 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? I am about 80 yrs of age
2. Where were you born? Lottville Co. Miss.
3. How long have you resided in Texas? I have been in Texas 29 yrs
4. In what county do you reside? Anderson Co Texas
5. How long have you resided in said county? 29 yrs What is your postoffice address? yes Elkhart, Texas
6. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate pension law and been rejected? yes  
If rejected, state when and where About 20 yrs ago, In Anderson Co. I could not furnish the names of the comrad soldiers who served with me
7. In what State was the command in which you served organized? In Louisiana near the town of Montgomery.
8. How long did you serve? 2 yrs Give, if possible, the date of enlistment and discharge year of 1862
9. What was the letter of your company, number of battalion, regiment or battery? Company I - we were transferred two or three times
10. If transferred from one command to another, give time of transfer, name of command and time of service I can not remember
11. What branch of the service did you enlist in—infantry, cavalry, artillery or navy? I served about 1 year in Infantry, was later wounded and served with cavalry about 1 year later our best horses were taken from us
12. What is the assessed value of your home, if you own a home? no
13. What is the assessed value of your other property? nothing
14. Do you own any property other than that rendered for taxes in your county? If so, state value of same and county where located I own no property
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 a pension be approved and such other proceedings be had in the premises as are required by law.

(Signature of Applicant) B. E. Gilcrease TX

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th day of October A. D. 1928  
E. H. Shelton

[Seal] County Judge Anderson County, Texas.

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 J. Broughton

....., who are personally known to me to be creditable citizens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know B. C. Gilcrease, the above named applicant for pension, and that they personally know that the said

..... 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) J. Broughton

(Signature of Witness) J. Williams

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 27 day of Oct, A. D. 1928

E. H. Shelton

[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 of them, state in their oath their source of knowledge, also any other 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 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 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 further make oath to the following facts touching the applicant's service in the Confederate Army: (Witnesses must state fully the source of their knowledge of applicant's service) \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature of Witness) \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature of Witness) \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A. D. 192 \_\_\_\_\_

[Seal.] \_\_\_\_\_ County Judge \_\_\_\_\_ County, Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

I, R R Sadler State and County Assessor in the County of Anderson State or Texas, do certify that B E Gilcrease, 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, and amended by Regular Session Thirty-eighth Legislature, 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 19 day of Oct, A. D. 1928  
R R Sadler  
State and County Assessor.



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## WAR DEPARTMENT

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

IN REPLY  
REFER TO A. G. 201  
Gilcrease, Elijah  
(9-24-28)ORD

WASHINGTON

September 26, 1928.

- Honorable Clay Stone Briggs,  
House of Representatives.

My dear Mr. Briggs:

I have your letter of September 24, 1928, with which you inclosed one, herewith returned, from Mr. B. E. Gilcrease, of R. 1, Box 18, Elkhart, Texas, who requests to be furnished with his Confederate record, stating that he volunteered in Alexandria, La., and was discharged at Natchitoches, La.

The name B. E. Gilcrease has not been found on the rolls, on file in my office, of any Confederate States Army organization from the State of Louisiana.

The records show, however, that one Elijah Gilcrease, private, Company C, 11th Battalion Louisiana Infantry, Confederate States Army, enlisted May 7, 1862, at Natchitoches. This organization subsequently became Company F, Consolidated Crescent Regiment Louisiana Infantry, Confederate States Army, and the muster roll for January and February, 1864, last on file, shows him present.

The Union records of prisoners of war show him surrendered May 26, 1865, by General E. K. Smith, and paroled June 8, 1865, at Natchitoches.

The records also show that one B. Gilchreste, private, Company L, 8th Louisiana Cavalry, Confederate States Army, surrendered May 26, 1865, at New Orleans, La., and was paroled June 6, 1865, at Natchitoches. There are no rolls of this regiment on file.

It is proper to add, however, that the collection of Confederate records on file in my office is far from complete and failure to find the name or complete record of any person thereon is by no means conclusive proof that such person did not serve during some period not covered by the records.

With best wishes, I am,

Very respectfully,

*L. W. Wahl*  
Major General,  
The Adjutant General.

1 Inclosure:  
Letter of Mr. Gilcrease.

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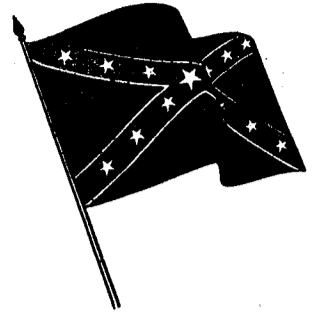
S. H. TERRELL, COMPTROLLER  
J. M. EDWARDS, CHIEF CLERK

# Comptroller of Public Accounts

State of Texas

Austin

October 24, 1928.



Mr. Bartley E. Gilcrease,  
Elkhart, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I have your application for confederate pension to which is attached a report from the War Department, Washington, D. C., which I am sure was given in reply to your request for your military record as a confederate soldier.

I am of the opinion that the record of Elijah Gilcrease, as given in the third paragraph of this report is not the military record of yourself. It is possible that the record as given in the 5th paragraph of this report of one B. Gilchreste could be your record, however, you are the only one so far as I know that knows whether or not you surrendered on May 26, 1865 at New Orleans, Louisiana and was paroled at Natchitoches, La. on June 6, 1865.

If the fifth paragraph is your record, then your application could be approved.

Before your application can be approved, it will be necessary that you make proof of your service as required by the Statute. If this is done your application will have further consideration.

JHT/E

Yours very truly,  
*S. H. Terrell*  
Comptroller of Public  
Accounts.



E. H. SHELTON  
COUNTY JUDGE OF ANDERSON COUNTY  
PALESTINE, TEXAS

October 29, 1928

Mr. S. H. Terrell, Comptroller  
Austin, Texas

Dear Sir:

I am sending to you an additional affidavit made by Mr. Gilcrease relative to his service as a Confederate Soldier. Mr. Terrell it is my candid opinion that this applicant is really an ex-confederate soldier. I never knew Mr. Gilcrease until a few days ago, when he made his application. Since that time I have made special inquiry from his friends and acquaintances and am thoroughly convinced that they believe that he was a soldier. In talking to Mr. Gilcrease I judge, from the conversation that I had with him that there was no doubt in my mind that he served almost two years in the southern army. I believe the reason he has never applied for a pension that as long as circumstances permitted, he was too proud to ask for this help. He impresses you as an honest and upright person.

I would appreciate any other information desired which I shall endeavor to secure in order that he may be rewarded the pension, I am

Respectfully yours,

  
County Judge, Anderson Co. Tex.

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E. H. SHELTON

COUNTY JUDGE OF ANDERSON COUNTY  
PALESTINE, TEXAS

The State of Texas,  
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Before me, E. H. Shelton, County Judge, Anderson County, Texas appeared Bartley E. Gilcrease, and upon his oath states the following: He says that he surrendered at a small landing place on the Red River by the name of "Grantico" La. He states that this place is within a few miles of Natchitoches, La. He states that he surrendered at "Grantico" but was sent to Natchitoches to get his papers. He states that he thinks his Company was Company I, instead of Company L. He fails to remember the number of the Calvary. He states that he served as cavalryman for a time and that their horses were taken from them, that they went back into the infantry and served in this capacity until the close of the war. He thinks that he surrendered in June in 1865. He is not positive as to the month. He says that he remembers picking berries across the river from where his company was camped just about the time his company surrendered. He says, that the best that he can remember he served about one year in the calvary before they lost their horses and were forced into the infantry. He thinks that he served about eight months in the infantry before they surrendered.

Bartley E. Gilcrease

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 27th day of  
October A. D. 1923.

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



October 31, 1928.

Hon. E. H. Shelton,  
County Judge,  
Palestine, Texas.

Dear Judge Shelton:

I am in receipt of your letter of recent date enclosing the affidavit of B. E. Gilcrease, in support of his application for pension which was filed with this office on October 23, 1928.

You are advised that this application is being approved today. Mr. Gilcrease will receive formal notice of approval within the next few days at which time an affidavit will be mailed him to be executed covering issuance of first quarterly warrant to which she is entitled, which warrant will issue on or about November 30th.

JHT/

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With best wishes, I am,

Very respectfully,

Lutz Wahl  
Major General,  
The Adjutant General



APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Anderson } I, X H. Gilcrease

do hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the accounts and indebtedness of the late Bartley E. Gilcrease, who was a pensioner of the State of Texas, and whose file number was 44089 and whose original county was Anderson

The said pensioner Bartley E. Gilcrease, died on the 20th day of September, 1930, in the town of Berhart County of Anderson, Texas.

The pensioner died in the home of H. Gilcrease who was related to the pensioner as Father

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 part

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.

X I am related to the pensioner as (Friend) H. Gilcrease that my postoffice address is Berhart

Street or R. F. D. City State

Sworn to before me this 27th day of September, 1930 Signed H. Gilcrease

Notary Public in and for Anderson State of Texas.

CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKER

I, A. B. Sage, do certify that I am undertaker in the town of Palestine, County of Anderson, State of Texas that I had charge of the body of Bartley E. Gilcrease, who died in the town of Berhart R.F.D. #3, County of Anderson, State of Texas on the 20 day of Sept 1930. That said body was prepared for burial by me on the 20 day of Sept 1930, and that I am of the opinion that warrant herein applied for should be issued to the said H. Gilcrease who makes the foregoing application.

Signed A. B. Sage Undertaker.

CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN

I, J. H. Paxton, do certify that I am a practicing physician, and that I attended Mr. Bartley E. Gilcrease in his last illness, and am of the opinion that his ailments were Cardiac Failure

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 J. H. Paxton MD Physician's Address Berhart Texas TX

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APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT

THE STATE OF TEXAS

I, *[Signature]*, County of *[County]* and State of *[State]*, do hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the amount and indebtedness of the late *[Name]*, who was a resident of the State of *[State]* and whose original county was *[County]* and whose residence was *[Address]* at the time of his death.

The said person *[Name]* died on the *[Date]* day of *[Month]* in the town of *[Town]* County of *[County]* State of *[State]*. The said person was *[Age]* years of age at the time of his death. The said person was *[Occupation]* by profession.

That the warrant which application is hereby made for, shall be applied to paying all or part of the amount of the indebtedness of the said person, which has not been paid by the person to whom the same is payable and held.

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*[Signature]*  
Physician's Address  
Signed

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

I, *[Signature]*, County of *[County]* and State of *[State]*, do hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the amount and indebtedness of the late *[Name]*, who was a resident of the State of *[State]* and whose original county was *[County]* and whose residence was *[Address]* at the time of his death.

The said person *[Name]* died on the *[Date]* day of *[Month]* in the town of *[Town]* County of *[County]* State of *[State]*. The said person was *[Age]* years of age at the time of his death. The said person was *[Occupation]* by profession.

That the warrant which application is hereby made for, shall be applied to paying all or part of the amount of the indebtedness of the said person, which has not been paid by the person to whom the same is payable and held.

*[Signature]*  
Physician's Address  
Signed

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