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FORM NO. 1—AMENDED

OCTOBER 1, 1902

CONFEDERATE PENSION APPLICATION

Name of Applicant

*A. J. Pierce*

*Henderson* County,

Post Office *Mabank #2*

Comptroller's File No. **13848**

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

this **SEP 26 1908** day of

A. D. *E. A. Colney*  
Chief Pension Clerk.

I hereby **Approve** the within application for pension, this **SEP 26 1908** day of

*M. Stephens*  
Comptroller.

No Application Rejected by County Judge or County Commissioners Should be Forwarded to Comptroller

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 Henderson

To the Honorable County Judge of Henderson County, Texas:

Your petitioner, A. J. Pierce, respectfully represents that he is a resident citizen of \_\_\_\_\_ 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. Pierce TX
- Q. What is your age? Answer 66 yrs.
- Q. In what County do you reside? Answer Henderson
- Q. How long have you resided in said County and what is your postoffice address? Answer 18 years  
Matamoros, R.F.D. #2
- 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 Very poor
- 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 Chronic diarrhea
- Q. In what State was your command originally organized? Answer Tenn
- Q. How long did you serve? Give date of enlistment and discharge. Answer 4 years
- Q. What was the name or letter of your company and name or number of your regiment? Answer Co. H 4th Tenn Reg. Commanded by P. P. Mealy
- Q. State whether you served in the infantry, artillery, cavalry, or the navy. Answer Infantry 1 yr,  
Cavalry 3 yrs.
- 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 Have not TX

- 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 None

- 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 None
- Q. What estate has your wife in her own right, real and personal, and what is its value? Answer None (Wife dead)
- 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 Yes

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)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15 day of June

A. D. 1908

[SEAL]

County Judge Henderson County, Texas.

### AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES.

(NOTE—There must be at least two credible witnesses.)

THE STATE OF TEXAS }

County of Henderson }

Before me

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

R. H. Quinn and J. R. Tarff  
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. Pierce the above named applicant for a pension, and that they personally know that the said A. J. Pierce is unable to support himself by labor of any sort.

(Signature of Witness)

(Signature of Witness)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15 day of June

A. D. 1908

(SEAL)

County Judge Henderson County, Texas.

## AFFIDAVIT OF PHYSICIAN.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Henderson Before me J.R. Blades  
County Judge of Henderson County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared Percy  
Larkin, 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. Pierce  
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: from Chronic Bronchitis  
& Croup

(Signature of Physician)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

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day of

June

A. D. 1908

(SEAL)

County Judge Henderson County, Texas.

## CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY JUDGE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Henderson I J.R. Blades  
County Judge of Henderson County, State of Texas, do hereby certify that on the 15  
day of Aug. A. D. 1908, before me came on to be heard the application of A. Pierce  
for a 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 Larkin who is a reputable practicing physician of this county, was made before me. I  
also certify that the said applicant A. Pierce, 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 Pierce 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

Arkens

this

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day of

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A. D. 1908

(SEAL)

County Judge Henderson County, Texas.

## CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Henderson We, the undersigned members of the Commissioners  
Court of Henderson County, Texas, hereby certify that the foregoing application of A. Pierce  
for a pension, together with the proof in support thereof, was duly submitted  
by Hon. J.R. Blades County Judge of this Henderson  
County, to the Commissioners of this Henderson County, at a regular term thereof  
on the 15 day of Aug. 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

Arkens

this

15

day of

Aug.

A. D. 1908

(Signature of Commissioners)

M. Pace  
W. C. Carthage  
W. A. W. P. Cobb  
D. G. Nettles

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(SEAL)





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

# Comptroller's Department

State of Texas

Austin

SEP 8-1862

To the 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. Pierce* who is reported to have enlisted in  
Company *K*, *4<sup>th</sup>* Regiment *Tennessee Volunteers (Neely's)*,  
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



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ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

1424405

*Austin Tex.  
Sept. 8/08.*

*A. J. Pierce  
Co. 12, 4<sup>th</sup> Tenn. Vols. (Neely's)  
C.S.A.*

*Comptroller's Dept., Texas  
Request military record of  
above named.*

Received A.G.O. SEP 11 1908

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

1424405  
WAR DEPARTMENT,

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, September 14, 1908.

*Respectfully returned to the*

Comptroller,  
State of Texas,  
Austin.

The records show that A. J. Pierce,  
private, Company K, Neely's 4th Tennes-  
see Infantry, Confederate States Army,  
enlisted October 13, 1861, at Colum-  
bus, Kentucky, to serve for seven  
months, and that he was discharged  
July 16, 1862. No later record of him  
has been found.

*[Signature]*

The Adjutant General.

(A. G. O. 72-1)

EX PARTE

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

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

The Honorable County Judge of *Henderson* 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 *John Tarrant*  
and *Sam Hatty* who reside in the County of *Dyer* in  
the State of *Texas*. 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 *Henderson* and State of Texas, of which he is a bona fide resident.

*A. J. Pierce*

(Applicant) Attorney for Applicant.

Direct Interrogatories to be propounded to the Witness

*John Tarrant & Sam Hatty*

- 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. Pierce* who  
is an applicant for pension under Act of May 12, 1899?  
INT. 3. How long have you known the said *A. J. Pierce* applicant for pension  
and when and where did you first know him?  
INT. 4. Do you personally know that the said *A. J. Pierce* 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. Pierce*  
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. Pierce* the said  
applicant for pension, is unable to support himself by labor of any sort?

CROSS INTERROGATORIES.

To be Propounded to

*John Tarrant & Sam Hatty*

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 *A. J. Pierce* serving in the same company  
or regiment in which you say the said applicant *A. J. Pierce* 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

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any other sailor of the same name as said A. J. Pierce 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 A. J. Pierce 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 A. J. Pierce applicant  
for pension, ever deserted the service in the Confederate army or navy?

THE STATE OF TEXAS, )

County of Henderson )

I, J. B. Blades, 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.

J. B. Blades  
County Judge, Henderson County, Texas.

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

In Re

Application for Confederate  
Pension.

IN COMMISSIONERS COURT,

Henderson County, Texas,

Pending before County Judge of said County.

Ex Parte

A. J. Pierce  
Applicant.

INTERROGATORIES

PROFOUNDED TO

John H. H. H. H.  
Samuel H. H. H.  
Witnesses.



Exparte #

A. J. Pierce # Pending in the Honorable Commissioners  
Court of Henderson County, Texas.

The deposition of Jno. Tarrant and Samuel R. Latta,  
~~xxx~~ called in the notice "Sam Latty", taken upon interroga-  
tories in the City of Dyersburg, State of Tennessee. on  
this the 8th day of August.

Answer Interrogatory 1-

Jno. Tarrant states that his age is 63 years, past- his  
name as stated in the said notice. His present place of resi-  
dence is Dyersburg, Dyer County, Tenn.

The said Latta states that h's name is Samuel R. Latta,  
that his name is very frequently pronounced as though spelled  
"Latty". He states further that he is between 80 and 81  
years of age. His present place of residence is Dyersburg,  
Tenn.

Answer to Interrogatory 2-

Each of the said witnesses states that he knows the said  
A. J. Pierce applicant for pension.

Answer to Interrogatory 3-

Jno. Tarrant states that he has known the said A. J. Pierce  
since boyhood, that they were raised together.

The said Latta states that the said A. J. Pierce went to school  
to him in 1851-2, and that he has known him ever since.

Answer to Interrogatory 4-

Each of the witness states that he personally knew that the  
said A. J. Pierce did enlist as a soldier in the service of  
the Confederacy and performed services as such soldier.

Answer to Interrogatory 5-

Each of the witnesses states that he personally knew that that  
the said A. J. Pierce did enlist and serve in Company K  
4th. Tennessee Regiment, commanded by R. P. Neely. of the  
Confederate Army.

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*Sain Pierce*

Each of the said witnesses states that he enlisted in the first Company that went out of this County <sup>1861</sup> Commanded by Capt O.F. Strahl, later General Strahl, who was killed at Franklin, Tenn. The said Tarrant states that he was in the same Company with the said Pierce, and that they remained in that Company until the reorganization of the Army, they were discharged from the Army as non-conscripts- He and the said A. J. Pierce then joined the 15th. Tennessee Cavalry, Gen. Dawson- Col. Buchanan, Capt. We both remained in the same cavalry service until the end of the war and surrendered with N. B. Forrest at Gainsville, Ala .

The said Latta states that he lead the second Company from Dyer County, knows and states that the said A. J. Pierce did serve <sup>throughout</sup> ~~throughout~~ the war as stated by the witness Tarrant.

Answer to Interrogatory 6. ~~With~~

Witnesses state that the said A. J. Pierce has lived in the State of Texas for the last thirty two years and they are not familiar with his present physical condition.

Answer to Cross-Int. 1

Each of said witnesses states that he knows as a fact that there were no persons nor any other person in the said Company in which the said A. J. Pierce enlisted except the applicant in this case. <sup>by the name of A. J. Pierce</sup> This said applicant being now in their presence and well known to them. They have each stated above their source of knowledge. The witness Latta does not know of his own knowledge that there was no other A.J. Pierce in the same Company of Cavalry, as he was not in that service. but he does know from information, and statements of the comrades of the said Pierce that he did so serve

Answer to Cross- Int 2

We are positive that the said applicant is the same person testified to by us, because this said A. J. Pierce is now in our presence.

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Answer to Cross-Int. 3-

We have not answer<sup>6</sup> direct Interrogatory<sup>1</sup> in the affirmative,

Answer to Cross-Int. 4

We know that the said A. J. Pierce never deserted the army of navy of the Confederacy. We know as a fact that he served the Confederacy faithfully from the beginning to the end of the war.

J. K. Tarrant

S. R. Latta

Subscribed and sworn to before me

This the 8th. day of August 1908.

J. R. Menzies *clerk*

State of Tennessee. #

County of Dyer # I, Jno. R. Menzies, Clerk of the e  
County Court of Dyer County, Tenn. do hereby certify that  
Jno. Tarrant and Samuel R. Latta, are personally known to me  
to be credible citizens of the aforesaid State and County, and  
that the foregoing answer of the said Jno. Tarrant and Samuel  
R. Latta, the witness before named and whose names appear  
signed to the foregoing deppositio n, were made before me and  
were sworn to and subscribed before me, by the said witnesses.

Given under my hand and official seal, this the 8th.  
day of August 1908

J. R. Menzies *clerk*



# APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT

DEC 30 1930

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Kaufman

I, J.M. Pierce

do hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the accounts and indebtedness of the late A. J. Pierce, who was a pensioner of the State of Texas, and whose file number was 13848 and whose original county was Henderson

The said pensioner A. J. Pierce, died on the 8th day of December, 1930, in the town of Mabank, Te. ss. #2.  
County of Henderson, Texas.

The pensioner died in the home of J. M. Pierce  
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 A. J. Pierce

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 Mabank, Texas. #2

Street or R. F. D.

City

State

Signed

Sworn to before me this 24 day of December, 1930

Notary Public in and for Kaufman State of Texas.

## CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKER

I, Henry Eubank, do certify that I am undertaker in the town of Mabank, County of Kaufman, State of Texas that I had charge of the body of A. J. Pierce, who died in the town of Mabank, R. 2, County of Henderson, State of Texas on the 9th day of Dec, 1930 That said body was prepared for burial by me on the 9th day of Dec, 1930 and that I am of the opinion that warrant herein applied for should be issued to the said J. M. Pierce who makes the foregoing application.

Signed Henry Eubank Undertaker.

## CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN

I, Wm. Meadows, do certify that I am a practicing physician, and that I attended Mr. A. J. Pierce in his last illness, and am of the opinion that his ailments were Bilious Infection & Lung had some involvement. Probably Biliary Membr.

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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 Wm Meadows

Physician's Address Mabank, Tex

12-15-30

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Physician's Address

*[Handwritten signature]*

and approved March 5, 1923.

I further certify that I am of the opinion that the foregoing person is a person of the name of the person named in the foregoing application and that he is a person of the name of the person named in the foregoing application.

am of the opinion that his signature were

belonging to him and that he is a person of the name of the person named in the foregoing application.

I

CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN

signed

Physician

who makes the foregoing application

was not a person of the name of the person named in the foregoing application.

on the day of

on the day of

town of

that I am of the opinion that

to whom

I

CERTIFICATE OF EXAMINER

Examiner's Name, to and for

Examiner

sworn to before me this

day of

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at

County of

that my business with you is

I am certified to the fact that you are

not of my knowledge and belief.

I further certify that the person for the current quarter has not been certified by the Commission to the General Expenses provided by the said person.

That the person, which application is hereby made for, shall be certified by the Commission to the fact of the person who was referred to the person named in the foregoing application.

The person named in the foregoing application is

County of

State of

The said person

Texas, and whose true name is

the late

do hereby certify that I am the person to whom is referred the person named in the foregoing application.

County of

THE STATE OF TEXAS

APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY MILEAGE

DEC 25 1930

*[Handwritten signature]*  
COMPTROLLER