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AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

(If possible the original should have been served with the application, but if not, the applicant should file a copy of the original with the application.)

FORM B.

**WIDOW'S APPLICATION  
FOR A PENSION**

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

Name of Applicant.

Mrs Margaret Martin Whisenant

Gregg County.

R. F. D. or Street No.

Postoffice Longview, Texas  
Box # 1477

Filed February 23, 1938

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

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

Rejected March 7, 1938

*W. C. Whisenant*  
Comptroller of Public Accounts.

Records charge desertion.

Widow's Application for Confederate Pension

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Gregg

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

FEB 22 1938

I, Mrs. Margaret Martin Whisenant, do hereby make application for a pension pursuant to the provisions of Articles 6204 to 6227, inclusive, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925 as amended by H. B. No. 150, passed by the Forty-second Legislature at its Regular Session and all other laws of this State relating thereto.

I am a widow of Christopher Columbus Martin (C. C. Martin) deceased, who departed this life on the 3rd day of December, A. D. 1897, in the county of Hays, in the State of Texas

I have not remarried since the death of my said husband (or in case of remarriage that I am now a widow); and I do solemnly swear that I was never divorced from my said husband C. C. Martin. (I married G. W. Whisenant on the 14th day of Sept., 1899. He died Nov. 11th, 1924.) Married and lived until his death in Kyle, Hays Co., Texas, 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 August

A. D. 1877, in the county of Webster Parish, in the State of Louisiana

My husband, the said Christopher Columbus Martin (C. C. Martin), served as a Confederate soldier (or sailor) in the war between the States of the United States; or (that he was a soldier who, under special laws of the State of Texas during said war, served in organizations for the protection of the frontier against Indian raiders or Mexican marauders); or (that he was a soldier of the militia of the State of Texas who was in active service during said war). That my said husband served honorably from the date of his enlistment until the close of the war, (or until he was discharged or paroled in some military organization regularly mustered into the army or navy of the Confederate States until the surrender). He was honorably discharged or paroled when Company D, 9th Louisiana Infantry was disbanded in Louisiana,

(Give date and cause.)

That I have been a bona fide resident of this State continuously since the day of October A. D. 1894

- 1. What is your age, and date of birth? Born July 6th, 1859, Randolph County, Georgia
2. How long have you resided in the county of your present residence? Five years
3. What is your postoffice address? Box #1477, Longview, Gregg County, Texas.
4. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate pension law and been rejected? No
5. If rejected, state when and where Have never applied
6. Did your husband draw a pension? No If so, give his file number
7. Give, if possible, the postoffice address of your deceased husband at the time of his enlistment Enlisted Bellevue, La., Residence Rocky Mt., Louisiana
8. What was your husband's full name? Christopher Columbus (C. C.) Martin

- 9. In what State, was your husband's command originally organized? Louisiana
10. How long did your husband serve? From March 5, 1862 until Company D., 9th Louisiana Infantry disbanded.
11. If known to you, give date of enlistment and discharge Enlisted March 5, 1862 until Company D., 9th Louisiana Infantry disbanded.
12. 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.) Private, Company D, 9th Louisiana Infantry.

13. 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 Company D, 9th Louisiana Infantry.

14. To what race do you belong? White--American

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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)

Mrs. Margaret Martin Whisenant

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21st day of February A. D. 1938

Jerry B. [Signature]

[Seal]

County Judge Gregg County, Texas.

\*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.

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[Note.—There must be at least two creditable witnesses.]

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }  
County of Gregg

Before me, Perry Meredith, County Judge of Gregg County,

State of Texas, on this day personally appeared Dr. J. B. Manning and F. M. Todd

\_\_\_\_\_ , 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. Margaret Mar-  
tin Whisenant , applicant for a pension as the widow of Christopher Columbus (C. C.) Martin

deceased, is in truth and fact the widow of Christopher Columbus (C. C.) Martin deceased; that they personally  
married G. W. Whisenant on the 14th day of Sept., A. D., 1899, and that he died  
know that she ~~has not remarried since the death of her husband~~ whose services in the army she claims  
Nov. 11th, 1924, and that she was not divorced from C. C. Martin  
a pension, and that they have no interest in this claim, and that she is now a widow.

(Signature of Witness) J. B. Manning D.D.S.

(Signature of Witness) F. M. Todd

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, A. D. 19 38.

Perry B. Meredith

[Seal.] County Judge Gregg County, Texas.

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\_\_\_\_\_ , 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. Margaret Martin Whisenant

has been a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas since October, 1894.

and that they have no interest in this claim.

(Signature of Witness) J. B. Manning D.D.S.

(Signature of Witness) F. M. Todd

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, A. D. 19 38.

Perry B. Meredith

[Seal.] County Judge Gregg County, Texas.

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(If possible the one witness should have served with the applicant's husband in the army, and if so, let him state it in his oath, also any other information regarding the army service of applicant's husband.)

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }  
County of \_\_\_\_\_ }

Before me, \_\_\_\_\_, County Judge of \_\_\_\_\_ County,  
State of Texas, on this day personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, who is personally known to me to be a creditable citizen, who, being by me sworn, on oath states that (he or she) is 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 (his or her) knowledge and belief, and that (he or she) has no interest in this claim. And further make oath to the following facts touching the service of applicant's husband in the Confederate Army:  
(Witness must state fully the source of (his or her) knowledge of service of applicant's husband) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A. D. 19 \_\_\_\_\_

[Seal.]

County Judge \_\_\_\_\_ County, Texas.



WAR DEPARTMENT  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

WASHINGTON  
March 3, 1938.

IN REPLY O.R.D.  
REFER TO

Respectfully returned to

Comptroller of Public Accounts,  
Austin,  
Texas.

The records show that one C. C. Martin, also borne as Columbus Martin, private, Company D, 9th Regiment Louisiana Infantry, Confederate States Army, enlisted March 5, 1862, at Bellevue, Louisiana, age 18 years, born in Georgia, occupation farmer, residence Rocky Mount, a single man.

He was captured at Port Republic, June 9, 1862, and exchanged at Aiken's Landing, Virginia, August 5, 1862.

He was reported missing in battle at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, July 2, 1863, and the company muster roll for September and October, 1863, shows "Deserted to the Enemy."

His name is not borne on the subsequent muster rolls on file in this office of the company which cover the period, in part, from November 1, 1863 to October 31, 1864, and no later record of him has been found.



*E. J. Conley*  
Major General,  
The Adjutant General.  
By *W. L. J.*

STATE OF TEXAS )

COUNTY OF HILL )

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Perry Shipley, County Judge of Hill County, Texas, known to me to be such officer and a credible person, and having been by me duly sworn, upon his oath states that he is acquainted with E. S. Dortch, affiant in the foregoing and attached affidavit and that the affiant is a trustworthy character and entitled to credit, and has no interest in this claim.

*Perry Shipley*

Subscribed and sworn to before me on the 18th day of February, A. D. 1938.

*Mattie Cozwell*  
Notary Public, Hill County, Texas.



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STATE OF TEXAS    )

COUNTY OF HILL    )

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared E. S. Dortch, who, after being duly sworn, did depose and say:

My name is E. S. Dortch. At present I am visiting my daughter, Mrs. R. C. West, in Hillsboro, Hill County, Texas. I am ninety-six years of age, and the sole survivor of Company D, Ninth Louisiana Infantry. I knew C. C. Martin, known as Columbus Martin, private, Company D, Ninth Louisiana Infantry, who enlisted March 5, 1862, at Bellview, Louisiana. He was made prisoner of war, captured Port Republic June 9, 1862, exchanged Aikens Landing, Virginia August 5, 1862.

I remember Private Martin being young for active service. I understand that he enlisted and stated that he was 18, when in fact he <sup>looked like he</sup> was between fourteen and fifteen years of age. I at no time ever heard of his being classed as a deserter by any fellow members of Company Nine. I have today for the first time noticed this report published by the War Department. It is true that no members of Company Nine ever received a discharge, and I am lead to believe that the statement is true that shortly or sometime in October 1863 he became sick from scurvy and stayed in Virginia until about the close of the War. I remember him after he came back from the University of Pennsylvania and practiced denistry in Shreveport. I understand he died in 1897. I see no reason why the record of the War Department should show that he deserted to the enemy at any time, and it is my belief that this is not the case as I saw him several times after the War, and at the meetings of our Companies this matter was never discussed; and if it had been a fact, it would have certainly come to my knowledge.

(TX)

E. S. Dortch

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 18th day of February, A. D. 1938.

Mattie Cogwell  
Notary Public, Hill County, Texas.

sylvania, in 1879, and graduated on March 15th, 1881.

After he finished the University of Pennsylvania, and after practicing dentistry in Shreveport, Louisiana, for a short time, we moved to Longview, Texas, in February, A. D., 1882. Christopher Columbus (C. C.) Martin and myself professed religion and were baptized by the Reverend Edward James, an evangelist in Longview, Texas, and joined the Longview Baptist Church.

In 1892 we moved to New Orleans, Louisiana, where my husband, Christopher Columbus (C. C.) Martin, practiced dentistry, but due to the condition of his stomach and which later developed into tuberculosis of the bowels, which he always stated he contracted in the war between the States, he was forced to go to Handsbora, Miss., in 1893. From Handsbora, Miss. we went, under the instructions of his physicians, to Kyle, Hays County, Texas, arriving there in October, 1894. While in Kyle, Hays County, Texas, he visited with relatives in Batesville, Texas, and in Fisher County, Texas, and practiced some dentistry in Kyle, Hays County, Texas, until his death on the 3rd. day of December, A. D., 1897.

The history of his family reveals that no other members of his family ever contracted the disease which he died with, namely, tuberculosis of the stomach and bowels.

During the time I was married to Christopher Columbus (C. C.) Martin, there is only one child living now that was born as a result of this wed-lock. That he is now living, and is named Ernest Ardis Martin, Born November 8th, 1889, in Shreveport, Louisiana. There were two other children born which died in infancy or very young.

I was never divorced from Christopher Columbus, (C. C.) Martin, and lived with him from the time of our marriage continuously until the time of his death and at no time did I ever hear or did any members of his company or associates say that he was ever accused of deserting his company, or had not been loyal to the cause of the South before his enlistment and during his enlistment and until the time of his death. The first I ever heard of this accusation was when my son showed me a letter from the War Department on December 3rd, A. D., 1937.

On the 14th. day of September, A. D., 1899, I married G. W. Whisenant of Kyle, Hays County, Texas, and lived with him up until his death in Kyle, Hays County, Texas, on November 11th, A. D., 1924. There were no children born out of this wed-lock.

I now reside at 1507 S. Green St., Longview, Texas, and my mailing address is Box #1477, Longview, Texas. I am approximately 78 years of age, and have no property or income.

On the above facts I base my application for a pension as a widow of a confederate soldier.

*Mrs. Margaret Martin Whisenant*  
Mrs. Margaret Martin Whisenant

SWORN to and subscribed before me this the 21 day (TX)  
of February, A. D., 1938.

*Irene Brazell*  
Notary Public in and for Gregg  
County, Texas.



## THE STATE OF TEXAS

## COUNTY OF GREGG

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Mrs. Margaret Martin Whisenant, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the following instrument and upon her oath disposes and says that the following statements are true and correct to the best of her knowledge.

My name is Mrs. Margaret Martin Whisenant. I was born on July 6th., A. D., 1859, in Randolph County, Georgia. When I was between the years of five and six years of age my family moved near Serepta, Louisiana, and I lived there up until the time of my marriage on the 2nd. day of August, A. D., 1877, in Webster Parish, Louisiana, to Christopher Columbus (C. C.) Martin. I lived with him up to the time of his death on the 3rd day of December, A. D., 1897, in Kyle, Hays County, Texas.

After the Civil War I was a student in a little country school near Serepta, Louisiana and Christopher Columbus (C. C.) Martin was the teacher of this school. He was an Ex-soldier; stood high in the community in which he lived, and one of his greatest lectures was on the subject of the Confederacy. I now have at my home the books of the life of Jefferson Davis and the life of Robert E. Lee, which contained poems and elegies of the history of the war between the States. He was the son of Robert Martin and India Martin, who were born near Union District, South Carolina. Two of his brothers, T. J. and B. F. Martin were soldiers in the Southern Army. Before our marriage and many times after our marriage, I discussed the War and his service with him. He told me that he enlisted as a private in Company D., 9th Louisiana Infantry, on March 5th, A. D., 1862 at Bellevue, Louisiana, at the age of 18 years. Christopher Columbus (C. C.) Martin was small of stature and his comrades have told me that he appeared younger than his age. He was born July 24th, A. D., 1843, in Stuart County, Georgia. He was approximately 18 years of age, when he enlisted. His home at that time was near Rocky Mt., Louisiana. He was stated to me many times the hardships of the war and the conditions of the Southern Army at that time, and particularly Company D., 9th Louisiana Infantry, of which he was a member.

He told me of his capture at Port Republic on June 9, 1862, his hardships in prison and when he was exchanged at Aikens Landing, Virginia, August 5th, A. D., 1862. In explaining the hardships and privations which he endured, he stated that some time after the battle of Gettysburg, or about October, A. D., 1863, that he contracted, while in Prison, a bowel condition which was known at that time as Scurvy. That he was forced to fall out of his company and under the orders of his Commander, stayed with some farmers in Virginia for approximately two months after the war. I remember his mother stating to me that both of the brothers had returned home from the war and that they were looking for Christopher Columbus (C. C.) Martin daily, and that when he did come home he was in such a condition that he could not do anything for a year or more after his return home. During this time he studied and prepared himself to teach school, which he did at his home or near his home of Serepta, Louisiana, and, as stated above, I was one of his pupils for a year or more. However, this was several years after the war. TX

After teaching school, he farmed near Rocky Mt. Louisiana, and after our marriage he entered the University of Penn-

Austin Tex Feb 28 1938

February 28, 1938

The Adjutant General  
War Department  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

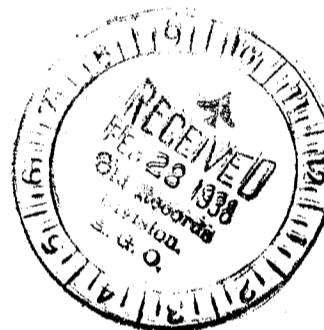
I have the honor to request the Military record  
of M C.C. Martin who is reported to  
have enlisted in Company "D"  
Regiment 9th Louisiana Infantry  
in the service of the Confederate States Army.

Very respectfully,

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*H. H. Shepard*  
Comptroller of public accounts.

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Mr. F. M. Todd  
Box 1477  
Longview, Texas

Dear Mr. Todd:

Referring to our conversation relative to Mrs. Margaret Martin Whisenant's application for a Confederate pension, I wish to advise that I have gone over the records of this case carefully and find that we have no evidence of her husband having served in the army in any way from July 2, 1863 until the close of the war.

I am sure that Mr. E. S. Dortch's affidavit is true as far as it goes, but under the law I am prohibited from approving an application for pension for Mrs. Whisenant unless we have evidence that her husband, C. C. Martin, served in the army after the time the records of the War Department show that he deserted to the enemy. If there is any way in the world I can get this evidence, I would be glad to approve her application for pension.

I trust you appreciate the fact that the matter is not optional with me and that I can not act otherwise.

Sincerely yours

GHS:vlw

Geo. H. Sheppard  
Comptroller of Public Accounts



March 10, 1938

Mrs. Margaret Martin Whisenant  
Box 1477  
Longview, Texas

Dear Mrs. Whisenant:

I have on file your application for Confederate pension and also a report from the Adjutant General, War Department, Washington, D. C., giving the service record of C. C. Martin, under whose record as a Confederate soldier you are asking for pension.

Since the report from Washington, D. C., charges Mr. Martin with desertion no application for pension could be approved on his record, unless it could be shown that he rendered service in the Confederate States Army subsequent to the time he is charged with desertion. It is on account of the charge made in this report that your application for Confederate pension is necessarily rejected.

Very truly yours,

GEO. H. SHEPPARD  
COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

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