

# Texas Civil War Indigent List

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## Confederate Indigent Families Lists (1863-1865)

On November 24, 1863, the Texas Legislature passed a Joint Resolution stating that the government pledged "support and maintenance of [the soldiers'] families during their absence from home." In accordance with this Resolution, an "Act to Support the Families and Dependents of Texas Soldiers" passed on December 15, 1863. The Act set aside \$1,000,000 annually to be paid the "families, widows, and dependents of soldiers currently serving in State or Confederate forces, or of soldiers killed or disabled in service." Chief Justices of the counties, on or before March 1 in 1864 and 1865, submitted lists of servicemen and the number of their dependents eligible for relief. The County Clerk administered the money distributed to the county for this purpose.

The information varies somewhat from county to county. While the number of dependents is always given, additional information may include some of the following elements: name of the soldier; currently in service; disabled or killed in service; unit; acting head of household.

Please be aware that only an index of names appears at this site. Linda Mearse has transcribed the records on file in the State Archives in her book, *Confederate Indigent Families Lists of Texas 1863-1865*. In order to help preserve the original records, please request the Mearse transcription through interlibrary loan. Please contact your local library for further details.

INDEX NAME	COUNTY
Alferd, M J	Freestone
Alferd, Sam	Burleson
Alferd, Mrs	Burleson
Alferd, A	Washington
Alferd, B	Sabine
Alferd, H	Kaufman
Alferd, J H	Dallas
Alferd, J K	Hamilton
Alferd, J L	Limestone
Alferd, Jessee	Limestone
Alferd, Jessi	Limestone
Alferd, Mary	Kaufman
Alferd, Noel	Limestone
Alferd, Ruben	Marion
Alferd, Ruben	Marion
Alferd, Thomas	Coryell
Alfred, M A	Freestone