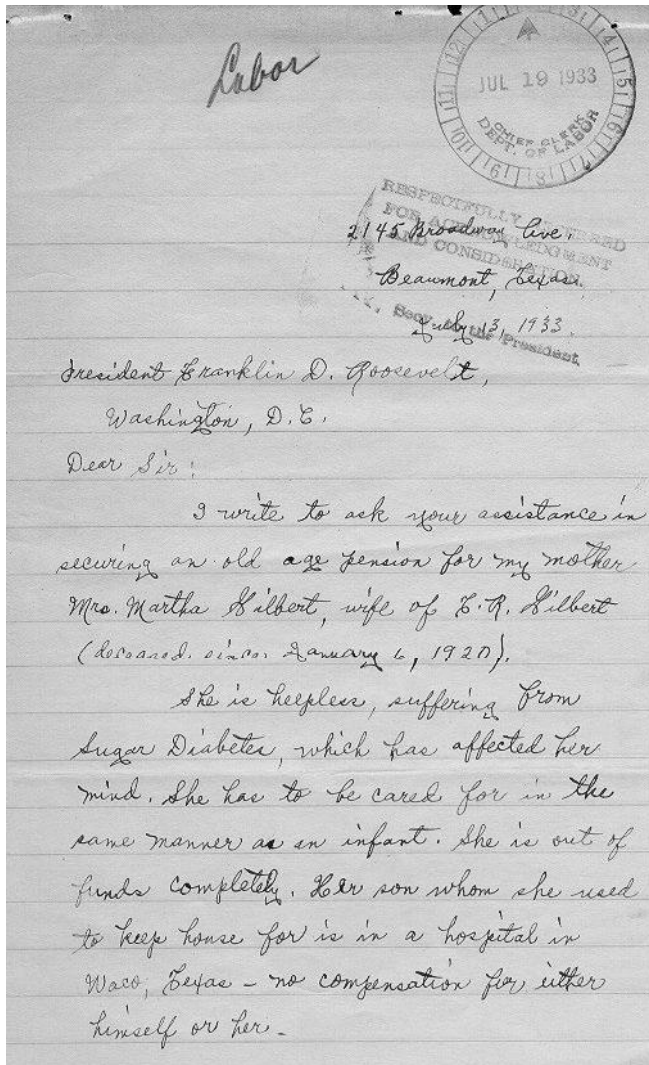


**Resource 1 (1 of 2)****Letter to Franklin D. Roosevelt**

2145 Broadway Ave.  
Beaumont, Texas  
July 13, 1933

President Franklin D. Roosevelt  
Washington, D.C.

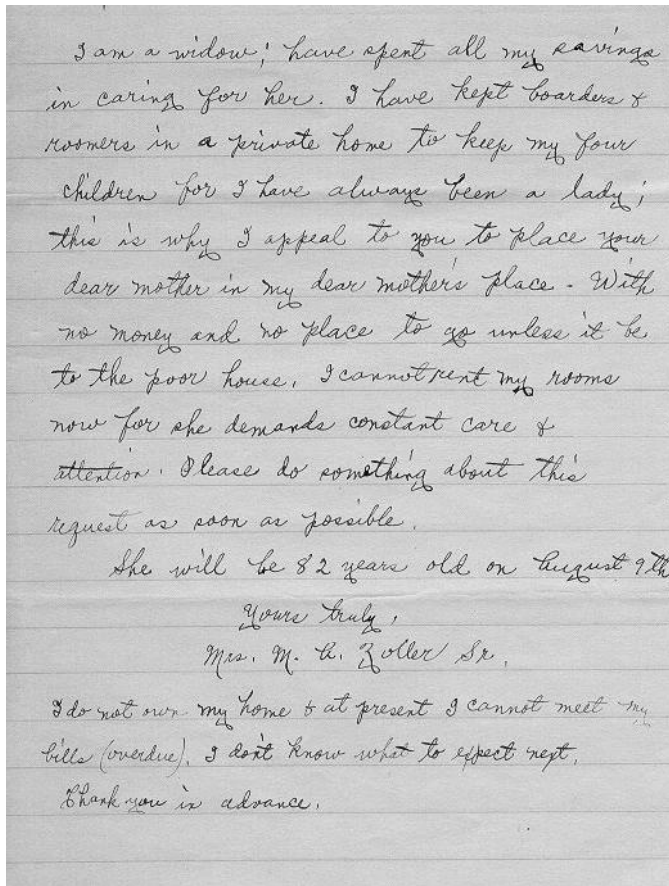
Dear Sir:

I write to ask your assistance in securing an old age pension for my mother Mrs. Martha Gilbert, wife of C. R. Gilbert (deceased since January 6, 1920).

She is helpless, suffering from Sugar Diabetes, which has affected her mind. She has to be cared for in the same manner as an infant. She is out of funds completely. Her son whom she used to keep house for is in a hospital in Waco, Texas—no compensation for either himself or her.

**Resource 1 (2 of 2)****Letter to Franklin D. Roosevelt**

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I am a widow: have spent all my savings in caring for her. I have kept boarders in a private home to keep my four children for I have always been a lady; this is why I appeal to you to place your dear mother in my mother's place. With no money and no place to go unless it be the poor house. I cannot rent my rooms now for she demands constant care & attention. Please do something about this request as soon as possible.

She will be 82 years old on August 9th.

Yours truly,  
Mrs. M. A. Zoller Sr.

I do not own my home & at present I cannot meet my bills (overdue). I don't know what to expect next.

Thank you in advance.

**Source:** Social Security Administration. (n.d.). Letter to President Roosevelt regarding old-age pensions. Retrieved from <http://www.ssa.gov/history/lettertoFDR.html>