

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Amos Ponder (Pender) W10920

Violet Ponder

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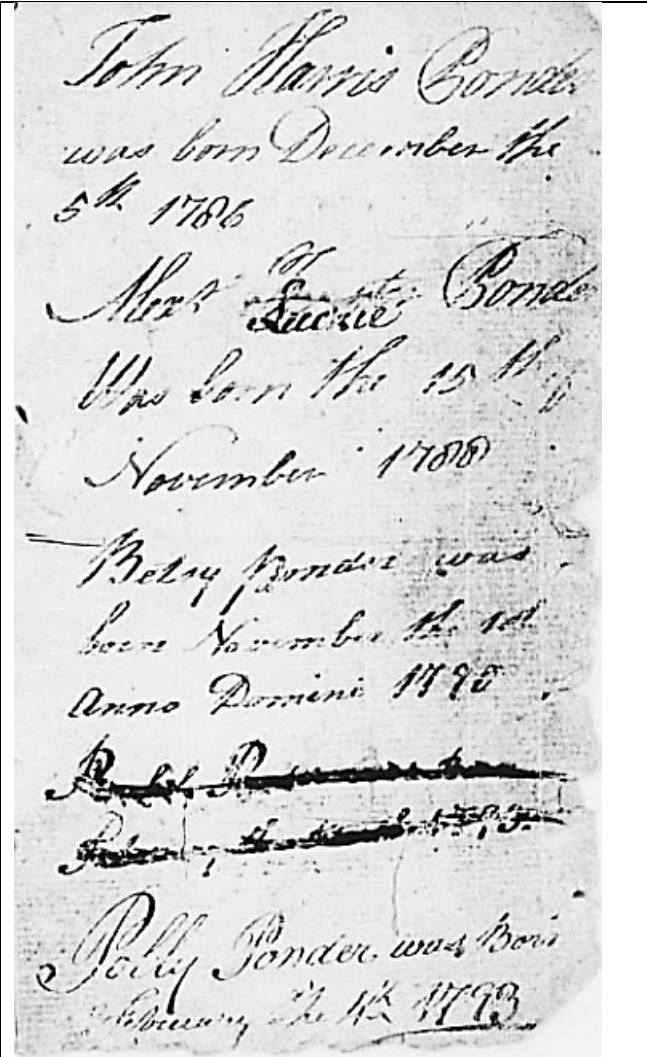
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[pp 3-4 family record]

John Harris Ponder was born December the 5th 1786
Alex^r Luckie Ponder was born the 15th of November 1788
Betsy Ponder was born November the 10th Anno Domini 1790
Rachel Ponder [or Reuben Ponder] [obliterated]
Polly Ponder was born February the 4th 1793



Anna born in the year 1795 December 26th
Delilah was [born ?] the year 1798 [month
illegible appears to end in "nabre"] 12th
Abner Ponder was born March the 9th a^d 180
[sic]
Rebekah Ponder [balance of the entry is lined
out and obliterated]

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Delilah Ponder was
The year 1798
November 12th
Abner Ponder was born
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Rebekah Ponder
[The following text is lined out and obliterated]

[p 6]

State of Alabama Lawrence County SS} Before me Henry A McGhee Judge of the Probate Court of said County, began and held in and for the said County, on the 10th day of June 1850, Personally appeared Higdon Robertson who is the Administrator of the Estate of Violet Ponder deceased, widow of Amos Ponder, and who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration for the use and benefit of the children of the said Amos and Violet Ponder, hereinafter named, to wit, John H. Ponder, Alexander Ponder, Elizabeth Ponder who intermarried with Arthur Gairy, Mary Ponder who intermarried with Higdon Robertson (Declarant), Anna Ponder who intermarried with Britain Gallaway, Delilah Ponder who intermarried with Anderson Gallaway, Abner B. Ponder and Rebecca Ponder who intermarried with Jesse Riggs, in order to obtain for the aforesaid children the benefits of the provisions made by the Acts of Congress of 7th of June 1832 -- 7th of July 1838 -- 30th March 1843 and 17th of June 1844.

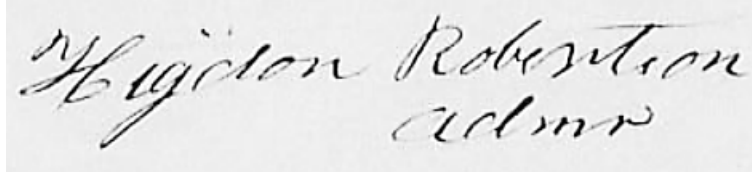
That the said Amos Ponder was a Lieutenant for the space of time in the War of the revolution, that he was also a private in the said War in the State Troops and Militia of South Carolina, for upwards of 2 years in tours of different durations -- the officers names under whom he served are not recollected,

That the said Amos died on the ___ day of February 1802 in the County of Oglethorpe in the State of Georgia, and that his said widow the said Violet died on the 5th of November 1846 in the County of Marion in the State of Alabama, that they the said Amos Ponder and the said Violet Ponder were married in the now County of Oglethorpe in the State of Georgia on or about the ___ day of ___ 178_, and that the said marriage did not take place until after the said Amos Ponder had left the Service but took place the time aforesaid.]

That the application is made for the purpose of obtaining the arrears of Pension due the said Amos and his widow under the several Acts aforesaid.

Subscribed and sworn to in open Court

S/ Higdon Robertson, Adm.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Higdon Robertson" on the top line and "admr" on the bottom line.

S/ H. A. McGhee, Judge

[p 8: On June 27, 1850, in Lawrence County Alabama, Elizabeth Ponder, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Johnson, aged 69, gave testimony that she was present at the marriage of Amos Ponder to Violet Luckey; that they were married in Oglethorpe County Georgia; that Amos died in February 1802 in Oglethorpe; that Violet Ponder continued to live in Oglethorpe until 1824 when she moved to Lawrence County Alabama, where she continued to live until a few years prior to her death when she removed to Marion County Alabama and departed this life there in 1846.]

[p 9: On June 28, 1850, Wiley Galloway, 59, of Lawrence County, Alabama gave a supporting affidavit as to the facts recited above.]

[p 11: On June 28, 1850, Anderson Galloway, 56, gave testimony in Lawrence County Alabama that he is the husband of Delilah Ponder; that he recalls having free access to the papers of Amos Ponder and that among those papers he recalls seeing a paper purporting and showing that Amos was a Lieutenant in the Revolution in South Carolina.]

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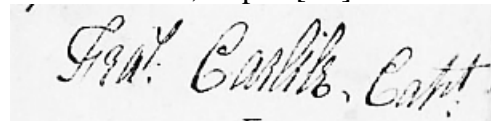
State of South Carolina Abbeville County

To all whom it may Concern

This is to Certify that Mr. Amos Ponder lived in the Bounds of Rocky River Company of Militia to my knowledge from the 1st of May 1781 until our Country was in a State of Peace & During his abode here he always behaved himself like a Trusty Resolute Soldier & Friend to his Country and was Remarkably forward in Engaging in Every Expedition.

July 30th 1792

S/ Fra^s Carlile, Capt.¹ [sic]

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fra^s Carlile, Capt.".

[p 49: On January 4, 1851 in Lawrence County, Alabama, Polly Robertson, 57, formerly Ponder, gave a supporting affidavit in which she authenticated the family record and states that the same is in the handwriting of her father Amos Ponder.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Robertson".

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¹ I think this is very likely the same man as [Francis Carlisle \(Carlile\) W10576](#)

[Veteran's widow was granted a posthumous pension at the rate of \$75.97 per annum beginning March 4, 1836 and ending November 5, 1846 when she died.]