

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Pander (Ponder) W21906

Nancy Pander

f81NC

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Original Claim

Declaration in order to be placed on the pension list under the Act of 18 March 1818
South Carolina Greenville District

On this fourteenth day of October 1830, personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace for the District of Greenville in said State, Thomas Ponder Resident in said District aged about sixty-five who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18 March 1818 and 1st of May 1820, that he the said Thomas Ponder enlisted for the term of eighteen months sometime in the latter part of the summer of the year 1782 to the best of his recollection that he cannot state precisely the month or day as his memory from old age has become so bad that he cannot state the precise time. But recollects it was in the State of North Carolina in Caswell County in the Continental Establishment in the company commanded by Captain Elijah Moore, the number of the Regiment he has entirely forgotten [4th North Carolina Regiment] that well recollects the Regiment was commanded by Colonel Archabald Little [sic, Archibald Lytle] in the line of the State of North Carolina and that he continued to serve in the said Regiment twelve months and then he was furloughed and or paroled near Charleston South Carolina, that he still stood in readiness to go into the service but was not called for or wanted any more peace having been made, that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present.

And the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension, being unwilling to receive anything from his Country while he was able to work for his living. And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed, and since the 18th March 1818, there have been no changes in my property whatever it is all I had was a few carpenter's tools mentioned in the schedule except my wearing apparel.

Schedule

a Small Chest of Carpenters tools supposed to be worth in value about	\$30.00
Six head of hogs worth about	6.00
cooking utensils worth about	<u>7.00</u>
	\$43.00

Test: S/ J. H. Goodlett, CCP

S/ Thomas Pander, X his mark

This deponent further saith that he is by occupation a house Carpenter, has been unable to support himself by manual labor from old age and infirmities, that the number of his family is as follows: his wife Nancy Pander aged fifty-nine years and two daughters to wit Irine Ponder twenty-two years Anne nineteen years and that they are and himself in such indigent circumstances as cannot support himself without the assistance of his country.

He Sworn & subscribed in open court 14 day of October A.D. 1830

S/ J. H. Goodlett, CCP

S/ Thomas Pander, X his mark

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State of South Carolina Greenville District

On this tenth day of October in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Circuit law Judges of the said State, now sitting, ~~Thomas~~ Pander, a resident of Greenville in the District of Greenville and State of South Carolina, aged sixty-seven years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated -- first he volunteered under Captain Olin Terry for 3 months, was under the command of Major Douglass and Colonel William Moore, and entered the service in the spring of 1781 and was discharged in August following, was in the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] under the command of General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene], and also in the battle of Moscastles North Carolina under the command of General Butler [John Butler] -- secondly he volunteered under Captain Hargoss [Frederick Hargis] for three months longer in the Fall of 1781, went to Hillsborough North Carolina to guard the magazine and remained there till discharged at the end of three months -- thirdly he entered in the summer of 1782 under Captain Elijah Moore for eighteen months and belonged to the Regiment of Colonel Lytle, and left the same in the summer of 1783, having staid twelve months, and peace being concluded was ~~furlo~~ughed, was in the battle of Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781]. When he entered the service each time, he lived in Caswell County North Carolina, volunteered the two first times and enlisted the third time, was in the battles of Guilford, Moscastle and Eutaw Springs, marched through North Carolina via Salisbury, to the High Hills of Santee in South Carolina, and thence to James Island where he was stationed. He believes Colonel Archer Lytle [sic, Archibald Lytle] commanded the 7th Continental Regiment, recollects Colonel Steward who commanded the Maryland line, Major [illegible name] of Maryland, General Guest and General Greene. He has no documentary evidence and knows of but one man Wm Emmery¹ who served with him and will testify as to his services during his enlistment.

I do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State.

To the questions² propounded by the Court the applicant answers as follows --1st he was

¹ [William Emery W7107](#)

² The War Department promulgated regulations governing pension application format and requiring the following 7

born in the State of Pennsylvania on Delaware River in the year 1765, March 22nd -- 2nd he has no record of his age at this time -- 3rd -- he lived in Caswell County North Carolina when he volunteered and also when he enlisted -- 4th he first volunteered for a tour of 3 months and shortly after the expiration of that time volunteered a 2nd time and then enlisted for eighteen months. 5th -- he has already stated the names of General Greene, General Guest, Colonel Lytle, Colonel Steward, Colonel Moore, General Butler, Major Douglass and Major [illegible name] who are all the officers he recollects at this time -- 6 -- he was discharged at Hillsboro by Colonel William Moore the first time and the 2nd time by Captain Hargoss, and was furloughed but has lost all his papers -- 7th he says he is known in his present neighborhood to William Blasingame Esquire Sheriff of Greenville district and Silas R. Whitten Esquire who will testify to his good behavior and character for veracity, and also to Runnells Dill³ Stephen Dill and Solomon Loftis⁴ who can testify as to his going into and returning from the service of the United States. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ J. McDonald, CCP

S/ Thomas Pander, X his mark

[Nathan Berry, a clergyman, and William Blasingame gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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South Carolina Greenville District

Personally came William Embry [sic, William Emery] of Spartanburg district in State aforesaid, before me the subscribing Justice and made oath in due form of law, that he was well acquainted with Thomas Ponder who is now a resident of Greenville district in the State aforesaid, and who is now making application for a pension under the late law of the Congress of the United States. That the said William Ponder and himself both resided in Caswell County in the State of North Carolina in the year 1781, and during the summer of that year the said Ponder and himself went into the Army together in that class of soldiers called eighteen months or Continental troops, that the said Ponder and himself were in the United States service together about one year, and were both furloughed at the same time in the summer of 1782 near Charleston South Carolina, that when the said Ponder and myself entered the service as above stated the company to which we were attached was commanded by Elijah Moore -- Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of October 1832.

S/ Silas R. Whitten, JQ

S/ William Embrey, X his mark [sic]

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South Carolina Greenville District: Personally appeared Runnells Dill and Stephen Dill of the

interrogatories to be put to each applicant for a pension:

1st Where and in what year were you born?

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

³ [Runnells Dill R2953](#); this veteran's name is also spelled Reynolds Dill, and/or Runnells Dill.

⁴ [Solomon Loftis R6409](#)

State and district aforesaid before me the subscribing Justice and made oath in due form that they were both well acquainted with Thomas Ponder of the district of Greenville, when he resided in Caswell County in North Carolina in the year 1781 and about that time, 1781 or 1782 he the said Ponder entered the United States service as a soldier of the revolution and that he was reputed to have been and we believe was in the United States service as a private soldier about one year.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the 6th day of October 1832.

S/ Silas R. Whitten, JQ

S/ Stephen Dill, X his mark

S/ Runnuls Dill, X his mark

[p 14: On April 7, 1845 in Greenville District South Carolina, Nancy Ponder, 77, filed for a widows pension stating that she is the widow of Thomas Ponder; that she married him on September 15 1785; that they were married by Wyatt Stubblefield in Caswell County North Carolina; that her husband died in his place of residence on February 13, 1837 and that she remains his widow.]

[p 15: Jeremiah Ponder, an "old and respectable, truthful citizen" stated that he was present at the marriage of his brother Thomas Ponder to Nancy Henson by Squire Stubblefield.]

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Raleigh 27th March 1830

Sir

I have re-examined the muster rolls of the name of Thomas Ponder and find nothing there by which I can ascertain the date of his enlistment. It shows that he enlisted in 1782, but does not state either the month or day -- judging from others whose names stand; as to the date of enlistment in the time which they enlisted, in the same situation as Thomas Ponders, I am induced to believe he enlisted in the month of September, but this is uncertain. In all my certificates I give all the information to be obtained from the rolls, and when you find one not containing all the facts desirable in the case you may be sure it is because it is not to be found here.

I am very respectfully

your obedient servant

S/ Wm Hill [NC Secretary of State]

James L. Edwards, Esqr.

Chf. Clk Pension Office US Washington

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private in both of the North Carolina Continental line and the militia for a total of 18 months. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

[facts in file: the veteran and his wife had a son by the name of Milton.]