

THE
FAMILY OF
PETER PONDER & ARMINDA COULTER
WINSTON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

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THE DESCENT OF PETER AND ARMINDA FRANCES COULTER PONDER

- I. S. PETER PONDER (aka Peter P. Ponder, Sr.)
 b 1825 in Alabama d Atlanta, GA 2/15/1863
 in Rays Hosp. from complications of a leg wound
 rec'd 12/31/62 at Battle of Stones River,
 near Murfreesborough, TN as Private in the
 Army of the Confederate States of America.
 buried Oakland (City) Cemetery, near downtown
 Atlanta, GA.
 (his parentage remains undetermined)
 married ARMINDA (ARMENDA?) FRANCES COULTER
 on / /1848 in Winston, Noxubee or
 Attala Co., MS
 (the daughter of John Coulter b 5/5/1795 in GA
 d 5/19/1874 in Winston Co. and
 Mary Wilcox Coulter b 7/4/1805 GA d 10/3/1888 in
 Winston Co., who married 3/10/1820 in Monroe
 Co., MS, and who are buried in Old Coulter
 Harper Burial Ground (See ADDENDUM 7))
 b 7/9/1833 d 1/26/1909
 buried Good Hope Cemetery, Fearn Springs (near
 Louisville, MS)
 (the sisters and brothers of Arminda Frances
 Coulter Ponder were: Missouri Olive who
 married J. L. Speaks, Jeffersonia M. who
 married Lindsey F. Shumaker, Edward Dixon
 who married Nancy Elizabeth Barmore, Nancy
 Elizabeth who married Francis Marion
 Woodward, Mary Lucinda Arlene who married
 William J. Hudspeth and William W. who never
 married) (See ADDENDUM 6 for "The Coulters of
 Winston County Mississippi and Ashley County
 Arkansas" by Mary Moss Coulter)
 (children are A, B, C, D and E, below)
- A. John William Ponder
 b Fearn Springs, MS 1/21/1850 d 10/24/1905
 buried Good Hope Cemetery, Fearn Springs
 married Mary E. Henry 3/29/1882, Winston Co.
 (the daughter of S. P. Henry b 12/4/1829
 d 11/28/1905 buried Good Hope Cem. and
 A. M. Henry b 4/7/1828 d 9/8/1896 buried with
 her husband)
 (children are 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, below)
1. William D. "Billy" Ponder
 b Fearn Springs 12/19/1872 d 9/27/1909
 buried Good Hope Cem.
 married Tommie Combs 1/22/1896, (Fannie Tatum?)
 at Noxubee Co., MS
 b d at
 (children are a, b, c, and d, below)
- a. Mamie Ponder
 b ca 1897 d
 married on
 (children undetermined)
- b. Forrest Ponder
 b 1899 d
 married at
 (children undetermined)
- c. S. T. Ponder
 b d
 married
 (children undetermined)

- d. Henry Glenn Ponder
b ca 1904 d
married
(children undetermined)
2. John H. "Bud" Ponder
b Fearn Springs 5/15/1884 d 12/7/1935
buried Good Hope Cem.
married Annie Reed 1/30/1906
b 1884 d 1959 buried Odd Fellows Cem.,
Starkville, Oktibbeha Co., MS
(children are a. b. c, d, e, f
and g, below)(Must determine if these
children have either another mother or
another father or if error in marriage
date exists)
- a. Bettie L. Ponder
b ca 1898
d
 - b. Lillie Ponder
b ca 1900
d
married Bill Beasley 9/28/1924 in Noxubee
Co.(double wedding with Mae Sue
Holdiness and W. P. Beasley)
 - c. Luther Ponder
b ca 1902
d
 - d. Elliot Ponder
b ca 1903
d
 - e. Velma Ponder
b ca 1904
 - f. Thelma Ponder
b ca 1904
d
married Lynn Beasley 8/4/1929 Noxubee Co.
(children undetermined)
 - f. Ruby M. Ponder
b ca 1905
3. Robert Irvin Ponder
b Noxubee Co. 1/14/1896 d 4/22/1945
buried at Good Hope Cem.
married Ella H. Land, Kemper Co., MS 7/13/1919
b d
(children may be a and b, below, but
incomplete)
(SEE ADDENDUM 1 AT THE END OF THIS FAMILY TREE)
- a. Billy Lamar Ponder
b 6/6/1922 d 8/13/1967
buried in Neshoba Co., MS
at Golden Grove Cem.
married Lessie Viola Moore 1941 in
Neshoba Co. (Q/73)
 - b. Dotsy Ann Ponder
b 12/27/35 d 6/6/1937
buried Good Hope Cemetery

c. James Harold Ponder
b d
buried

and Robert Irvin Ponder married
Clara Porter, in DeKalb, Kemper Co., MS
on 2/11/1938

b d
(child may be a, below, but incomplete)

a. Joe P. Ponder
b at DeKalb, MS (?)
married Marilyn P. Stevenson(?)
at Kemper Co., MS on 2/13/1957
b d
(children undetermined)

4. Sallie Ponder
b 1881 d
married James C. "Jim" Rogers
on 2/26/1901 in Winston Co.
b d
(child may be a, below, but incomplete)

a. Donnie Sue Rogers
b 2/21/1901 and d 11/12/06 at Winston Co.
Buried Good Hope Cem.

5. Ida Ponder
b 7/20/1878 d 1/11/1962 buried at
Odd Fellows (AKA City) Cem. Starkville, MS
married B. H. (AKA William B. (Bill)) Holdiness
11/14/1899 in Noxubee Co., MS
b 5/ /1878 Noxubee Co. d 2/15/1922
(the son of Samuel Holdiness* b ca 1829 GA
d between 1877 and 1880 in Shuqualak area
of Noxubee Co. and Nancy Robinson/Robertson
b ca 1839 AL, d between 1880 and 1900 at
Shuqualak. Probably buried with Sam in
unmarked graves in Macedonia Cem. about
8 mi. NW of Shuqualak. Parents of Thomas,
Ewing, Samuel, Susan Rebecca, Martha Jane,
Mary M., Louisa Elizabeth and William B.
Holdiness)
buried Good Hope Cem., Winston Co.
*(This Samuel was the son of James M. and
Clarissa Holderness each b ca 1800 GA
James and Clarissa died ca 1860 in
Morehouse or Ouachita Parish, LA)
(children are a, b, c, d, e, f,
and g, below)

a. Annie Bell Holdiness
b 9/ /1900 d 6/9/1971
buried Woodfin Cem., Noxubee Co.
married Tommy Eaves 1920
b 9/ /1900 (son of Samuel and
Mary Willie Peavey Eaves)
d 7/2/1967 buried Woodfin Cem.
(children are (1), (2), (3), (4), (5),
(6), (7), (8), (9) and (10), below)

(1) Elsie Eaves
b 8/21/1921
married Robert Gregg 1941

(2) Clyde Eaves
b 3/24/29
married Annie May Clark

(3) William Eaves
b 2/26/1926, Mashulaville, MS

married Annie Bell Maxey
d 6/ /1982, Shuqulak, MS

- (4) Edna Eaves
b 9/30/1929
married Davis Rutledge
- (5) Edward Eaves
b 9/30/1929
married Lois Sullivan
- (6) Mavis Eaves
b 3/4/1935
married Tom Myers
- (7) Davis Eaves
b 3/4/1935
married Maxine Bell
- (8) Samuel Clement Eaves
b 3/13/1938, Mashulaville
married Majorie Clark 12/23/1958
- (9) Ike Alvin Eaves
b 10/ /1940, Mashulaville
married Nita Miles 1962, married
Billie Sue _____ next, then
Denise_____.
- (10) Tommy Oswell Eaves
b 10/24/1942, Mashulaville
married Maggie Faye White 5/18/1963
at Macon, MS (the daughter of
Willie Ben and Martha Annie
Higginbotham White)
b 9/14/1942
(children are (a) and (b), below)
 - (a) Linda Carol Eaves
b 12/14/1963, Macon, MS
 - (b) Kenneth Oswell Eaves
b 11/3/1965, Macon

- b. Samuel Henry Holdiness
b 10/11/1902 d 1/28/1975
buried Good Hope Cem.
married Annie Vaughn 6/1/1924 Noxubee Co.
b 2/18/1906 d 2/18/1974
buried Good Hope Cem.
(children are (1), (2), (3), (4), (5),
(6), (7), (8), (9), (10), (11) and
(12), below)

- (1) John William Holdiness
b 1/18/1926 at Macon
married Gaddie Bea Higginbotham
6/24/1944 at Mashulaville (the
daughter of John Jackson and
Addie Mae Comans Higginbotham)
(children are (a), (b), (c) and
(d), below)

- (a) Shirley Jean Holdiness
 b 11/12/1946
 married Arnold Wesley 6/1/1963
 (son of Arnold and Felicia
 Virginia Palmer White) in
 Kemper Co. and then Michael
 Hawkins
 (child is 1, below)
- 1 John Wesley White
 b 11/15/1965, Dekalb, MS
- (b) John William "Johnny" Holdiness,
 Jr., b 1/11/1948 Mashulaville
 married Sandra Juanita Stokes
 7/8/1967 Winston Co. (daughter
 of Melton and Wennie Gully
 Stokes) b 6/12/1948 Winston Co.
 (Deputy Sheriff, Winston Co.)
 (child is 1, below)
- 1 Joel Edward Holdiness
 b 1/18/1982, Louisville, MS
- (c) Barbara Ann Holdiness
 b 8/31/1952, Mashulaville
 married Bester Ray Turner
 6/28/1968 Livingston, AL
 (son of W. E. and Lucille
 Turner)
 b 12/19/1949, Louisville
 (child is 1, below)
- 1 Barry Ray Turner
 b 4/11/1969, Louisville
- (d) Jackie Dale Holdiness
 b 12/13/1960, Mashulaville
 married Judith Ann Hyde 6/12/1982
 then Helen Donna Carter
 12/13/1990
- (2) James Henry Holdiness
 b 10/1/1927, Noxubee Co.
 d 1/16/1970, buried Good Hope Cem.
 married Alice Gloria Higginbotham
 12/29/194_ at Macon, MS (the daughter
 of John Jackson and Addie Mae
 Comans Higginbotham)
 b 1/16/1924 at Philadelphia, MS
 (children are (a), (b), (c), (d)
 and (e), below)
- (a) Willa Dean Holdiness
 b 9/15/1942, Macon, MS
 married George Lamar White 1/5/61
 (son of George Robert and Leana
 Holice White)
 b 7/21/1940 at Louisville, MS
 (children are 1, 2, 3, and 4,
 below)
- 1 Mickey Lamar White
 b 1/7/1962 at Macon, MS
- 2 Gloria Alesia White
 b 12/23/1963 at Macon

- 3 Beverly Darlene White
b 9/3/1968 at Macon
- 4 Holly Charisse White
b 8/7/1971 at Macon
- (b) Robert Lee Holdiness
b 12/25/1946, Macon, MS
d 2/7/1994
married Faye Martin 1965,
married Dorothy Jean Buchanan
12/24/1968 (the daughter of
Miller Rustin and Elise Inez
Sims Buchanan)
b 7/6/1950 at Vicksburg, MS
(children are 1 and 2, below)
- 1 Falicia Carol Holdiness
b 4/20/1966 at Macon, MS
- 2 James Lee Holdiness
b 5/30/1970 at Macon
- (c) Elaine Holdiness
b 1/23/1949 at Macon
married Richard Edward Gaylord
10/14/1967 at Machulaville
(the son of David Augustus and
Mildred Simmons Gaylord)
b 1/9/1946
(children are 1 and 2, below)
- 1 Samuel Thomas Gaylord
b 10/8/1968 at Macon
- 2 Richard Grant Gaylord
b 4/3/1970 at Macon
- (d) Bobby Joe Holdiness
b 9/14/1951 at Macon
d 3/12/1986, buried Good Hope Cem
married Sandra joyce Miles
8/13/1971 at Vernon, AL (the
daughter of Udell S. and Audra
L. Ferguson Miles)
b 1/12/1956
(children undetermined)
- (e) Janie Faye Holdiness
b 5/28/1954 at Macon
married John Billy Morton, Jr.,
then mar. Jerry Pugh.
(children undetermined)
- (3) Robert H. Holdiness
b 2/22/1929
d 3/5/1930, buried Good Hope Cem.
- (4) Max Allen Holdiness
b ca 1932
married Hilda Mavis Richardson
Fearn Springs, MS; reside
Vicksburg, MS
(children are (a), (b), (c), (d) and
(e), below)

- (a) Roger Allen Holdiness
resides at Vicksbure
 - (b) Roy Dale Holdiness
 - (c) Peggy Sue Holdiness
 - (d) Sinda Ann Holdiness
 - (e) Lisa Renee Holdiness
- (5) Barney Junior Holdiness
b 6/19/1935, resides Fearn Springs
married Mabel Chesney
b 2/9/1942
(children are (a), (b), (c), (d)
and (e), below)
- (a) Michael Wade Holdiness
b 2/23/1961
d 9/3/1983
buried Good Hope Cem.
 - (b) Samuel Kent Holdiness
b
married Debbie Lynn Walters
on 12/4/1981
 - (c) Barney Chesney Holdiness
b
married Pamela Jean Yarbrough
on 7/20/1985
 - (d) Pete Holdiness
 - (e) Roy Holdiness
- (6) Evie May Holdiness
b ca 1939
married Billy Max White 7/9/1954 at
Winston Co.; reside Vicksburg, MS
(children are (a), (b), (c) and
(d), below)
- (a) Ralph White
 - (b) Lisa White
 - (c) Sandy White
 - (d) David White
- (7) Billy Lamar Holdiness
married Lois White (of Vicksburg)
reside Bovina, MS
(children are (a) and (b), below)
- (a) Mark Holdiness
 - (b) Ricky Holdiness
- (8) Vernon Kellis Holdiness
married Delma Sue Ferguson 8/26/1962
b 6/24/1947, reside Ebenezer Rd.
Winston Co.
(children undetermined)

- (9) J. W. Holdiness
 married Barbara Jane Hatcher 6/28/1964
 reside Vicksburg, MS
 (children undetermined)
- (10) Ella Faye Holdiness
 b ca 1947, resides Louisville
 married Osler Beal Gregory
 7/20/1968
 (children are (a), (b) and (c),
 below)
- (a) Trecia Gregory
- (b) Beth Gregory
- (c) Tammie Gregory
- (11) Doris Nell Holdiness
 married Rev. Walter Reed
 reside Burnside, MS
 (no children)
- (12) Mamie Evelyn Holdiness
 married William Glenn Triplett 4/6/1960
 then married Johnny Cook
 reside Hideburg, MS
 (children are (a) and (b), below)
- (a) Robert
- (b) Kathy
- c. Mary Sue Holdiness
 b 1/28/1905 at Louisville
 d 3.19.1947, buried Macedonia Cem. near
 Shuqulak, MS
 married William Preston Beasley 9/28/1924
 b 3/16/1888 at Alva, MS
 d 12/30/1963 at Gholson, MS (4), (5), (6), (7) AND (8)
 (children are (1), (2) and (3), below)
- (1) Allene Beasley
 b 11/28/1927
 d 9/23/1929
- (2) Lorene Beasley
 b 12/9/1932
 d 2/10/1033
- (3) Barney Tyson Beasley
 b 2/18/1934 at Shuqulak, MS
 married Vivian Inez Higginbotham
 12/21/1951 in Noxubee Co., MS
 b 4/7/1934
 (children are (a), (b), (c)
 and (d), below)
- (a) Sandra Kate Beasley
 b 7/29/1951 at Macon, MS
 married Gary Estus Walker 8/28/1971
 at Clinton, MS
 (the son of Burnell Ellis and
 Jewell Dean Gipson Walker)
 b 6/1/1952 at Mendenhall, MS
~~(children are (a), (b), (c) and (d), below)~~

- (b) Hank Russell Beasley
b 12/8/1953 at Noxubee Co., MS
- (c) Milton Mitchell Beasley
b 2/24/1956 in Noxubee Co.
- (d) Manduel Tyson Beasley
b 1/29/1958 in Noxubee Co.
- (4) Carl Milton Beasley
b 10/20/1938
d 4/24/1954, buried Macedonia Cem.
near Shuqulak, MS
(children undetermined)
- (5) Sam Stella Beasley
- (6) Gladys Beasley
- (7) Mary Alice Beasley
- (8) Jimmy Beasley
- d. Sophronie "Fronia" Holdiness
b 4/20/1909
d 2/28/1938 buried City Cem., Starkville
Oktibbeha Co., MS
married James Muncher 12/1/1927
(child is (1), below)
- (1) Robert Lee Muncher
b 7/16/1929
d 3/3/1985
- e. Barney H. Holdiness
b 8/22/1912
d 9/28/1971 buried City Cem., Starkville
married Myrtle Bassett
b 9/8/1918
d 8/13/1980 buried with Barney
(children are (1), (2), (3), (4) and (5), below)
- (1) Ora Jeanette Holdiness
b 10/18/1936
d 8/24/1955 buried City Cem.,
Starkville
married David L. Barnhill 11/13/1954
(children undetermined)
- (2) William Holdiness
- (3) Nittle Mae Holdiness
- (4) Charlotte Holdiness
- (5) Eddie Joe Holdiness
- f. Mamie J. Holdiness
b 5/31/1914
d 11/7/1985 buried City Cem., Starkville
married Marion Gaston Oakley
b 1/16/1913
d 7/9/1958 buried with Mamie
(children undetermined)
- g. Roy Holdiness
b ca 1916
(resides near Noxapater, MS?)
- 6. ^{MARY} Henrietta Ponder
b 7/20/1878 d 4/22/1948
married J. E. Hurst 12/25/1894 Noxubee, Co.
b 3/21/1875 d 7/1/1905
buried White Graveyard, Winston Co. near
Noxubee Co. line
(child may be a, below, but incomplete)

- a. Minnie F. Hurst
b 11/21/1900 d 12/1/1926
buried Good Hope Cem.

and Mrs. M. H. Hurst married A. J. Palmer on
12/9/1908 in Noxubee Co. He was b 8/26/1858
d 8/20/1938.
buried Harmony Bap. Ch. Cem., Winston Co., MS

- B. David Hudspeth Ponder
b 1/10/1853, Fearn Springs d 7/31/1911
buried Good Hope Cemetery
married Mariah Rebecca King 12/24/1884
in Winston Co.
(the daughter of Thomas Potts Miller King
b 1830 d 5/7/1918 and Mary Elizabeth
Boswell b d who married
in Winston Co. on 8/13/1851) (Thomas Potts
Miller King was the son of Thomas Sessions
Miller b d and
Maria Reith Durant b 1790
d 1855)
b d 1900? at Hattiesburg, MS
buried Hattiesburg, (Oaklawn Cemetery?)
in unmarked grave
(children are 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 below)
 - 1. Letha Mary Ponder
b 3/22/1888 at Fearn Springs d 4/15/1972
buried Catholic Cem., Mobile, AL
married Alexander Henry Boyd
1/2/06, Hattiesburg, Forrest Co., MS
b 11/9/1859 d 9/19/1953 buried with Letha
(children are a, b, c and d below)
 - a. Sister Anne (nee Letha Madeleine Boyd)
b 12/2/1907 at Bogalusa, LA d 1/1/1992
buried Visitation Monastery Cem., Mobile
 - b. Lillian Boyd
b 1/21/1912 Mobile Resides in Mobile
never married
 - c. Helena Boyd
b 10/18/1909 Louisville, MS d 10/1/1993
buried Catholic Cem., Mobile
never married
 - d. Alexander Harry Boyd
b 7/17/1915 Mobile Resides at Mobile
married Frankie (Francesca until 1939)
Fernandez 5/22/1952 at Mobile
b 10/20/1923 at Carson, Jefferson Davis Co.,
MS, (the daughter of Ella Mae Evans
b Clara, Wayne Co., MS 10/18/1892
d 1/17/1976 and Fermin "Frank" Menendez
Fernandez b Las Villas, Spain 5/18/1888
d 9/20/1934, both buried Bassfield, MS)
(children are (1) and (2) below)
 - (1) Mary Ella Boyd
b 12/30/1954 at Mobile
married Daniel McVay Martin 6/26/1982
(children are (a), (b) & (c), below)
 - (a) Sadie Maurine Martin
b 10/15/1987 at Mobile
 - (b) Madeleine Francesca Martin
b 9/27/1989 at Mobile

(c) Lillian Alexandra Martin
b 7/1/1991 at Mobile

(2) Harry Fernandez Boyd
b 6/24/1960 at Mobile d 1/24/1986
buried Pinecrest Cem., Mobile
married Elizabeth Holler
divorced 10/24/1985
(no children)

2. Wilbur Franklin Ponder
b / /1889 d 4/13/1941
buried Wadsworth, KS, (Vets. Mem. Cem.?)
married Albertine Bowers at
b d
(children undetermined)

3. Grady David Ponder
b 9/28/1890, Fearn Springs
d 2/7/1983, El Campo, Wharton Co., TX
married Emma May Davis
in Hattiesburg, Forrest Co., MS 12/25/1916
b 9/20/1894, near Meridian, MS
d 3/5/1992 at El Campo, Tx
(the daughter of Charles and Nancy Caroline
Davis, the sister of (1) Ira Braxton who married
Myrlie Marie Davis, whose children were
Betty Kathlene, who married Joseph Alexander;
Dorothy Marie who married Jerry Supek;
Ira 'Buddy' Braxton, Jr.; and
Arthur Leonard Davis, (2) Hulon Davis who
married Ethel Bronson, but had no children,
(3) Fannie Mae who married Joseph Varnado,
whose children are Edna Harrell, Edward and
Louis Varnado, and (4) Melvin Davis.)
both buried Masonic (Hopkinsville) Cemetery,
Waelder, TX
(no children)

4. Floyd Davenport Ponder, Sr.
b 2/17/1892 d 1/21/1966
buried Magnolia Cemetery, Meridian MS
married Alma J. Urie at Hattiesburg
on 11/12/1916
b at
(the daughter of
b d buried
and
b d buried)
(children are a, b and c, below)

a. Edith Ponder
b 1/19/1920
married Shelton Ward Calhoun, Sr.
at Mt. Olive, MS on 12/25/1936
b at
(the son of
b d buried
and
b d buried)
(children are (1) and (2), below)

(1) Shelton Ward Calhoun, Jr.
b 11/24/1937 at Meridian
married Ella Lee Mosby
on 8/17/1962 at Meridian
b 11/24/41 at
(the daughter of
and)
(children are (a) & (b), below)

- (a) Shelton Ward Calhoun, III
 b 12/18/1964 at Natchez, MS
 married Connie Lynn McCubbin on
 6/27/1987 at Meridian
 b 8/13/1964 at Meridian
 (the daughter of
 and)
 (children are 1 and 2 below)
- 1 Andrew Christopher Calhoun
 b 8/30/1993 at Meridian
- 2 Amy Caroline Calhoun
 b 6/29/1996
- (b) John Mosby Calhoun
 b 8/20/1967 at Pascagoula, MS
 married Daphne Donahue on 5/20/1995
 at Meridian
 b 12/5/1973 at
 (the daughter of
 and)
 (no children)

- (2) Larry Michael Calhoun
 (of Lake Charles, LA)
 b 2/3/1951 at Meridian
 married Janet Louise Johnson Willis
 on at
 b at
 (the daughter of
 and)
 (Janet brought into this union
 a son, Jeremy Daniel Willis)
 b 10/9/1976 at)

- b. Helen Ponder
 b 2/4/1922 at ~~Meridian, MS~~
 d 11/14/1985 at San Antonio
 buried
 married Ollie Franklin Stumbaugh II
 at on
 b at
 (the son of
 b d buried
 and
 b d buried)
 (children are (1), (2) and (3), below)

- (1) Ollie Franklin Stumbaugh, III
 b 6/15/1945 at
 married Susan Anderson on
 at
 (children are (a) & (b), below)

(a) Shannon Stumbaugh
 b at

(b) Sharla Stumbaugh
 b at

- (2) David Glenn Stumbaugh
 b 5/29/1947 at Houston
 married Carol
 at
 (child is (a), below)

(a) Chad Stumbaugh
 b at

(3) Susan Clair Stumbaugh
b. 2/5/1953 at
married M. Glen Thrasher
on at
(child is (a), below)

(a) Elizabeth Thrasher
b at San Antonio

c. Floyd Davenport ("Dooley") Ponder, Jr
b at Meridian, MS
married Anita Little on at
divorced
(child is (1), below)

(1) Debbie
b at
married
b
(children are , below

and Floyd Davenport (Dooley) Ponder, Jr.
married
at d. 8-18-2005^{on} @ San Antonio, Texas
(no children) cremated.

5. Morris King Ponder
b 1895(?) at Fearn Spgs., MS
d buried
married Sadie Campbell
on 10/31/1922 at Hattiesburg, MS
b d buried
(the daughter of
b d buried
and
b d buried)
(child is a, below)

a. Maurice Ponder
b at Laurel, MS
married
divorced
(no children)

6. Charles Sessions Ponder, Sr.
 b 9/3/1896 (Fearn Springs)
 d 7/13/1956 Houston,
 buried Brookside Memorial Cemetery, Houston
 married Verno Atkeisson at Houston
 divorced 8/10/1940 at Houston
 b 9/16/1901 Houston, Tx
 d 6/6/1971 Houston, buried Rosewood Cemetery
 (the daughter of James Payne and Vernona
 Atkeisson, the sister of James
 Payne Atkeisson, Jr.; a onetime boarding
 student at Ste. Agnes Acad. in Houston;
 a previous resident of Flatonia, TX)
 (children are a, b and c below)
- a. Charles ("Cholly") Sessions Ponder, Jr.
 b 6/6/1924 Gulfport
 d 8/30/1970 Houston
 buried Veterans Memorial Cemetery Houston
 married Dorothy M. Arrington
 on 4/17/1950 in Houston
 divorced 1967 in Houston
 b (the daughter
 of
 b d
 and
 b d buried)
 (children are (1), (2) and (3); below)
- (1) Charles Sessions Ponder, III
 b 7/24/1951 at Houston
 married on at
 b
 (children are (a) and (b), below)
- (a) Ponder
 b at Houston
- (b) Ponder
 b at Houston
- (2) Dennis Grady Ponder
 b 9/28/1952 at Houston
 married on at
 b
- (3) Belinda Ann Ponder
 b 2/2/1954 at Houston
 married at
 b
- b. James ("Jim") David Ponder
 b 9/22/1926 at 1915 24th Ave., Gulfport, MS
 married Joyce Ann Chandler
 8/ /1948 at Galveston, TX
 b 11/6/1929 at Wichita Falls, TX
 (the daughter of Virgil V. Chandler
 b 2/ /1905 d 3/25/1992 and
 Estelle Nance Stanfield
 b 10/11/1904 d 3/29/1989
 buried Grand Prairie, TX, and
 sister of Terry Chandler)
 divorced 1951, now residing Bremerton, WA
 (children are (1) and (2), below)

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- (1) David ("Dave") Andrew Ponder
 b 11/20/1949 at Houston
 married Ann on
 divorced
 (children are (a) and (b), below)
- (a) David Evan Ponder
 b 6/9/78 at Boulder, CO
- (b) Donovan Ponder
 b at Boulder, CO
- (2) Rebecca ("Becky") Lynn Ponder
 b 12/31/1950 at Dallas
 married Richard Keith Derrington
 on 9/8/1973 at Upper Saddle River, NJ
 divorced 1977 at Palo Alto, CA
 (no children)

and James David Ponder married
 Jacqueline ("Jackie") Inez LaTurno
 7/23/1955 at Houston
 b 6/17/1929 Festus, MO
 (the daughter of William Harris LaTurno
 b 10/10/1904 at Bonne Terre, MO,
 d 7/18/1977 at St. Louis, MO and
 Alice Naomi Vineyard b 3/26/1900 at
 Festus, MO d 11/13/1987 at Festus
 who married 6/19/1926 at Festus and
 who divorced 2/23/1944 at St. Louis.
 And Jackie was sister of the late
 William Kenneth LaTurno and Mary
 Frances LaTurno Menninger)
 (children are (1), (2) and (3), below)

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- (1) Mary Ann Ponder
 b 7/2/1957 Houston
 married Ronnie Dale Cook at Yorktown
 on
 b (the son of
 b at and
 b at)
 divorced at Cuero, TX on
 (child is (a) below)
- (a) David Wesley Cook
 b 11/20/1980 at Cuero, TX
- and Mary Ann Ponder Cook married
 Kenneth Waldrup
 at College Station, TX on
 b (the son of
 and)
 (child is (a), below)
- (a) Matthew Ryan Ponder-Waldrup
 b 12/27/1990 at College Station

(2) Peggy Anne Ponder
b 7/1/1958 at Houston
married Donald Ray McKay 9/1/1979
at Houston
b 2/1/1960 at Houston
(the son of Bobby Wayne McKay, Sr.
b 1/27/1938 at Wainwright, OK
d at
and Anna Marie Deiss b 9/24/37
at Houston)
(children are (a), (b), (c)
and (d), below)

- (a) Donald Ray McKay, Jr.
b 12/30/1980 at Cuero
- (b) Bradley Chase McKay
b 5/12/1982 at Houston
- (c) Jared Nicholas McKay
b 5/8/1986 at Navasota, TX
- (d) Heather Nicole McKay
b 11/22/1990 at Bryan, TX

(3) Carol Ann Ponder
b 2/19/1960 at Houston
married Paul Keith Galow 4/26/1986
at Bay City, Tx.
b 8/12/1961 at Bay City
(the son of Leonard Reinhardt Galow
b 9/1/1931 at Ganada, TX and
Carol Sue Phluhaupt b 2/14/49 at
San Antonio)
(children are (a) and (b), below)

- (a) Morgan Keith Galow
b 1/21/1987 at Tomball
- (b) Cullen Riley Galow
b 5/21/1989 at Tomball

c. Clarence ("Clay") Coulter Ponder
b 12/3/1927 at 1915 24th Ave., Gulfport
married Billie Thompson Bresie Humphreys
8/31/1951 at DeQuincy, LA
b 1/30/1930 at Beaumont, TX
divorced 7/31/1964 at Houston
(who is the daughter of
b d buried
and
b d buried)
(child is (1), below)

(1) Angie Lynette Ponder
b 8/15/1953 at DeQuincy
(never married)

Kerry Humphreys Ponder b 8/13/948, the son
of Billie Thompson Bresie Humphreys and
A. E. Humphreys, Jr., and half-brother of
Angie Lynette Ponder, and whose surname
was formally changed to 'Ponder' in
b never married

1964.

and Clarence Coulter Ponder married
June Lee Baumbach Bussey Spevacek on 8/27/1965
at Houston
b 12/10/1930 at Houston
divorced 5/26/1983 at Houston

(no children were born of this marriage, but the daughters of June Lee and Peter Spevacek namely Eve b 12/24/1960 and Patricia b 4/7/1959, assumed the surname of 'Ponder', and they use it to this day, neither ever having married)
(who is the daughter of
b d
and
b d
and who married at)

and Charles Sessions Ponder, Sr. married Louise Andrus in 1942 in Houston where she was born in 1910 and died 1969. She is buried with him at Brookside Memorial Cem. in Houston
(no children)

and Verno Atkeisson married John M. Anderson (who died in 1949) in 1952 in Houston; and who, afterward, married Patrick Andrew Whitt, Jr. (who died 8/11/1970) in Houston on 6/10/1954 and with whom she is buried at Rosewood Cem.
(no children)

- C. Georgia Agatha (Agnes?) Ponder
b / /1857? in Winston Co. d
(may be buried with husband, below)
married 6/8/1876 to John Edward Coulter
in Winston Co.
(and moved to Hamburg, Ashley Co., AR)
(the son of Edward Dixon Coulter b 12/10/1831
in Fayette Co., TN d Ashley Co., AR / /1908
and Nancy Elizabeth Barmore b 1/19/1833 in
Pickens Co., AL d 8/6/1896 Ashley Co. This
Edward was the brother of Arminda Frances Ponder
Coulter, Georgia's mother; therefore, Georgia
and John were first cousins)
b / /1855 in Winston Co. d
d 6/ /1930 in West Carroll Parish, LA
buried Kilbourne Cem. Kilbourn, LA
(children are 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, below)

1. Eddie Coulter
b 2/ /1878 Winston Co. d
(children unknown)
2. Mary ("Molly") J. Coulter
b. 2/ /1882 Winston Co. d
married Isaiah Colvard 1900?
b / 1871 TX
(children are a, b, c, d and e, below)
 - a. Lily Colvard who married McGowan
 - b. John Colvard
 - c. Ruby Colvard
 - d. Abbie Colvard who may have married Spill
 - e. Gittin (Gidion?) Colvard

3. Carl Coulter
 - b 11/24/1883 Winston Co.
 - d / /1973 Oak Grove, LA
 - buried Kilbourne, LA
 - married Miss E. T. Allen b 11/28/1854 d 1940
 - buried with his wife, Carl
 - (children are a, b, c, d, e and f, below)
 - a. J. T. Coulter b 1906 d 1977
 - b. J. Lee Coulter b 12/17/1908 d 1963
 - c. Dewey Coulter b 4/18/1911 d 12/ /1965
 - d. Ida Coulter b 9/1/1913
 - e. Owen Coulter b 1/30/1916
 - f. Mildred Coulter b 3/6/1919
 - married Sam House

4. Joseph Clark Coulter
 - b 7/5/1886 Ashley Co. d 3/ /1969 Delhi, LA
 - buried New Hope Baptist Church Cem. in East Carroll Parish near Lake Providence, LA
 - married Georgia Ann Ravine 8/11/1911
 - b. 8/8/1896 d 11/15/1972 Delhi, LA
 - buried with husband, Joseph
 - (children are a, b, c, d, e, f, g & h, below)
 - a. Alice Leafer Coulter b 6/12/1912 in LA
 - d 9/14/1914
 - b. Willard Lee Coulter b 1/30/1915 in LA
 - d Houston, TX
 - married Marie Peters
 - (children are (1) and (2), below)
 - (1) Willard Lee Coulter, Jr.
 - (2) Maxine Coulter
 - and Willard Lee Coulter Married Effie Fedder
 - (children are (1), (2) and (3), below)
 - (1) Lloyd B. Coulter
 - (2) Susie Coulter
 - (3) Pammala (Pamela?) Coulter
 - c. B. L. Coulter b 3/17/1918 in LA
 - d 11/26/1919
 - d. Espie Clark Coulter b 8/31/1919 in LA
 - d 11/2/1987 in Norfolk, VA
 - (names of 2 children undetermined)
 - e. Lloyd Bendford Coulter b 8/27/1922 LA
 - married Mildred Holley
 - (names of 5 children undetermined)
 - f. Dorothy Vivian Coulter b 1/31/1924 LA
 - married Lawrence Matthews 1/30/1941
 - b 4/12/1925
 - (children are (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), (11), (12), (13) and (14), below)

- (1) Bobby Dorothy Matthews b 9/6/1942
 - (2) Pearlle Anne Matthews b 1/15/1944
 - (3) Lawrence Matthews, Jr. b 7/27/1945
 - (4) Patricia Marie Matthews b 2/24/1947
 - (5) Billy Wayne Matthews b 11/9/1949
 - (6) James Marvin Matthews b 4/20/1951
d 10/10/1994
 - (7) Clark Harrison Matthews b 9/19/1953
 - (8) Robert Neal Matthews b 3/12/1955
 - (9) Terry Lee Matthews b 7/23/1956
 - (10) Vivian Joyce Matthews b 10/22/1957
 - (11) Sheila Jo Matthews b 3/12/1959
 - (12) Ronnie Lynn Matthews b 3/1/1960
 - (13) Gwendolyn Sue Matthews b 10/10/1961
d 12/20/1995
 - (14) Dorothy Ione Matthews b 10/29/1065
- g. James Clifford Coulter b 9/27/1926 LA
married Gloria
(names of 4 children undetermined)
- h. Georgia ("Gal") Lorraine Coulter
b 10/30/1930
married Bobby Yates
(children are (1), (2), (3), (4), (5),
(6) and (7), below
- (1) Bobby Yates, Jr. b 10/30/1949
(names of 4 children undetermined)
(names of 6 grandchildren und.)
 - (2) Alice Renae Yates b; 4/13/1951
married Herrington
(names of 2 children undetermined)
(name of 1 grandchild und.)
 - (3) Rufas Leonard Yates b 6/19/1953
(names of 2 children undetermined)
(name of 1 grandchild und.)
 - (4) Beverly Joyce Yates b 7/13/1956
married Biggs
(names of 2 children undetermined)
 - (5) Phyliss Gwen Yates b 8/2/58
married Pruett
(names of 2 children undetermined)
(names of 2 grandchildren und.)
 - (6) Ricky Land Yates b 2/1/1961
(names of 2 children undetermined)
 - (7) Tony David Yates b 12/1/1964
(no children)
5. John ("Jack") Milton Coulter
b 7/6/1898 in LA d
married Ruby Manly 3/17/1928
(no children)

D. Joseph ("Joe") Bell Ponder
b 7/22/1858 d 11/20/1943
buried Good Hope Cemetery
(said to have never married)

E. Peter ("Pete") Price Ponder
b. 2/7/1862 d 10/1/1932
buried Good Hope Cemetery
married M. E. Fulton 12/15/1886 in Winston Co.
(the daughter of George W. Fulton b 11/4/1864
d 11/4/1937 and Emma A. Fulton b 12/23/1865
d 1/20/1936, both buried Enon Bap. Ch. Cem.
13 mi. SE of Louisville OR William S. or John
Fulton and Sarah Fulton)
b / /1866 d
buried
(children, if any, unknown)

and Peter ("Pete") P. Ponder married Ella Reed
on 12/19/1894 in Noxubee Co., MS
b 6/15/1876 d / /1960 at Starksville, MS
buried Good Hope Cem. with Peter Ponder
but tombstone is not so marked
(children are 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, below)

1. Andrew Ponder
b 3/ /1896 d
married
buried
(children unknown)

2. William M. Everett Ponder
b. 6/6/1898 d 8/31/1920
married
buried Good Hope Cem., Fearn Springs
(children unknown)

3. Elton Ponder
b d
married
buried
(children unknown)

4. Annie Ponder
b ca 1903

5. Lizzie Ponder
b ca 1905 at

6. John E. Ponder
b ca 1907 at

7. Charley D. Ponder
b 1/14/1908 at
d 3/3/1981, buried Harmony Cem.
married Ocie Hatcher at on
(sister of Yates Hatcher)
(one of children is a., below)

a. Charles Edward Ponder
b ca 1929 at
married on at
resides P. O. Box 202, Pawhuska, OK 74056)
(one of children is (1), below)

(1) David Charles Ponder
b 5/3/1953 at
(resides 101 McWhirter St.,
Louisville, MS 39339)
married on at
(one of children is (a), below)

(a) Charles Vinson Ponder
b at

8. Walter Ponder
b ca 1911 at
9. Hugh Ponder
b ca 1913 at
10. Edgar Ponder
b ca 1915 at
11. Evie Irene Ponder
b. 11/30/1917 d 6/10/1930
buried Good Hope Cem., Fearn Springs
(never married)
12. Infant Ponder
b and d 6/6/1900
buried Good Hope Cem., Fearn Springs

ADDENDA:

1. Sometime prior to his death in 1945, Robert Irvin Ponder (see listed on Page 2) visited a Louisville, MS newspaper and the following is quoted from a copy of a resulting article in that paper. Neither the date of the article nor the name of the newspaper has yet been determined:

"OLD RELICS. We enjoyed a most interesting hour last week when Mr. R. I. Ponder brought to our office some old relics and keepsakes from the eighteen hundreds. Among them were two Bibles over 100 years old that belonged to his grandparents. He also had two letters written by his grandfather, S. Peter Ponder. One of the letters was written to Miss Arminda F. Coulter, his fiancée, in June, 1848 proposing and arranging their date of marriage, concluding the letter with 'So farewell for this time your most affectionate lover until death'. The other letter was written January 1863 from Ray Hospital, Atlanta, Ga. after he had been wounded. (See brief notes under I, above) Both letters were well preserved and the handwriting was the most beautiful we have ever seen." (The later of the two, written, perhaps, for him by a nurse since he was near death at this time.)

2. This compiler has been unable, to date, to determine the parentage of S. Peter Ponder, Sr. The two bibles described above may well hold the key to taking this Family Tree farther back in time and generations. WITH GOOD LUCK, A COPY OF THIS TREE WILL FALL INTO THE HANDS OF THE PERSON OR PERSONS WHO NOW OWN THOSE ABOVE DESCRIBED BIBLES and THEY MAY CONTACT ME or MY WIFE, JACKIE, or MY DAUGHTER, MARY ANN PONDER COOK, at P.O. Box 785, Yorktown, TX 78164, 512/564-3221.

3. Upon being furnished additional and/or corrective information pertinent to this TREE, we stand prepared to update same and either furnish anyone a copy thereof upon request or inform the requesting party where a copy of the updated tree may be obtained. It is our intention to furnish updates as long as practicable to:

Mississippi Department of Archives & History
P. O. Box 571, 100 S. State St.
Jackson, MS 39205

Winston County Library
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Louisville, MS 39339

Ms. Lynette Long
Public Library
P. O. Box 710
DeKalb, MS 39328

Alabama Department of Archives and History
624 Washington Ave.
Montgomery, AL 36104

A self-addressed, stamped envelope sent to this Yorktown address will certainly expedite a response and be greatly appreciated.

4. Interestingly, two of the Ponder tombstones at Good Hope Cemetery bear the inscription: "Remember as you pass by, As you are now so once was I, As I am now you are sure to be, Read this and think of me".

5. Good Hope Cemetery is reached from Louisville, MS, by going southeasterly therefrom on Hwy. 397 a few miles and turning east or left on Hwy. 490. The Church and Cemetery are situated on the right side at a distance of about 5 miles from Hwy. 397. Enter cemetery through gate closest to the church and walk straight ahead. Look for the names, Ponder, Holdiness, Coulter, Speaks or Speakes, Shumaker, Woodward, Hudspeth, Henry, Combs, Tatum, Reed, Land, Hurst Porter, Rogers, King, Sessions, Colvard and Fulton.

6. Those who wish to obtain a copy of Mary Moss Coulter's THE COULTERS OF WINSTON COUNTY MISSISSIPPI AND ASHLEY COUNTY ARKANSAS might do so by contacting her at 3339 N 16010 E Rd., Momence, Illinois, 60954. It is a beautifully bound volume of 104 pages and served as the source of COULTER data.

7. The Old Coulter-Harper Burial Ground is said to be situated upon land once owned by John and Mary Wilcox Coulter. The "cemetery" was abandoned as such long ago and is now overgrown in heavy brush and woods. The tombstone of John and Mary has fallen to the ground and is broken in pieces. Someone, however, has put these pieces together and they lie loosely on the ground. The stone is inscribed, "John Coulter, born Mar 5 1795, died May 19 1874, aged 79Y. 2M. 14.D" and "Mary Coulter, wife of John Coulter, born July 4 1802, died Oct 3 1888, aged 86Y. 2M. 19D" and "The sweet remembrance of the just, Shall flourish when they sleep in dust".

Difficult to reach, the Old Harper Burial Ground or Old Coulter-Harper Burial Ground (whichever is correct) is located 5 miles West of Louisville, MS, out Old Hwy. 25 and a short distance down Pearson Road behind a plot whereupon are situated several cars and a metal building (and across the road from a home). The burial site may be as much as 35 yards into the brushy woods.

Near the Coulter marker is another for John L. Speaks who was the husband of Missouri Olive Coulter (sister of Arminda Frances). It is presumed that Missouri is also buried here. Another stone marks the grave of Mary Lucinda Arlene Coulter (also sister of Arminda) who married William J. Hudspeth. It is presumed that William is also buried here.

8. It appears that Peter Ponder was a member in good standing of a Masonic Lodge, namely, Louisville Lodge No.75 at the time of his death 2/15/1863. By a 'Diploma' dated August 9, 1864, his surviving widow and children are recognized and named in the right margin of form. They are Mrs. A. F. Ponder, John Wm. Ponder, Agatha Ponder, Joseph Ponder and Peter Ponder. The form is signed by W. B. Shumaker, G. G. Woodward, H. C. Edwards and E. E. Hyde as then officers of the Lodge

9. Those who wish to obtain a copy of Lawrence W. Maynard's OUR HOLDINESS FAMILY might do so by contacting him at 2821 West Boyce Ave., Fort Worth, TX 76133. It is a well-bound volume of 102 pages which covers not only the descent of William B. (H.?) Holdiness and Ida Ponder Holdiness, as repeated herein, but also that of James Holderness who married ca 1760.