



DANIEL H. PONDER

14TH SHERIFF



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Daniel H. Ponder served one term as Sheriff from 1862 – 64.

The Ponders came from Abbeville South Carolina to Georgia where they were recorded in Wilkes and Oglethorpe counties. They then relocated to Henry County around 1849 - 50. They settled in the Mt. Pleasant community of Bear Creek (Hampton).

Daniel's parents were Major John M. and Mourning Wade Ponder. Daniel was born in 1825. He married in 1845 to Amanda Elizabeth Little, daughter of Zabud Little. They were members of Berea Christian Church and are buried in that cemetery.

Daniel lived in the Third District, Land Lot fifteen. He donated five acres of land for an African American Methodist Church and cemetery on the northeast corner of his property. (O'Neal Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church)

Prior to becoming Sheriff, Daniel Ponder was listed in the 1850 census as a blacksmith. In the 1870 census he was listed as a farmer with six children.

Daniel H. Ponder was appointed sheriff in 1862 in the early years of the civil war serving until 1864. He died suddenly in 1891 at 65 yrs of age. He was said to have been a most worthy citizen, of an honest and Christian character.

Daniel and Willis Goodwin, the 12th Sheriff of Henry County, were brothers-in-law.

D. H. Ponder died suddenly at the age of 65 in July, 1891 of apoplexy. Newspaper accounts stated that he was one of Henry County's most worthy citizens and numbered his friends by the hundreds.

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