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REPORT TO:

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SUBJECT:

Major James Burton Pond

BACKGROUND SUMMARY:

The manuscript presented for viewing, inventory number 1783, "Letter from HMS to James B. Pond", is one of fifty-five manuscripts in The Henry Morton Stanley Archives sent by James B. Pond to Henry Morton Stanley.¹ Pond's profession as a general agent and manager of known lecturers, recitalists, pianists, whistlers, violinists and combinations he represented from his New York City based agency is documented by inventory number 1787.² In inventory number 1831, Pond refers to his son, Brin and inventory number 1836 refers to Mrs. Pond.³ However, other than these references to his spouse and their child, there is no information regarding the family into which James B. Pond was born or the ascending generations of his ancestral family.

GOAL:

Identify the members of the family into which Major James Burton Pond was born and his paternal and maternal grandparents.

ANY RESTRICTIONS:

Up to six hours of research effort

¹ Stanley, Henry Morton, "Letter from HMS to James B. Pond," letter, 25 August 1886, inventory no. 1783, Henry Morton Stanley Archives; Musée royal de l'Afrique Centrale (Royal Museum for Central Africa), Tervuren, Belgium. The inventory description is a letter penned by Henry M. Stanley to James B. Pond that specified the conditions requested by Stanley for accepting a proposal from Pond for a lecture tour the coming winter in the United States. Pond's penned affirmative reply is included; "Inventory of the Stanley Archives," PDF document, *Musée royal de l'Afrique Centrale (Royal Museum for Central Africa)* (<http://www.africamuseum.be> : downloaded 21 June 2016) pp. 161-65, Section 10, James B. Pond and the Cases Against Pewtress and Appleton, inventory numbers 1783-1837.

² Pond, James B., "Letter from James B. Pond to HMS," letter, 12 April 1889, inventory no. 1787, Henry Morton Stanley Archives; Musée royal de l'Afrique Centrale (Royal Museum of Central Africa), Tervuren, Belgium. A list of clients for the 1888-1889 season is printed on the document.

³ "Inventory of the Stanley Archives," p. 165.

REPOSITORIES:

Musée royal de l'Afrique Centrale (Royal Museum for Central Africa)

Ancestry Library Edition

Daughters of American Revolution Genealogy Research

FamilySearch

Find A Grave

Fulton History

Hathi Trust Digital Library

Internet Archive

United States Census Bureau

Wikipedia

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Information identifying the members of the family into which James Burton Pond was born was readily available at on-line websites using his name as a search term.⁴ However, the records were neither original nor derivative but authored which is the least desired if it the intent of the researcher to apply the “Genealogical Proof Standard”.⁵ Therefore, original and derivative records were sought to corroborate the authored information.

The 1850 U. S. census record provided a listing of the seven siblings of James which included four brothers and three sisters, born in multiple locations, which, listed in birth order, were: Celia, Homer, Orson, Lewis, George, Harriet and Almira. Also named were the probable parents, Willard E. and Clarissa W. Pond.⁶ It was not until the 1880 U. S. census that the individuals’ relationships to the head of household were recorded.⁷

The 1860 U.S. census record provided a listing of three additional siblings, two brothers and one sister born during the elapsed period between census which brought the total of children born Willard and Clarissa to eleven. The additional children, born in the same location and listed in birth order were: Ozias, Clarissa and Edward.⁸ There was no information discovered that

⁴ *Wikipedia* ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Pond_\(Medal_of_Honor\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Pond_(Medal_of_Honor))) : accessed 17 August 2016), James Pond (Medal of Honor); *Find A Grave*, database with images (<http://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 17 August 2016), memorial 7253578, James Burton Pond (11 June 1838 – 21 June 1903), Woodlawn Cemetery, Bronx, Bronx County, New York; gravestone photo by Russ Dodge.

⁵ Board for Certification of Genealogists, *Genealogy Standards* (Nashville, Tennessee: Ancestry.com, 2014), 64, 66, 68, 71. Definitions of authored narrative, derivative record, Genealogical Proof Standard and original record.

⁶ 1850 U.S. census, Fond Du Lac County, Wisconsin, population schedule, Town of Alto, p. 330 (stamped), dwelling 1278, family 1297, Willard E. Pond; image, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:M4DJ-LDM> : accessed 21 August 2016); FHL microfilm 444,984; citing National Archives & Records Administration (NARA) microfilm publication M432, roll 997, 1964.

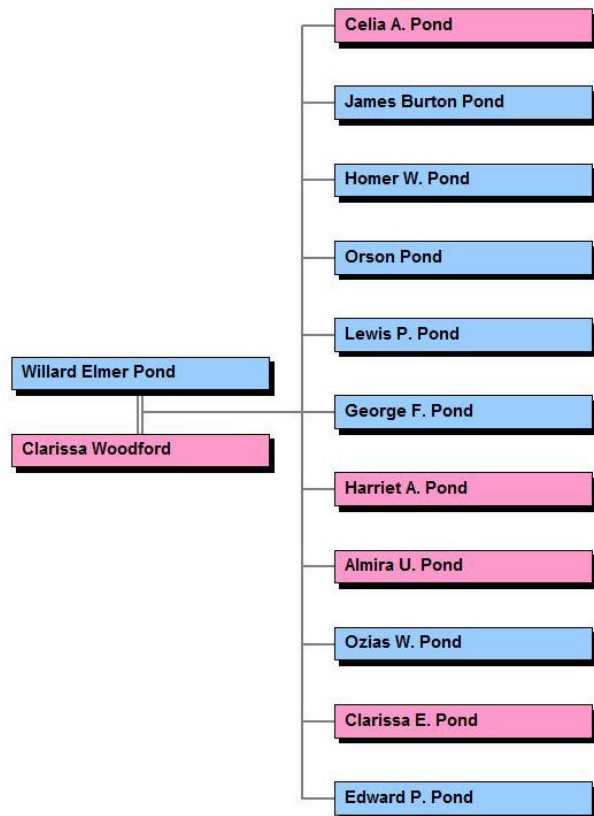
⁷ Jason G. Gauthier, *Measuring America: The Decennial Census From 1790 to 2000* (Washington, D.C.: U.S. Census Bureau, 2002), p. 27; PDF document, *United States Census Bureau* (<http://www.census.gov> : downloaded 27 April 2016), para. 4, Relationship to head of family.

⁸ 1860 U.S. census, Fond Du Lac County, Wisconsin, population schedule, Alto Township, p. 44 (penned), dwelling 345, family 345, Wm. [Williard] E. Poner [Pond]; image, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MW9N-FQS> : accessed 21 August 2016), citing “1860 U.S. Federal Census – Population,” database, Fold3.com (<http://www.fold3.com> : n.d.); citing NARA microfilm publication M653, roll 1407, n.d.

suggested there were other children. It was not until the 1900 U. S. census that women were asked how many children were born to them and how many of these children were living or not on the census day.⁹ Clarissa (Woodford) Pond died in 1884.¹⁰ Therefore, there was no corroborating source of information as to the number of children born to Willard and Clarissa Pond.

The 1880 U. S. census listed Willard E. Pond and Clarissa Pond, his wife, thus providing a derivative record attesting to their marital status and the inferred relationship to their eleven children.¹¹

Figure 1 – Parents and Siblings of James Burton Pond



⁹ Gauthier, *Measuring America: The Decennial Census From 1790 to 2000*, p. 36, para. 136, Columns 11 and 12.

¹⁰ “Wisconsin Death Records, 1867-107,” database, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XLNL-WWP> : accessed 20 August 2016), Clarissa W. Pond; FHL microfilm 1,311,647; citing Death, Appleton, Outagamie, Wisconsin, Wisconsin State Historical Society, Madison.

¹¹ 1880 U.S. census, Bourbon County, Kansas, population schedule, Town of Fort Scott, enumeration district (ED) 25 (penned), p. 29 (penned), dwelling 801, family 322, Willard E. Pond; image, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MFPV-C6P> : accessed 21 August 2016); FHL microfilm 1,254,373; citing NARA microfilm publication series T9, roll 373, n.d.

An authored source identifies Willard E. Pond, with a birth date of 17 December 1807, as one of eight children born to Philip and Anna (Adams) Pond. A search of on-line sources of databases of Connecticut births reveals no original or derivative record of Willard's birth or his relationship to Philip and Anna.¹² However, it was fortuitous that the Philip Pond's father-in-law, Luke Adams, was a combatant during the American Revolution. The authored records of two lineage societies, Sons of the American Revolution and Daughters of the American Revolution, record Philip and Anna (Adams) Pond as the parents of Willard E. Pond.¹³

An authored sourced identified Clarissa Eurana (Woodford) Pond as the daughter of James and Urania (Robinson) Woodford.¹⁴ An article written by James B. Pond published in 1899 stated "In the autumn of 1843 I was four years old and living in a log house in the town of Hector, Tompkins (now Schuyler) County, New York. . . . We passed the long winter in our log house adjoining my grandfather's farm. . . ." and "Frequently during the long evenings my grandmother and other neighbors would come in with their knitting and their tow-cards, . . ."¹⁵ This information indicated that paternal or maternal grandparents lived in close proximity of Willard and Clarissa Pond at Hector.

Copies of land records establish that Urania Woodford of Hector, Tompkins County, New York was the wife of James Woodford, also of Hector, who died 27 November, 1846. She also relinquished her rights of dower and thirds to heirs of the estate of her husband, James. In doing so she named Willard E. Pond and Clarissa, his wife thus inferring that Clarissa's parents were James and Urania Woodford.¹⁶

¹² "Connecticut Town Birth Records, pre-1870 (Barbour Collection)," *Ancestry Library Edition* (<http://www.ancestrylibrary.proquest.com> : searched 21 August 2016). Separate searches included variants of Willard's surname; "Connecticut Births and Christenings, 1649-1906," *FamilySearch* (<http://familysearch.org/search/collection/1674736> : searched 21 August 2016). Separate searches included variants of Willard's surname.

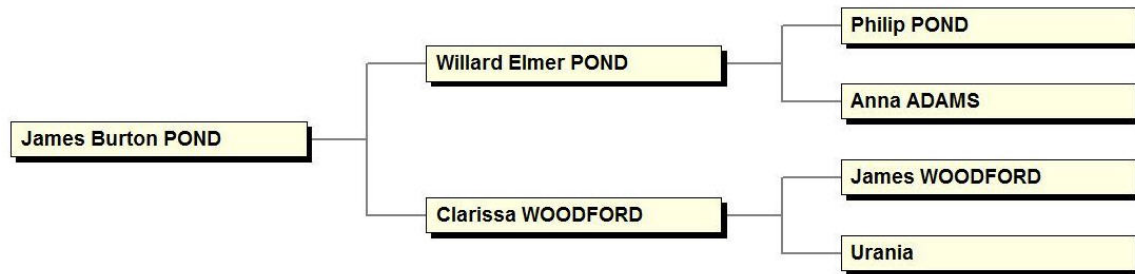
¹³ "U.S. Sons of the American Revolution Membership Applications, 1889-1970," database with images, *Ancestry Library Edition* (<http://www.ancestrylibrary.proquest.com> : accessed 21 August 2016), Application for Membership, James Elmer Pond, 12 July 1928; citing National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution microfilm, Louisville, Kentucky; National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, *Daughters of the American Revolution Genealogy Research*, database (<http://www.dar.org> : accessed 21 August 2016), Luke Adams.

¹⁴ *Find A Grave*, database with images (<http://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 17 August 2016), memorial 40972791, Clarissa Eurana (Woodford) Pond (1 January 1813 – 6 May 1884), Riverside Cemetery, Appleton, Outagamie County, Wisconsin; gravestone photo by Darleen J. Chipman.

¹⁵ James Burton Pond, "A Pioneer Boyhood. Recollections of the West in the Forties," *The Century Illustrated Monthly Magazine*, May, 1899, to October, 1899, v. LVIII, New Series, v. XXXVI, 929-37, image copy, *Hathi Trust Digital Library* (<http://hdl.handle.net/2027/inu.32000000493397> : accessed 21 August 2016).

¹⁶ Tompkins County, New York, Deed Records, v. XX-YY, 1847-1848, p. 241, Estate of James Woodford to David H. Woodford & Zalmon W. Lyon; consulted as "New York Land Records, 1630-1975," browsable images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.3.1/TH-1942-32977-21085-23?cc=2078654> : accessed 21 August 2016), path Tompkins > Deeds 1847-1848 vol XX-YY > image 460 of 638; citing Tompkins County, New York, County Clerk, Ithaca; Tompkins County, New York, Deed Records, v. XX-YY, 1847-1848, p. 240-1, Urania Woodford to Heirs of Estate of James Woodford; consulted as "New York Land Records, 1630-1975," browsable images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.3.1/TH-1942-32977-21085-23?cc=2078654> : accessed 21 August 2016), path Tompkins > Deeds 1847-1848 vol XX-YY > image 460 of 638; citing Tompkins County, New York, County Clerk, Ithaca; Tompkins County, New York, Deed Records, v. XX-YY, 1847-1848, p. 239-240, Urania Woodford to Asa Woodford & others; consulted as "New York Land Records, 1630-1975," browsable images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.3.1/TH-1942-32977-21216-30?cc=2078654> : accessed 21 August 2016), path Tompkins > Deeds 1847-1848 v. XX-YY > image 459 of 638; citing Tompkins County, New York,

Figure 2 – Parents and Grandparents of James Burton Pond



RESEARCH NOTES

General

For the convenience of the recipient of this document, when the same information was available from multiple on-line sources, the researcher selected the on-line source from which information could be accessed without a fee or subscription.

Major James Burton Pond – His Generation

James B. Pond: abolitionist, printer, editor, soldier, Medal of Honor recipient, agent and lecturer was born 11 June 1838 at Cuba, Allegany County, New York; died sixty-five years later on 21 June 1903 as the result of complications of an operation to amputate his right leg and was buried at Woodlawn Cemetery, Bronx, Bronx County, New York according to authored sources.¹⁷

COMMENT:

It is unlikely an original record of Pond's birth date and location will be found since New York did not record births prior to 1847. Substitute records created closer to the event may corroborate the authored sources such as military records and the 1900 U.S. census when the informant was required to list an individual's month and year of birth.¹⁸

One of the authored sources also named Pond's spouse and his siblings:¹⁹

- Martha Marion (Glass) Pond – spouse
- Celia Adella (Pond) Hilborn – sister
- Homer Woodford Pond – brother
- Orson Willard Pond – brother
- Lewis Phillip Pond – brother
- George F. Pond – brother

County Clerk, Ithaca.

¹⁷ *Wikipedia*, James Pond (Medal of Honor); *Find A Grave*, memorial 7253578, James Burton Pond (1838-1903).

¹⁸ *Family History Research Wiki*, (http://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Main_Page : accessed 17 August 2016), "How to Find New York Birth Records"; Jason G. Gauthier, *Measuring America: The Decennial Census From 1790 to 2000* (Washington, D.C.: U.S. Census Bureau, 2002), p. 36; PDF document, *United States Census Bureau* (<http://www.census.gov> : downloaded 27 April 2016), 1900 Questionnaire-Population, para. 129-130.

¹⁹ *Find A Grave*, memorial 7253578, James Burton Pond (1838-1903).

- Clarissa Erminnie (Pond) Chancellor - sister

The other authored source corroborates three of the brothers named: Homer, Phillip [Lewis] and George; asserts that they were also Civil War combatants for the Union and George was also a Medal of Honor recipient; names a previous spouse of James B. Pond, Ann Frances Lynch.²⁰

COMMENT:

Family members can usually be identified in decennial federal census records. The census records nearest by date are those of 1840. However, only heads of households are listed, for example, Pond's father. With the 1850 U. S. census records individual family members; their age and place of birth were recorded but not their relationship to the head of household. Recording this relationship would not occur until the 1880 U. S. census.²¹

1850 U.S. Census

The 1850 U.S. census record which listed James B. Pond, aged 12 and born in New York, had him living in Wisconsin in the household of a man, presumably his father, Willard E. Pond; a woman, presumably his mother, Clarissa W. Pond and seven additional siblings who varied in age from thirteen to three²² and born in multiple locations:

Table 1 – 1850 U.S. Census

Name	Age (exact or estimated previous to 1 June 1850) ²³	Place of Birth
Willard E. Pond	32	Connecticut
Clarissa W.	37	New York
Celia A.	13	New York
James B.	12	New York
Homer	10	New York
Orsell	9	New York
Lewis P.	7	New York
George	5	Illinois
Harriet	4	Illinois
Almira	2	Wisconsin

²⁰ Wikipedia, James Pond (Medal of Honor).

²¹ Gauthier, *Measuring America: The Decennial Census From 1790 to 2000*, p. 27, para. 4, Relationship to head of family.

²² 1850 U.S. census, Fond Du Lac Co., WI, pop. sch., Alto, p. 330 (stamped), dwell. 1278, fam. 1297, James B. Pond in the household of Willard E. Pond.

²³ Gauthier, *Measuring America: The Decennial Census From 1790 to 2000*, p. 10, para. 2. Instructions to enumerators.

1860 U.S. Census

The 1860 U.S. census record no longer finds James living in the household of Wm. [Willard] E. and Clarissa W. Ponce [Pond]. Also missing from the household was Celia. However, in the ten years since the previous census three siblings were born: Oyias W., Clarissa A. and E. Payson.²⁴ The three additional siblings brought the total of children born to James' parents to eleven – seven sons and four daughters.

Table 2 – 1860 U. S. Census

Name	Age (exact or estimated previous to 1 June 1850) ²⁵	Place of Birth
Wm. [Williard] E. Poner [Pond]	51	Connecticut
Clarrissa W.	46	New York
Homer W.	20	New York
Orson	19	New York
Lewis P.	17	New York
George F.	15	Illinois
Harriet A.	13	Illinois
Almira U.	11	Wisconsin
Oyias W.	8	Wisconsin
Clarrissa A.	3	Wisconsin
E. Payson	2	Wisconsin

COMMENT:

There is no explanation for the discrepancy of Willard Pond's age between the 1850 and 1860 census. As the identity of the informant is unknown it is possible they did not have knowledge of his exact or estimated age when provided to the enumerator.

²⁴ 1860 U.S. census, Fond Du Lac Co., WI, pop. sch., Alto, p. 44 (penned), dwell. 345, fam. 345, Wm. [Willard] E. Poner [Pond].

²⁵ Gauthier, *Measuring America: The Decennial Census From 1790 to 2000*, p. 13, 1860 Questionnaire.

Another authored source²⁶ also asserts that there were eleven children but with given and middle name variations:

1. Celia Antionett [A. or Adella]
2. James Burton
3. Homer Woodford
4. Orson [Orsell] Willard
5. Lewis Philip
6. George Franklin [F.]
7. Harriet A.
8. Almira Urania
9. Ozias [Oyias] Walter
10. Clarence [Clarissa] Erminnie [A.]
11. Edward [E.] Payson

COMMENT:

It was not until the 1900 U.S. census that women were asked how many children were born to them and how many of these children were living or not on the census day – stillborn children were not to be counted.²⁷ Clarissa W. Pond died in 1884.²⁸ Therefore, there is no corroborating source of information as to the number of children born to Willard and Clarissa Pond.

First Ascending Generation

Parents of James B. Pond

James B. Pond's authored obituary of 1903 asserts that his father and mother were Willard Elmer Pond and Clarissa Woodford Pond.²⁹ Given that the recorded age of their oldest child, Celia, was thirteen, as of 1 June 1850, it is probable that Willard and Clarissa were married in 1837 or earlier. An authored source asserts they were married at Hector, New York on 1 September 1835; Willard was born 17 December 1807 at Bristol, Connecticut and Clarissa Woodford was born 1 January 1813 at Scipio, New York.³⁰

²⁶ Daniel Streator Pond, *A Genealogical Record of Samuel Pond, And His Descendants*, (New London, Ohio: Geo. W. Runyan, 1875), 115-6; images, *Internet Archive* (<http://www.archive.org> : accessed 20 August 2016).

²⁷ Gauthier, *Measuring America: The Decennial Census From 1790 to 2000*, p. 36, para. 136, Columns 11 and 12.

²⁸ "Wisconsin Death Records, 1867-107," *FamilySearch*, database entry for Clarissa W. Pond, 1884.

²⁹ "Major J. B. Pond Dies From Shock," *The Syracuse Journal*, 22 June 1903, p. 2, col. 3; database with images, *Fulton History* (http://fultonhistory.com/my_photo_albums/All_Newspapers/index.html : accessed 13 August 2016), Historical Newspapers From The United States and Canada Page 1>Go Page 2>Syracuse NY Daily Journal 1847-1921>1903>0550.

³⁰ Pond, *A Genealogical Record of Samuel Pond, And His Descendants*, 115.

1840 U.S. Census

A search of a database of the 1840 U.S. census records for Cuba, Allegany County, New York does not reveal any individual with the surname of Pond or a variant.³¹ However, a William C. Pond was listed in the 1840 U.S. census for Hector, Tompkins County, New York. This William Pond, aged in the range thirty and under 40 years, had in his household two males and one female aged in the range under 5 years and one female aged in the range twenty and under 30 years. These individuals are most likely Willard E., Clarissa, Celia, James and Homer Pond, as described previously in the 1850 and 1860 U.S. census, as their ages are within the age ranges (Willard's age discrepancy would appear to be an anomaly).³² A search of all other census records for Hector reveals no other individual with the surname Pond or a variant.³³

1870 U.S. Census

The 1870 U. S. census listed Wilard Pond, aged 62 and born in Connecticut, living in North Fork, Barton County, Missouri with Clarrisa and their three youngest children: Ozias W., Clarrisa M. and Edward. Willard's age was provided by the informant more in keeping with the age listed in the 1860 U. S. census.³⁴

1880 U. S. Census

By the 1880 U. S. census Willard E. Pond, aged 72 and born in Connecticut as was his parents lived in Fort Scott, Bourbon County, Kansas with Clarissa, aged 67 and born in New York as was her father. Her mother was recorded as being born in Connecticut.³⁵

COMMENT:

The 1880 U. S. census was the first census to record the birthplace of an individual's father and mother.³⁶

³¹ "United States Census, 1840," *FamilySearch* (<http://familysearch.org/search/collection/1786457> : accessed 21 August 2016), Separate searches included variants of Willard Pond's given name and surname with residence place as Cuba, Allegany, New York.

³² 1840 U. S. census, Tompkins County, New York, Town of Hector, p. 1 (penned, at top of page center), line 12, William C. [Willard E.] Pond; image, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.3.1/TH-1942-25136-33815-60?cc=1786457> : accessed 21 August 2016), FHL microfilm 17,208, citing NARA microfilm publication M704, roll 345, n.d.

³³ "United States Census, 1840," *FamilySearch* (<http://familysearch.org/search/collection/1786457> : accessed 21 August 2016), Separate searches included variants of Willard Pond's given name and surname with residence place as Hector, Tompkins, New York.

³⁴ 1870 U.S. census, Barton County, Missouri, population schedule, North Fork Township, p. 14 (penned), dwelling 104, family 104, Wilard [Willard] Pond; image, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:M4X7-S8N> : accessed 21 August 2016); FHL microfilm 552,256; citing NARA microfilm publication M593, roll 757, n.d.

³⁵ 1880 U.S. census, Bourbon County, Kansas, pop. sch., Fort Scott, ED 25 (penned), p. 29 (penned), dwell. 801, fam. 322, Willard E. Pond.

³⁶ Gauthier, *Measuring America: The Decennial Census From 1790 to 2000*, p. 17, 1880 Questionnaire-Schedule 1, "Inhabitants".

Willard E. Pond- Death

Willard Pond's death was recorded as 14 January 1892 at Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin with his burial at the Riverside Cemetery at Appleton, Wisconsin. The record also provided Willard's birth date as 17 December 1807 and place of birth as Bristol, Connecticut.³⁷

Second Ascending Generation

Paternal – Philip Pond and Anna Adams

An authored source identifies Willard E. Pond, with a birth date of 17 December 1807, as one of eight children born to Philip and Anna (Adams) Pond identified as Fanny, Nancy, Harriet, Burton, Luke Adams, Philip and Jonathan W.³⁸ A search of on-line sources of databases of Connecticut births reveals no original or derivative record of Willard's birth.³⁹ However, it was fortuitous that the Philip Pond's father-in-law, Luke Adams, was a combatant during the American Revolution as an authored source, an application for membership to the Oklahoma Society of the Sons of the American Revolution submitted by a great grandson of Philip Pond, James⁴ Elmer Pond (Homer³, Willard², Philip¹) was discovered.⁴⁰ The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Ancestor database revealed twelve applicants with DAR National numbers attributing themselves as descendants of Philip and Anna (Adams) Pond and three applicants attributing themselves as descendants of Jonathan and Betsey (Adams) Pond – Philip's brother and Anna's sister.⁴¹

Maternal – James Woodford and Clarissa Eurana Robinson

An authored sourced identified Clarissa Eurana (Woodford) Pond as the daughter of James and Urania (Robinson) Woodford.⁴²

An article written by James B. Pond published in 1899 stated “In the autumn of 1843 I was four years old and living in a log house in the town of Hector, Tompkins (now Schuyler) County, New York. . . . We passed the long winter in our log house adjoining my grandfather's farm. . . .” and “Frequently during the long evenings my grandmother and other neighbors would come in with their knitting and their tow-cards,”⁴³

³⁷ "Wisconsin, Death Records, 1867-1907," database, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XLN6-P8F : 20 August 2016>), Willard Elmer Pond, 1893; FHL microfilm 1,310,183; citing Death, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, Wisconsin State Historical Society, Madison.

³⁸ Pond, *A Genealogical Record of Samuel Pond, And His Descendants*, 114-5.

³⁹ “Connecticut Town Birth Records, pre-1870 (Barbour Collection),” *Ancestry Library Edition*. Separate searches included variants of Willard's surname; “Connecticut Births and Christenings, 1649-1906,” *FamilySearch*. Separate searches included variants of Willard's surname.

⁴⁰ “U.S. Sons of the American Revolution Membership Applications, 1889-1970,” *Ancestry Library Edition*, Application for Membership, James Elmer Pond, 12 July 1928.

⁴¹ National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, *Daughters of the American Revolution Genealogy Research*, Luke Adams.

⁴² *Find A Grave*, memorial 40972791, Clarissa Eurana (Woodford) Pond (1 January 1813 – 6 May 1884).

⁴³ Pond, “A Pioneer Boyhood. Recollections of the West in the Forties,” 929-37.

Land records for Tompkins County revealed:

- Transcript of deed recorded 26 May 1848 with James Woodford, deceased 27 November 1846, of Hector, Tompkins County, New York, as grantor of his estate to David H. Woodford and Zalmon W. Lyon and Emiline, his wife.⁴⁴
- Transcript of deed recorded 26 May 1848 with Urania Woodford of Hector, Tompkins County, New York and relic of James Woodford as grantor who quit claimed to her son, David Woodford and her son-in-law Zalmon W. Lyon and his wife, Emeline, her daughter, her dower and thirds rights to the heirs of the estate of James Woodford.⁴⁵
- Transcript of deed recorded 26 May 1848 with Urania Woodford of Hector, Tompkins County, New York and relict of James Woodford as grantor conveyed her rights of dower and thirds to Orson Woodford, Chauncey R. Woodford, Asa Woodford, Almira Woodford, Willard E. Pond and Clarissa, his wife, Joshua L Davidson and Phebe Ann, his wife.⁴⁶

Thus was Clarissa (Woodford) Pond named as the daughter of James and Urania Woodford.

FURTHER RESEARCH RECOMMENDATIONS

- Family Search, Land records, Allegany County, New York for land transactions by James Woodford
- Family Search, Probate records, Tompkins, New York for probate records for James Woodford seeking information about family members
- Fold3.com or National Archives and Records Administration, pension file of Luke Adams, Pension Number: S37652, seeking information about family members
- Family Search and Ancestry Library Edition, Connecticut birth, marriage, death and probate records for the Pond family
- Family Search and Anecstry Library Edition, marriage or death records for the children of Willard E. and Clarissa (Woodford) Pond to corroborate their relationship as parent and offspring

⁴⁴ Tompkins Co., NY, Deed Records, v. XX-YY, 1847-1848, p. 241, Estate of James Woodford to David H. Woodford & Zalmon W. Lyon.

⁴⁵ Tompkins Co., NY, Deed Records, v. XX-YY, 1847-1848, p. 240-1, Urania Woodford to Heirs of Estate of James Woodford.

⁴⁶ Tompkins Co., NY, Deed Records, v. XX-YY, 1847-1848, p. 239-240, Urania Woodford to Asa Woodford & others.