

Alderman Historical Association



Founded 1928
Annual Reunion Held Each Year in Delway, NC.
Next Reunion is scheduled for June 25, 2005.

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REUNION REGISTRATION FORM ENCLOSED !!!!!

The descendants of brothers John, Daniel Jr. and David Alderman (who were descendants of Daniel and Abigail Harris Alderman) will gather on June 25, 2005 for the annual family reunion. The reunion will be held at Hinson Hall at the Evergreen Baptist Church in Delway, North Carolina.

Interview with James Ezzell

The first reunion I remember was 1930. My grandfather was president at the time and died the next year. We continually had reunions until WWII, when it was discontinued during the war. Since then it has been held continually.

We had a large spread of presidents, including William Alderman Parker, the author of the book. There have been many prominent Aldermans who have held that post.

I remember a story that W.A. Parker told. He was reporting on research for the Aldermans in America. He stopped at a crossroad, and an old man was crying. He



asked why he was crying and was told 'his daddy whipped him' for talking back!

There have been many Aldermans reach a ripe old age.

I do not remember my mother ever being president, but she was always very involved. I

have lived by the same philosophy. I'll do the leg work and let someone else hold the position. My mother was very active in the Alderman Association her whole life. My mother died in 1974 at the age of 77. She had played the organ that morning in church and went home and got to feeling bad. She called her grandson, Joseph, to bring her to the hospital, where she died of a heart attack.

In 1994, I attended the Alderman reunion in Alcolu, SC for the descendents of David Wells and Martha Pricilla Alderman (who are buried at Wells Chapel). It was well attended and I brought back their program (which he gave me a copy of).

Reunions back then were similar to the way we do them now; except that it was a covered dish instead of being catered. I remember one time Charles Alderman came from Greensboro and brought a stalk of bananas with

him to share. We have met at state parks, White Lake, and some schools. But we keep coming back to Evergreen for the last several years.

What would I like to see in the future? I'd like to see the younger generation take more interest. When I was a child a lot of young Aldermans lived within 25 miles of Delway. It has dwindled down to a few. I'd like to know that it will continue. I'm glad to see in the last 2 or 3 years people are showing more interest. James Alderman and Jack Westberry have really helped stir up the interest and enthusiasm and I want to thank them.

Submitted by Susan Corliss-Bland

Cemetery Update from James Ezzell



I have talked to a machine shop to restore the fence as it was with a wire fence outside of that. It will take roughly \$2200 to put the wrought iron fence back. Then I suggest, to come out from that with another fence, either chain link or barbed wire. Chain link was \$1500 for 10' outside of the wrought iron. I will get pricing for external barbed wire and chain link. The gate is perfect, 2 other panels are ok, and 2 need major repair in the corner. But we really need another fence outside of the cemetery so that visually it is still old, but will keep the cows out.

I went with Mr. Ezzell out to the old cemetery to take some photos. This shows the damage from



the cows to the corner especially. Just as we were leaving, the cows came back in and started rubbing on the corner for a wonderful photo. The cemetery is in a field, so anyone planning on visiting there might want to ride in a truck or SUV. It's bumpy though!!



We want to thank the following contributors to the fencing project. Clarke Blanton, Dr. C. Wayne Alderman, Ann McLeod, Carol Ann Morrison.

The Association would welcome contributions from Alderman descendants toward this preservation effort. Checks should be made payable to the Alderman Historical Association and sent to:

Alderman Historical Association
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“Aldermans in America” Volume II

Jack Westberry is still processing family input. This means the publication will be delayed past our June reunion date. Jack was in hopes the book would be ready by June 25 but he assures me our association membership will be the first to know about it.

Association Membership

If you would like to join the Association, you can do so by **1)** attending a reunion, **2)** making a contribution to the Association or **3)** purchasing an “Alderman’s in America” book from the Association. Any of these will keep you listed as an Association member for a period of two years.

Daughters and Sons of the American Revolution

Just a reminder to direct descendants of John and Daniel Alderman, you are eligible for membership in either the DAR or SAR. Contact your local chapters for assistance.

Email Addresses

We had hoped to distribute the newsletter via email but due to the frequency of email address changes this may not be possible. However, anyone with an email address may notify James E. Alderman at alde711@aol.com and he will add you to the listing should further steps be taken in this area. **Please title your email message “Alderman Newsletter Request”.**

All email addresses will be considered confidential and will not be shared with any organization.

Obituary for Joseph Walton Ezzell

Joseph Walton Ezzell, 54, of 11430 Taylors Bridge Hwy, Magnolia, died Saturday, February 26, 2005.

Funeral was held Monday at 2:00 pm from Evergreen Baptist Church, Delway, with the Rev. Jimmy Brown and the Rev. Michael Shook officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Born in 1950 in Northampton County, VA, Mr. Ezzell was the son of James Alderman Ezzell of Magnolia and the late Betty Christine Johnson Ezzell. He was a lifetime member of the Evergreen Baptist Church and was actively involved with the 4H State Exchange Program. He graduated from Nashville Diesel School in Nashville, TN and was inducted into the Nashville Diesel College Hall of Fame. He was former part-owner and operator of Ezzell Trucking and was owner and operator of J & D Towing Company.

His survivors in addition to this father are his wife Dixie Byrd Ezzell; two daughters Lisa Pierce of Wilson and Johanna Ezzell of Raleigh: one sister, Kay Ezzell of St. Augustine, FL; two brothers, Grover Ezzell of Magnolia and Brewer Ezzell of Wrightsville Beach, one granddaughter, Rebekah Pierce.

The family received friends at Royal-Hall Funeral Home, Clinton on Sunday night from 6 to 8 pm and other times at this home.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Evergreen Baptist Church Scholarship Fund, 41 Delway Hwy, Rose Hill, NC 28458.

[From the Wallace Enterprise]

As a person note, let me remind people of his whit and outgoing personality. I am sure many will remember him from the Alderman reunions. I was counting on his help as Sidney Bland got more involved. I thought he and Sidney would become the local contact for the future. As a testament to his character, I have never seen a longer line at the funeral home. And we arrived 40 minutes early for the funeral and were placed in a half filled fellowship hall. The church had filled up 1 hour PRIOR to the funeral!!!



This photo is from Sidney & my wedding. I'm not sure what joke Joseph just told, but I'm sure it was funny! He was at the dinner party the night Sidney and I met to keep the conversation flowing.

[From Susan Bland]

Articles for the Newsletter

We will entertain articles from Alderman descendants for publishing in future issues of the Association newsletter. Please send these via email to James E. Alderman (alde711@aol.com).