

# Alderman Historical Association



Founded 1928

Annual Reunion Held Each Year in Delway, NC.

**Next Reunion is scheduled for June 24, 2006. Mark your calendars!!!**

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The 2005 Reunion was a big success. We had 33 descendants register with some coming from as far away as Central Texas.



Why would you want to travel miles to attend a family reunion of a relative you never even met? Well, you might want to ask Letha George (l) and family who visited from Texas this year. She was able to visit the John Alderman gravesite and take a rubbing. Her daughter, Becky Whisenant(r), was able to ask lineage questions from James E. Alderman (5-1-7-1-4-1-2) and other reunion participants. New friends were made and addresses exchanged. After

the reunion Letha and her family had a guided tour of the John Alderman cemetery (the one we're trying to get the fence fixed at) and also walked the historic Wells Chapel Cemetery where many Aldermans and Newtons and Highsmiths are buried.



## Anyone recognize this group?



1930 Alderman Reunion, Delway, NC

## How about these folks?



Joseph Matthew Alderman(13-3-2) and his wife Mary Adeline Perry. First president of the Alderman Historical Association in 1928.

## Alderman Reunion, June 25, 2005 Evergreen Baptist Church, Delway, NC



This year's reunion attendees are pictured to the left. The patriarch of our reunion efforts, Mr. James Ezzell (13-3-2-1-2) is pictured top row left. His mother Lila Brewer Alderman contributed much to the Alderman Historical Association over her lifetime. We had lots of family items to look at and a good time was had by all. If you were not there, you missed a great time.



**Chesley Alderman (23-3-1) --- Confederate “Roll of Honor”** -- "Toombs' Guards", Co. I, 9th Georgia Infantry Regiment, CSA, Born - Bulloch County, GA on April 13, 1840, Died in Federal Hospital near Gettysburg, PA on July 17, 1863. Chesley had some of his fingers shot off during the first day of the battle and was reassigned as an ambulance driver. He was observed making multiple trips to and from the heated battle before being shot in the leg and captured. He died of his wounds several days later. Approximately three months after Gettysburg, the officers and men of the Georgia 9<sup>th</sup> Infantry voted that Chesley be placed on the Confederate “Roll of Honor.” This was an award rarely given by the Confederate Congress for exceptional bravery and heroism.

More than 140 years later, members of his family and the Ogeechee Rifles Camp #941, Sons of Confederate Veterans honored him on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm at his old family cemetery in the Westside community of Bulloch County, Statesboro, Georgia. **Thanks go to Smith Banks for sharing this information with us.**

### **Guest Speaker at the 2005 Reunion: Jack Westberry (pictured at right)**

Jack is shown here delivering his presentation on the steps he follows to validate the lineage data before certifying it for inclusion in his Volume II of the Alderman’s in America. Compiling and validating the data developed into more of a task than Jack imagined. Jack asked that we be patient. He has hopes of having the book to the printer in the near future.



### **Reunion Tidbits**

First Timers: Carl Boney, Teresa Marshall, and Charles Piznet

Golden Years Attendees: J.B. & Myrtis Alderman, Louis Alderman Graham, James Ezzell, A.B. Johnson (13-8-6-9-4), and Mr. Rogers.

Attendees traveling the furthest: Letha George and family

Lineage Award: H.Sidney Bland, Letha George, and Ezzell families. Two generations present.

Youngest Attendee: Rachel Bland, age 7

### **Association Business**

- Jack Westberry announced his intent to have his book proceeds go into the Association treasury once he recoups his printing costs.
- Ray Alderman was appointed to fill Joseph Ezzell’s place on the Board of Directors. All existing Directors and Officers were re-elected for another year.
- A motion was made and approved to allocate \$100.00 to Evergreen Baptist Church for the use of their facilities.
- The development of a website for the Association was tabled and will be reviewed next year.

### **Cemetery Fence Repair Project**

Estimates have been received for placement of a perimeter fence around the John Alderman, both Sr and Jr, Ann Alderman and Susan Alderman gravesites. While some contributions have been received, the Association still needs financial support to make this happen. Once the perimeter fence is in place, the work of restoring the original wrought iron fence work can begin. If you would like to make a donation, please send it to:

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### **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.