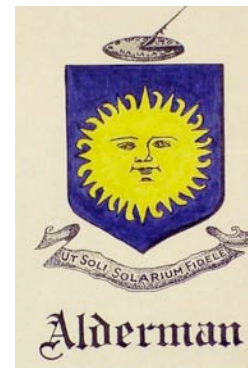


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REUNION REGISTRATION FORM ENCLOSED

The descendants of brothers John, Daniel Jr. and David Alderman (who were descendants of Daniel and Abigail Harris Alderman) will gather on June 24, 2006 for the annual family reunion. The reunion will be held at Hinson Hall at the Evergreen Baptist Church in Delway, North Carolina.



Note on the 2005 Reunion

Pictured at left are the 2005 Reunion attendees. Good fellowship and food was had by all. Many brought family documents and pictures to share with the group. Others spent additional time visiting the John Alderman gravesite and the Wells Church Cemetery. Jack Westberry (23-5-5-f-3) who is working on Volume II of "Aldermans in America" was our guest speaker. (Note: Jack is using alpha notations for fifth generation.)

2006 Reunion Events

We are looking forward to seeing old faces along with some new faces at this year's reunion. You can be assured of returning home with a sense of fellowship and new found family knowledge.

For those of you who would like to do genealogical research while in the area, there are several opportunities. You will find hotel and map information on the back of the enclosed registration form.

- **Sampson County Public Library** --- has a history room with many old books and photos. The reference librarian is highly recommended for people needing help to find relatives. Located in Clinton -Saturday hours are 8-5pm.
- **Wells Chapel History Room** --- has pictures and records from the church's history. The History Room is located in the Wells Church/Chapel within a short drive from Delway. The cemetery across from the Chapel has several Alderman graves.
- **Sampson County Historical Museum** --- this museum is intended to promote understanding of the history and culture of Sampson County. Sampson County was once part of Duplin County so, the history goes way back. David King works with the museum and was our guest speaker in 2004. He has offered to provide a Saturday morning tour

before the reunion for those interested. Please contact Sidney or Susan Bland at (910)532-2667 to arrange the escorted tour.

- **Aldermans in America Vol II** --- Jack Westberry will be with us in Delway. He has indicated the job of completing this work has been far more than he anticipated. He currently has over 1,900 MS Word pages and is currently working on child # 27-3! Indexing and proof reading will be his next steps.
- **Gravesite of John Alderman, Sr., John Alderman, Jr., Susan Alderman, and Ann Alderman** --- this site is only a short distance from the reunion location and is available for a visit.
- **Bring Family Photos/Documents** --- we encourage attendees to bring items they feel might be of interest to others attending the reunion. Old photos are especially interesting along with specific family histories that may have been compiled over the years.

Cemetery Fence Repair Project

We are still soliciting donations to build a perimeter fence around the John Alderman, both Sr and Jr, Ann Alderman and Susan Alderman gravesite. Contributions have been much appreciated but 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 began. If you would like to make a donation, please send it along with your reunion registration to:

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A Brief History of Wells Chapel Baptist Church



The Baptist presence began in Duplin County in 1756 when Samuel Newton, along with his brothers George, Jacob, and Isaac founded the Bull Tail Meeting House. Bulltail became affiliated with the Ke-Ku-Kee Association in 1789 and later with the Goshen Association until 1827 when she became one of the ten churches to organize the Eastern Association. Samuel Newton was the first pastor to serve the church and he continued to pastor the church until his death during the Revolutionary War. On Saturday before the

second Sunday in July 1835, it was unanimously voted to change the name from Bull Tail to Wells chapel in honor of Elder William Wells who served as minister from 1802 to 1835. Two months later, he died.

David Wells, a native of Duplin County, married Mary Newton, a daughter of Enoch Newton who was a son of Isaac Newton, a brother of Samuel Newton, the founder of Bull Tail

Baptist Church. David Wells moved his membership from concord to Bull Tail in February 1827. He was ordained a deacon in 1833, and later a preacher, and served as pastor from January 1854 to March 1856.

In September 1858, steps were taken to either repair or build a new church. Elder W.M. Kennedy was pastor at this time. In 1859, church members began gathering materials, however, when the civil War came, the work stopped. It was resumed after the war and the main body of the present building was dedicated the second Sunday in July 1868. The old church building was given to the blacks and they moved it to Harrells Store, and called it Keathern chapel. The black members were given letters of dismissal from Wells Chapel at the same time. In July 1883, records show that 93 members from Bull Tail Baptist Church helped to constitute a church at Moore's Creek. In September 1884 some members were dismissed to form a church at Willard, NC, which is now Roseville. In September 1887, others were dismissed to form a church at Harrells and is now called Siloam Baptist Church. The First Baptist Church at Wilmington was constituted in 1833 and a member of Bull Tail, Alfred Alderman, was one of the leading men in its organization.

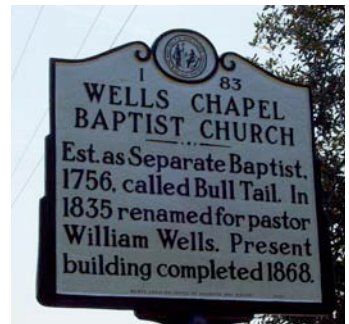
It is reported that two houses of worship were erected on the old site just across the highway from the present site. The church voted to build or repair the old building in 1859. On May 2, 1859 a deed was made on which a new building was to be erected. In 1864 it was decided to build a new building which was dedicated on July 1868. The church added Sunday school rooms in 1923 and a Parsonage in 1953. A wing was built and brick veneered in 1962. Additional rooms and the baptistery were installed in 1964. The parking lot was paved in 1990. Historical marker added in 2005. Steeple added in 2006 and dedicated Feb 19th, 2006.

The church is now joyfully planning their sesquicentennial celebration. History timeline can be read at :

<http://www.wellschapel.org/default2.htm>

For more information on these founders of Bull Tail Baptist church, see page 47-51 of the Alderman in America book.

This material was taken from history written by Mr. & Mrs. Aleck Newkirk, Mr. & Mrs. Bland Carr and Mr. & Mrs. Harry Hoover and published in the dedication bulletin May 17, 1964. Also from "The Heritage of Sampson County, NC" published by the Sampson County Historical Society. Also from "Along the Banks of the Old Northeast: The Historical and Architectural Development of Duplin County, NC"



If you would like to view other photos:

http://www.kodakgallery.com/BrowsePhotos.jsp?&collid=46367916210.17783937210.1145989920916&page=1&sort_order=0&albumsperpage=12&navfolderid=2006&ownerid=46367916210

Deerfield Presbyterian Church Deerfield, New Jersey



Fairfield Presbyterian Church



Deerfield Presbyterian Church

Photos taken by Ray Alderman (28-1-1-2-3-6)

Thomas Alderman (B) and his wife Mary (Seagrave) signed a Covenant establishing the Fairfield Presbyterian Church. Daniel Alderman (B-5) and his wife Abigail (Harris) were members of the Deerfield Presbyterian Church prior to their move to North Carolina. Both churches are in the Cohansey, NJ area.



Photograph by DeLennard and DeLennard
EDWIN A. ALDERMAN IN 1923

**Edwin Anderson Alderman
(8-1-2-4)**

The classic description of the state of North Carolina as a valley of humility between two mountains of conceit has been sometimes attributed to Edwin A. Alderman, but it appears to have antedated him. It had greater exactitude about the time of his birth, when the Southern Confederacy was young, than at his death nearly seventy years later. During the roaring nineteen-twenties few Virginians or South Carolinians observed an excess of modesty in the commonwealth which lay between them. By that decade North Carolinians had become vocal about their achievements in manufacturing, road-building, and, most of all perhaps, in public education. Now that one can look backward, it appears that during the generation that followed

the appeal to arms this unpretentious state was a more fruitful nursery of educational statesmen than either of its neighboring commonwealths. Here the southern educational revival had its birth.

No single southerner voiced the spirit or symbolized the achievements of this generation of educational statecraft more conspicuously than Edwin A. Alderman. He is to be identified with a region, not a single commonwealth. As an educational evangelist he roamed from the Potomac to the Mississippi and beyond; he directed the affairs of three institutions of higher learning in as many states, the University of North Carolina, Tulane University, and the University of Virginia; and during the first three decades of the twentieth century he proclaimed the aspirations of the South with unrivaled eloquence to the country as a whole. Of his three score years and ten, however, almost forty were spent in his native state of North Carolina, where his paternal forbears had lived for five generations before him.

Early in 1924, Alderman was requested to deliver the memorial address on Woodrow Wilson before the two houses of Congress, initially he declined it. Mrs. Wilson intervened based on the comments of her late husband which she remembered regarding Alderman. Wilson had said that he regarded Alderman as the most eloquent man that he had known.

To anyone but a hardened Washingtonian the setting on December 15, 1924, was unforgettable, for the dignitaries, new and old, were there: Coolidge, Hughes, and Hoover; Taft and the Supreme Court; senators and representatives in unaccustomed stillness; most of the Wilson family; Bryan, Josephus Daniels, and Colonel House. Congress may have been used to eulogies and oratory may have gone out of fashion elsewhere, but when a dignified, frockcoated gentleman, reading his manuscript unflinchingly without glasses, began speaking about Pericles and the Athenian dead in rich and unhurried voice, it was obvious that this was no ordinary speech.

On April 29, 1931, just before 10:00pm, Dr. Edwin A. Alderman died. His most memorable achievements were:

Sixth President of the University of North Carolina

Second President of Tulane University

First President of the University of Virginia

His eulogy for President Woodrow Wilson before both house of Congress.

* Extracted from "Edwin A. Alderman, a Biography" by Dumas Malone , copyright 1940

Association Membership

If you would like to join the Alderman Historical 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.

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