

Alderman Historical Association

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Cemetery Fence Project Nears Completion -

As most of you know, we have been working on placing a more protective type fence around the graves of John Alderman (both Sr. and Jr.), Ann Alderman and Susan Alderman. I am glad to announce we are almost there. The property had to be re-surveyed to insure proper placement of the fence and this has delayed the installation longer than we had anticipated. We are now confident that the location is properly marked and we can move forward with the fence installation. Unfortunately, while we were awaiting the survey, the pricing quote from the company had to be renegotiated due to materials cost. The new quote came in at \$2200.00. We are now short by approximately \$500.00 to complete the project.



One of our members, who wants to remain anonymous, has offered to match any donations to the Association for this purpose to push the project forward. We would like to bring this project to completion before the 2007 reunion and with your help I know we can make it happen. Thanks to all of you who have helped thus far.

Please forward your donations to our Association Treasurer at:

Alderman Historical Association
c/o Susan Bland, Treasurer
P.O. Box 107
Harrells, NC 28444

Volume 2 (and maybe 3) of “Aldermans in America”

Jack Westberry has been working diligently for the past two years to bring this work to completion. He has completed most of the changes / corrections and has spent most of the past couple of months indexing the manuscript preparing it for the printer (1900 pages). With luck, the finished product should be available in the early part of 2007.

Glimpses from the 2006 Reunion

The meeting in Delway was held on a somewhat rainy and overcast day but with plenty of family fellowship to go around. The crowd was a little smaller than usual due to the impact of

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higher fuel cost which was to be expected. There were many old faces and a few new ones.



**Pictured l to r:
James Alderman Ezzell, Boreham Johnson
(long time attendees) talk over old times with
Grover Ezzell.**

**Right: Association President, Sidney
Bland (yellow shirt), discusses
Association activities with attendees.**



There are always a lot of smiling faces to go around as attested here. If you were not there, you missed a lot of great fellowship.



Our Special Speaker at this year's reunion -



James E. Alderman (pictured left) wore his Revolutionary War uniform and gave a presentation on the North Carolina Line and its contribution to the American cause during the Revolution. His uniform is patterned after the 1st NC Regiment, Continental Line.

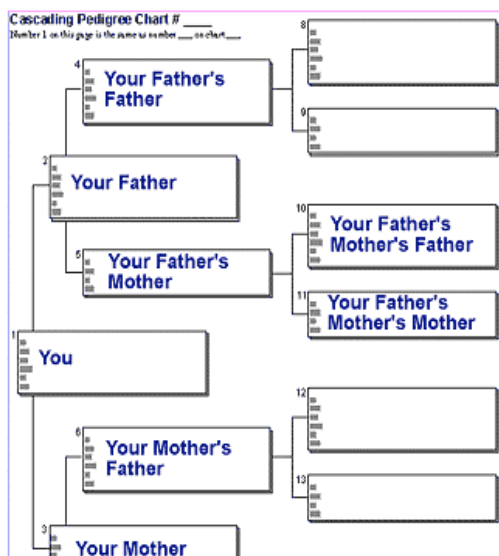
James is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution with his admission based on his direct ancestor John Alderman, Sr.. He lives in Colleyville, Texas and is a member of the Major K.M. Van Zandt Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution located in Fort Worth, Texas.

Getting Started with Your Family Genealogy -

Submitted by Susan Bland

We all know that James Alderman and Jack Westberry have detailed records of their people going back for hundreds of years. But even they had to start somewhere. You know we have been requesting information for Jack's update on the Alderman book, and most of you have complied and will see your family's names in print. But don't stop now!!! Getting your update for Jack is just the beginning. As we head into the holidays where extended family gatherings are common, why don't you think about digging a little deeper into your family history? In one way or another you have probably recorded information of your family using either a pedigree chart or a family chart.

A pedigree chart is where you start with your name and go back as far as you can from memory,



recording mother and father for each generation. For some of you, there is only one generation between you and the Alderman book. But what about some of the other sides of your ancestors? How far can you go under another ancestor? You get the idea. If you have a really good memory, you will probably be able to fill out at least 3 of your 4 great-grandparents. While you're talking to relatives, you might want to also try to get pictures. It is so sad when an older person dies and pictures are just thrown out because no one cares, or no one knows who the people are. Sidney and I have a picture of people in long dresses with a mule pulling a wagon. We have no idea whose side it is, or who the people are! Try to get copies of the family chart in the old family bibles.

Was there anyone in the family that kept a scrapbook?

Anyone in charge of the old pictures? Try to track those down and set aside some time to visit and reminisce with them. Let them give you more than names! It's those little tidbits, or pieces of gossip that give flesh to an old name.

Here is a list of questions from www.rootsweb.com It's a good place to start. Here are the questions you can ask when you interview:

- * When were you born?
- * What is your Father's name?
- * What is your Mother's maiden name?
- * Where was she born?
- * His Place of birth?
- * When he was married?
- * Her date of birth?
- * Her date of death if no longer alive?
- * When were they born?
- * Where were you born?
- * When did he get Married?
- * When was she born?
- * Do you know your Father's Father's name?
- * His date of death If no longer alive?
- * Your Father's Mother's name?
- * Her place of birth?
- * The names of his Brothers and/or Sisters?

Your next step is to record all that wonderful information in a family group sheet. This is where you can put the details of all that information. In a pedigree chart you only have the head of the family for each generation. The family group sheet is where you record the mom and dad and then all the kids. One neat way to do this is to put pictures in there when you can. Each family group sheet would have date of birth and date of death of each person. Some people only gather scanty information on the other people, not in their direct line. Others try to gather everything they can. For most of us attending the Alderman reunion, we go back 3 or 4 generations and they we start showing up on each other's family group sheets! This is what connects us. And then we can start sharing stories about our common ancestors.

I would suggest at least getting your pedigree charts and family group sheets and put them in a notebook. That way all information is quickly available and it is low cost. There are wonderful books you can buy where they have the blank sheets and suggestions on what to ask relatives to get a hint of the

character of the various people you are researching.

If you are already a grandparent, think of what a wonderful gift it would be to fill out these sheets with everything you can remember about YOUR grandparents and copies of photos.

What a treasure!

Here are some sites to get you started:

- <http://www.rootsweb.com/~cokids/info/basic.htm>
- <http://www.byubroadcasting.org/ancestors/>
- <http://www.familysearch.org/>

If you're interested, next time we can include reviews of subscription sites, such as www.ancestry.com so you can determine if it's worth it for you.

15 Nov 1999		Family Group Sheet		Page 1	
Headed: Warren Robert Stead died at age 73					
Born:	10 Apr 1895	in Jay County, Indiana			
Died:	7 Apr 1967	in Grand Rapids, Kent County, Michigan			
Buried:	19 Apr 1967	in Romulus Mass. Park, Ottawa Co., Michigan			
Prof:	19 Apr 1967	occupation: rail road train conductor			
Father:	John Newton Stead				
Mother:	Sarah Ellen Martin				
Wife: Adah Mae Weir died at age 80					
Married:	18 Aug 1915	in Colfax, Indiana	Age: 22	Age: 17	
Born:	22 Oct 1895	in Colfax, Jay Co., Indiana			
Died:	5 Oct 1982	in Grand Rapids, Kent County, Michigan			
Buried:	11 Oct 1982	in Romulus Mass. Park, Ottawa Co., Michigan			
Father:	David William Weir				
Mother:	Mary Ellen Dill				
M Child 1: Adah Stacey Stead died at age 56					
Born:	27 May 1915	in Portland, Indiana			
Died:	5 Oct 1971	in Michigan Co., Pennsylvania			
Buried:		in Romulus Mass. Park, Ottawa Co., Michigan			
Prof:	1971	occupation: stenographer			
Spouse:	Earl A. Simpson Jr.	11 Feb 1914			
Married:	22 Jan 1914				
F Child 2: Mary Ellen Stead age 83					
Born:	19 Oct 1916	in			
Died:					
Prof:	1971	occupation:			
Spouse:	George F. Baker Jr.	7 Apr 1919			
Married:	29 Aug 1942				
F Child 3: E. Lucille Stead died at age 72					
Born:	9 Nov 1918	in Blackford, Kent County, Michigan			
Died:	1 Oct 1991	in Romulus Mass. Park, Ottawa Co., Michigan			
Buried:	10 Oct 1991	in Romulus Mass. Park, Ottawa Co., Michigan			
Prof:	1991	occupation:			
Spouse:	Ray John Wanda Jr.	28 Feb 1922 d. 21 Dec 1965			
Married:	22 Apr 1944				

Sampson and Duplin County History

Some of you may be aware of the Sampson County Historical Association located in Clinton, North Carolina. Since 1979 that have been publishing a quarterly newsletter titled "Huckleberry Historian". The archive of this newsletter is now available on CD in either "Word" or "PDF format" through the SCHA for \$25.00. For those of us with ancestors in the Sampson /Duplin County areas these newsletters offer some interesting information. There are also bonus files contained on the CD: 1785 Census of Sampson Co, 1785 Census of Duplin Co., 1820 Census of Sampson Co., 1830 Court Minutes Sampon Co, 1840 Court Minutes of Sampson Co, Dickson Letters, History of Duplin Co to 1810 by W. Dickson, New RW Soldiers of Sampson and Duplin County, Ten Days of Hell (Sherman's army in NC) by Jerome Tew. Order information: Nadine Strickland, 2336 Hornrine Road, Clinton, NC 28328 and ask for the HH CD.

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JUNE 23, 2007**