

Alderman Historical Association

First Reunion Held in 1928
H. Sidney Bland - President

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*****AHA Mission Statement*****

To honor our ancestral lineage and foster the continued efforts of John Thomas Alderman in compiling and recording the history of the Southern Branch of the Alderman family. We will do this by honoring Alderman descendants with an annual reunion to allow sharing of genealogical information, maintaining relationships with other Alderman family groups, the care and maintenance of the John Alderman, Sr. cemetery and other sites as may be deemed needed by the Association Board of Directors.

The Sampson County History Museum in Clinton, NC was the sight of our 2022 Reunion. We wish to thank the museum and especially Mr. Joel Rose for his help pulling this together. He was a great host. The facility was excellent and the tour of the museum buildings and displays was most interesting.



Joel Rose receiving a Certificate of Appreciation
from President Sidney Bland



The membership present voted to hold the meeting in the same location for 2023. The reunion date is set for June 24, 2023. Mark your calendars now and watch for the Spring newsletter with the Registration form.

NOTE: Please plan on bringing a family member with you. We need to get some of the younger family members interested in in our Association.

Treasurers Report
2022 Alderman Historical Association
June 24, 2022

Ending Balance Last Year		3,762.45
Deposit after reunion	56.00	
Donation for church fellowship hall	-125.00	
Piggly Wiggly Deli meal	-86.81	
Payment of website fees (still owed)		
Cemetery Upkeep	-70.00	
Bank Service Charge 12 x \$4	-48.00	
Postage for mailing book (donated)		
<u>Deposit 3/04/22</u>	<u>302.00</u>	
Balance 5/31/22		3,790.64
Breakdown of 6/24/22 Deposit		
Donations	239.00	
Membership Dues	175.00	
Registration & Meals	238.00	
		652.00
Balance 6/24/22		4,442.64

Respectfully Submitted by Susan Corliss-Bland, Treasurer

(Expenses for the 2022 Meeting are not included in the above numbers. They will reflect in the 2023 Report.)

ALDERMAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION – 2022 MEETING MINUTES
June 25, 2022

Prior to the start of the meeting, Grover Ezzell introduced our host Mr. Joel Rose of the Sampson County Historical Society.

Meeting was called to order at 12:30 by President Sidney Bland at the Sampson County Historical Society in Clinton, NC.

President Bland welcomed everyone and called on Susan Bland for the innovation.

Meeting was immediately adjourned for Lunch.

Meeting was called back to order at 1:05pm.

President Bland recognized our unique attendees:

Closest Attendee – Catherine Ezzell Joiner

Farthest Attendees – Amy Alderman, MS; James Alderman, TX; Jack Westberry, GA

First Time Attendees- Eliza, James and Walt Joyner; Amy Alderman

Attended The Most Reunions – Grover Ezzell

Under unanimous pressure, Grover sang the Alderman Song.

President Bland called for a reading of the 2021 minutes by Secretary Alderman

Secretary Alderman read the minutes from the 2021 meeting; they were approved with a motion by Grover Ezzell and Jack Westberry.

President Bland called for the Treasurer's Report. Susan Bland presented the Treasurer's report. It was motioned for approval by James Alderman and Jack Westberry.

OLD Business – there was none.

NEW Business

- Secretary Alderman brought up that our website has not been brought up to date due to the death of our webmaster, Doug Egan. Susan Bland indicated that her daughter Rachel might be willing to support the website if we can get control of it from the webhost and add her to the maintenance roll. Kay Ezzell said she might still have access and would check.
- Secretary Alderman also mentioned the sad state of the cemetery and it's fencing. He suggested we get the original fence company to give us an estimate on repairing the damaged fence sections. Susan Bland said she would check the old records to see who did the work or find someone else to give us a bid. Grover also indicated he would have someone clean up the actual grave sites.
- President Bland suggested we donate \$100 to the Layton Hall Road upkeep of that cemetery as it contains several Alderman gravestones. The motion was made by Grover Ezzell and seconded by Kay Ezzell.
- Susan Bland announced the passing of Imogene Baggett a long- time member of the association and Elbert Wells.
- Susan suggested as a long- term location for the Association assets should the Association ever cease operating be the Sampson Historical Society. This was not voted on as a motion but brought up for future action.
- Susan Bland made a motion that we make a donation of \$125.00 to the Society for use of their facilities. This was seconded by James Alderman and approved.
- President Bland called for Officer Elections. President Bland suggested that he and Vice President Grover Ezzell exchange places. The group thought this was a good idea as they agreed to the arrangement.

The 2023 reunion date was established as June 24, 2023 using the same facilities.

A motion was made to Adjourn by Grover Ezzell and seconded by Jack Westberry.

Motion approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Submitted for approval:

James E. Alderman

Secretary

- A very interesting article was shared by Kay Ezzell and Grover Ezzell. This article from the Sampson paper was inserted in their family bible. According to Grover Ezzell this probably dates to the very early 1900s. It is an interesting article. I realize it is an eyechart for some of us but hopefully you can make it out.

ABOUT THE ALDERMANS.

The following letter from Mr. J. T. Alderman, of Henderson, largely explains itself, and should be of interest to all our readers of Alderman descent, and to many others:

"Dear Mr. Peterson: Your letter was a real pleasure to me. Yes, the copy of the Democrat a year or two ago came to me. I read your article on the Alderman's and filed it away. I have just read it over again. In my father's family we are trying to hold up the standard. I had not thought of it till now, but I have been going over the list of college students in our family. I enclose my findings. (This has reference to the enumeration in the Democrat article of men and women of Alderman descent.—Editor.)

The Alderman chart which you saw was printed in 1905. I had collected all the family records I could find at that time. The mistake to which you refer was correct on my records but the printer put it James instead of Jane.

Another mistake is the misplacing according to dates of birth of the children of Daniel. I did not have the facts at that time. I now have them exact; I mean the children of your great great grand father Daniel Alderman and Sarah Newton. I got it from the U. S. Pension office in Washington. It is in Daniel's own hand writing and attached to his widow's application for pension. She drew pension till her death in 1839. All of his descendants are entitled to join Daughters or Sons of the Revolution.

For more than twenty years I have been collecting all the data that came my way for a sketch of the family. First I have busied myself in making the research to trace back to the first Aldermans who landed in America. I have spent a great deal of time and money in this work. I have visited the libraries in Washington, New York, and Boston and have at my own expense employed the best skilled service I could find. After years of anxiety and push my hopes have been realized. I have successfully and without question unraveled the lineage of the Aldermans back to the time when they landed in Massachusetts before 1630. This is not tradition but documentary records. The resources are at hand.

I brought the record down to the dispersion of families about one hundred years ago. Now all of the different branches can trace back to their own ancestor, John, Daniel, or David.

To bring the work to the present each family must do its part. I cannot know where they all are. But even on this I have done a great deal of successful work. I have letters and records from a large number of our people scattered through South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, California, and Tennessee; also Missouri. I have letters from a large number of Aldermans in the northern and western states, but I am working up only the southern branch of the family. These Aldermans in the northern and western states are of the same stock as our people branched off from them two hundred years ago in Connecticut. I wish I could see you and explain

who married Mary Seagrove, and who lived till 1715. Thomas Alderman moved to New Jersey in 1705. His son Daniel was born in New Jersey the very year his father died. Daniel, at the age of forty, moved to North Carolina, settling somewhere near the line between Pender, Sampson, and Duplin. His wife was Abigail Harris. From him have not only the Alderman's of the South sprung but likewise a great many other people, by cross descent.

Daniel Alderman had three sons and four daughters. The sons were: John, Daniel and David. John Alderman married Mary Cashwell, and to them were born two sons and four daughters. The eldest of these sons married Ann Newton. These are the parents of the late Rev. A. Biggs Alderman, and the grandparents of Prof. J. T. Alderman. Mr. D. W. Alderman, of Alcolu, S. C., the rich man of the whole connection, is the son of Joseph Alderman, a brother of A. Biggs Alderman. This branch of the family is the senior branch in the South.

John Alderman's daughter Elizabeth married Isaac Newton. Mary married Joshua Blanton. Christian married Reuben Rogers. Kizlah married Joshua Blanton. All four of these reared families. There were an even dozen children in the Rogers family.

Daniel, the second son of the immigrant to Carolina, married Sarah Newton. He was a Revolutionary soldier, and the records show that his widow drew a pension up to her death in 1839. From him the greater number of Aldermans in Sampson and Pender are sprung, and the last one of them is eligible to membership in the Sons and Daughters of the Revolution.

This common ancestor of a goodly portion of the population of Sampson county was born in 1757 and was therefore a twenty year old boy when he participated in the battle of Moore's Creek Bridge. The editor of the Democrat is among the host of descendants proud of this ancestry.

This Daniel's oldest son was David. David married Nancy Morgan. His children numbered fifteen, among whom was the editor's grandmother, Jane, who married James Herring. Alfred, known by many of the old people of Sampson, as an inspector on the wharf in Wilmington, was one of the younger sons. Morgan Alderman, who lived on Moore's Creek within the writer's memory, was another. The mother of Luther Highsmith and Mrs. Lucien Herring was one of the daughters. Lot Croom married one of them and Mrs. Wm. Driver, of Taylors Bridge township, is her daughter.

The second son of the Revolutionary soldier was Isaac Alderman, who was the father of Owen Alderman and Asa. He had three daughters Anna, Rebecca and Nancy.

Elisha Alderman was the third son of the Revolutionary Daniel, and he is the father of the late David Alderman, Joseph, and Daniel, that is, the grandfather of Luther and Ira Alderman, of Enoch and Amos. Elisha had ten children, and their mother herself was an Alderman, a daughter of David, the third of the sons of the immigrant Daniel. Therefore there is twice as much Alderman blood in this

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I wish I could see you and explain my plans and purposes. I have the work well under way of preparation up to 1800. In the subsequent chapters I plan to give in full the family table as on the blank sent out except the grand father part which is intended only to help trace the family history. And under each to give a write up of the heads of the family and such others as are worthy of special mention, giving a small cut of those who will assist me in this.

The plan is to take the families in regular order, finishing up one branch before starting on another.

As I have just said it will be impossible for me to get the family records. Those interested must help in this.

I want the complete records of your grand mother, Jane Alderman, as well as of all her children. Where can I get it? Can you help me in getting these together? I shall want your family also.

With kind regards,

Yours,

J. T. ALDERMAN.

Educational Status of Rev. A. B. Alderman's Family.

Rev. A. B. Alderman himself attended Wake Forest College two years.

John T. Alderman graduated at W. F. C.

Jacob O. Alderman graduated at Richmond College, Va.

J. O.'s son James graduated at W. F. C.

J. O.'s son Jacob is a student at W. F. C.

J. O.'s daughter Viola graduated at Meredith.

J. O.'s daughter Lucy is a student at Meredith.

James E. Alderman was student three years at W. F. C.

J. E.'s daughter Mary Lou, now student at State Normal.

Leroy Alderman graduated at W. F. C.

Julian Alderman's daughter Kata student at Meredith.

Penny A. Alderman, Mrs. T. B. Parker, student at Oxford College 1868-9; Penny's three sons, William Alderman Parker, John Harvey Parker and Frank Parker, all graduated at A. & M. College, Raleigh. Frank was sent by U. S. Government to teach in the Government Normal School in Porto Rico. He staid two years. For two years now he has been Agricultural Statistician for the government for N. C.

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David Alderman, the third son of the immigrant Daniel, married Jemima Hall. They had fourteen children. Daniel married four times. Ann married John Carlton. Thomas married Susan Newton. Mary married Timothy Murphy. Elizabeth married a Newton. Phoebe married a Bland. Lucretia married Joshua Herring. Rachel married a Sloan. Rebecca has been already accounted for. Samuel married Sarah Chestnut. Susana married Wm. Bland.

Mary, one of the daughters of the immigrant Daniel, married Elijah Bowen. Abigail, another daughter of the North Carolina immigrant Daniel, and a sister of the Revolutionary Daniel, married William James.

A cursory sketch of the editor of the Democrat a year or two ago showed somewhat of the achievements of members of the family in these later days. The following paragraphs from the heading of Prof. J. T. Alderman's letter, indicates that the family had a long and honorable career in England:

"While the character of our ancestors is no patent-right to success and station among men, yet an honorable lineage does furnish a reassurance and a stimulus for emulating their achievements, and an incentive to maintain the honor and dignity of the name we bear.

The first Alderman who came to America landed in New England before 1630 and nearly all of the name in this country are descended from them.

It is not our purpose to attempt to trace the family line through the scant records and misty traditions which are in existence in England. The Aldermans were an honorable people as far back as we have any record. In 1180 one Jordan Alderman gave to Holy Trinity Church, London, a large tract of land in the heart of the city of London. In 1190 Simon Alderman was High Sheriff of London. In 1216 Jacob Alderman was Lord Mayor of London. Glimpses of them are found in the records through the centuries indicating the same high standing."

The numerous affinities of the Aldermans, Blands, and Newtons is the most notable fact in the history.

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Penny's daughter, Emma, Mrs. C. E. Maddry, graduated at State Normal and was a fine teacher.

Penny's second daughter, Catharine, now Mrs. L. E. M. Freeman, graduated at Meredith, then at Simmons College, Boston. She taught two years in Government Normal in Porto Rico. She was then called to Meredith to organize the Domestic Science Department and held the place two years.

Ella J. Alderman, Mrs. R. A. Draughan's two daughters, Lillian and Alex, graduated at Meredith. Lillian is an excellent teacher. Her son, John Draughan is a student at W. F. C.

Lillian I. Alderman was a student at the State Normal one year. She married Mr. J. E. Mitchell, of Richmond, Va.

19 have attended college.

12 hold college diplomas.

THE ALDERMAN FAMILY IN AMERICA.

According to the investigations made by Prof. J. T. Alderman, the results of which are to be published in book form, the founder of the Alderman family in America came to Massachusetts before the year 1630.

William Alderman, who married Mary Case, died in Connecticut in 1697. His son was Thomas Alderman,

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