

Alderman Historical Association

First Reunion Held in 1928
Grover Ezzell - 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.

OUR 95TH REUNION IS NOW HISTORY AND WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO 2024 AS WE PREPARE FOR OUR 100TH ANNIVERSARY IN 2028!



President Grover Ezzell opens the Reunion by welcoming everyone.



Reunion attendees



Our guest speaker Mr. John Thornhill who talked a little on the Alderman heritage and the history of Duplin and Sampson counties.

We encourage all Alderman descendants along with the associated families of Bland, Blanton, and Ezzell to come and be part of the discussions on family history and to share their documents and memorabilia. Over the years we have had some interesting items shared with the families.

President Grover Ezzell is working on providing a special recognition item to those direct descendants of the Alderman clan who attend over the next few years leading up to our 100th anniversary. You have to attend to receive! Watch for the Spring Newsletter for Registration information.

**Treasurers Report 2023 Alderman
Historical Association June 23, 2023**

Ending Balance Last Year		4,442.64
Deposit after reunion		
Donation for museum	-125.00	
Catered meal	-306.02	
Payment of website fees (3 years)	-467.28	
Cemetery Upkeep	Donated	
Bank Service Charge 12 x \$4	-48.00	
<u>No Mid Year Deposit</u>		
Balance 5/31/23		3,496.34
Breakdown of 6/20/23 Deposit		
Donations	172.00	
Membership Dues	105.00	
Registration & Meals	174.00	
		451.00
Balance 6/23/23		3,947.34

Respectfully Submitted by Susan Corliss-Bland, Treasurer

Many of you remember Mr. James Ezzell who was the driving force in keeping the reunion alive after his mother's passing. Here is a short narrative with him.

Interview with James Ezzell 2/3/05

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, 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! So 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.

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).

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.

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

The following was published in our Newsletter some years back and was pulled together by James Alderman. It is worth reviewing to see some of the Alderman heritage.

Abigail Harris Alderman Family Ancestry

Ancestry to the –

Magna Charta Sureties

Charlemagne

Merovingian Kings

By James E. Alderman

Background –

William Alderman's line seems to be road blocked prior to his appearance in Connecticut in 1640. I have communicated with several researchers in England and they have speculations regarding his heritage but nothing that can be proven. Stateside, several researchers still try to tie him to one John Alderman that shows up in Salem, Massachusetts, but here again, nothing can be proven. This prompted me to look at the maternal links as referenced in William Parker's book.

As I was pursuing membership in several lineage organizations, I became aware of the long lineage associated with the maternal lines of our Alderman ancestors. The Spencer line, associated with William Spencer (**founding member- Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company**), is well documented in the Alderman's in America book by William Alderman Parker. The other line that I have spent some time tracking is Abigail Harris Alderman the wife of Daniel Alderman (B-5). There is a reference to her lineage in the Parker book but it is not as well documented as the Spencer link. I would like to share with you the information I have regarding Abigail's lineage as it relates to the three organizations mentioned above.

It is proven that Abigail Harris Alderman was the daughter of Nathaniel Harris via several documents: "Harris of Cumberland County, New Jersey" in the December, 1949 (Vol XVII, No. 2) issue of the "The Pennsylvania Genealogical Magazine" and an article, "Noble Ancestry of the Harris Family" in the January- April (XXXV, No. 1-2) issue of "The Vineland Historical Magazine." Another good article as touched on in AIA by William Parker, is "The Alderman Brothers – John, Daniel, Jr. and David, their Noble Ancestry, and Some of Their Descendants," pages 53-56, by Robert Karl Peterson and appearing in "The National Genealogical Society Quarterly," no. 177, dated March 1957.

Basic facts for Abigail Harris Alderman:

1. Abigail was born at Cohansey, NJ on 26 March 1720
2. Abigail was the daughter of Nathaniel Harris born South Hampton, Long Island, NY on 8 October 1693 and his wife Miriam Brooks, born Salem County, NJ on 16 August 1698.
3. Abigail married Daniel Alderman in 1740 also of Cohansey, New Jersey.

Abigail Harris' Lineage

Nathaniel Harris – b. 1693, d. 1775
 Miriam Brooks – b. 1698, d. 1722
 Thomas Harris – b. 1657, d. 1697
 Ruth James- b. 1664, d. 1723
 Ruth Jones – b. 1628, d. 1668; daughter of Reverend John Jones
 Reverend Thomas James, Jr. – **documented American Gateway ancestor**
 Olive Ingoldsby – b. 1602, d. 1627
 Reverend Thomas James, Sr.
 Dorcas Buckeley- b. 1577, d. 1616
 Anthony Ingoldsby
 Reverend Edward Buckeley, D.D. – b. 1540, d. 1620
 Olive Irby
 Elizabeth Grosvenor- b. 1515, d. unk
 Thomas Buckeley
 Anne Charlton- b. 1480, d. 1519
 Randoll Grosvenor
 Richard De Charlton – b. 1450, d. 1522
 Anne Mainwaring
 Robert De Charlton – b. bef. 1430, d. 1471
 Mary Corbet
 Thomas De Knightley De Charlton – b. 1394, d. 1460
 Elizabeth Francis
 Anna De Charlton – d. bef. 1380, d. by 1399
 William De Knightley
 Thomas De Charlton – b. 1345, d. 1387
 Unknown
 Alan De Charlton- b. 1318/1319, d. 1349
 Margery Fitz Aer
 Elena La Zouche – b. 1288, d. 1345
 Alan De Charlton
 Alan La Zouche – b. 1267, d. bef. 1313/1314 ([Link for membership in the Magna Charta Society; Saher de Quincy – signer](#))
 Eleanor De Segrave
 Ela Longspee – b. unk, d. 1276
 Sir Roger La Zouche
 Stephen Longspee – b. unk, d. bef. 1260

All lineage below Olive Ingoldsby to Charlemagne is documented by Fredrick L. Weis and Walter L. Sheppard, Jr., ed by William R. Beall and Kaleen Beall, "Ancestral Roots of Certain American Colonists Who Came to America before 1700".

Emeline De Ridelisford
William Longspee- b. 1175, d. 1226; Earl of Salisbury (illegitimate son of Henry II through either Ida or Alix; not of Eleanor of Aquitaine)
Ela
Henry II- b. 1132/1133, d. 1189
Eleanor of Aquitaine
Princess Matilda – b. 1102, d. 1167
Geoffrey V (Plantagenet)
Henry I- b. 1068, d. 1135
Matilda of Scotland
Maud or Matilda of Flanders – b. 1031/1032, d. 1083
William I- [“The Conqueror”, Duke of Normandy, King of England](#)
Baldwin V- b. 1012, d. 1067
Adele De France
Baldwin IV- b. 980, d. 1035
Ogive or Otgiva of Luxembourg
Arnold II- b. 961/962, d. 987
Rosela or Susanna of Ivrea
Baldwin III- b. 940, d. 961/962
Mathilde of Saxony
Arnold I- b. 885/890, d. 964
Alix De Vermandois
Baldwin II- b. 863, d. 918
Alfthryth (Ethelswith)
Judith – b. 844/866; d. 879
Baldwin I
Charles II- King of France – Holy Roman Emperor
b. 823, d. 877
Emetrude of Orleans
Louis I – King of France – Holy Roman Emperor
b. 778, d. 840
Judith of Bavaria
Charlemagne – King of France -Holy Roman Emperor
[\(Link for membership in Order of Crown of Charlemagne\)](#)
b. 2 Apr 747, d. 28 Jan 813/814
Hildegarde of Swabia, Countess of Vinzgau
Bertha (Bertrada of Laon) – b. 720; d. 783 (mother of Charlemagne)
Pepin III (King of the Franks) “The Short”; b. 714; d. 768
Charibert (Heribert) – Count of Laon; d. aft 720
Gisele (Bretrade)
Bertrada (Berta) – A Merovingian Princess; living in 720
[\(Link for membership in the Order of the Merovingian Dynasty\)](#)
Martin of Laon

Theoderic III (King of Burgundy)- b. 654; d. 691

Chrotechildis

Clovis II (Chlodovech)- b. 634; d. 657

Bathildis

Dagobert I (King of the Franks)- b. 604; d. 639

Nantechildis

Clothaire II (Chlothar)- b. 584; d. 629

Beretrudis (Bertrada or Berthe)

Chilperic I- b. 539

Fredegonde

Clothair I- b. 497

Arnegonde

Clovis I (Chlodovech)- b. 466 AD

St Clothilde (daughter of Chilperic, King of Burgundy)

Childeric I (King of the Franks) – b. 458, d. 481

Basina

Merovee (Merovech) – Founder of the Merovingian Dynasty; d. 457

I personally have gained membership in both the National Society Magna Charta Dames & Barons, The Order of the Crown of Charlemagne and the Order of the Merovingian Dynasty using the above mentioned lineage.

If other AHA members have been successful in going through other Alderman lines, I would appreciate you sharing that information with me.

James E. Alderman

ALDERMAN BOOKS ARE STILL AVAILABLE

- Original “Aldermans in America” – contact Susan Bland - susan@intrstar.net
- **New AIA Volumes 1&2** building on the original “Aldermans in America” – contact Susan Bland - susan@intrstar.net

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