

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.

OUR MEETING LOCATION

The Sampson County History Museum in Clinton, NC

www.sampsonhmc.com

There is a Map link on the website under "Plan Your Visit"

313 Lisbon Street, Clinton NC 28328

The Sampson County History Museum in Clinton, NC was established in 1997 and now has eleven buildings that represent over 250 years of Sampson County history. Ironically our speaker from last year, Joel Rose, is the new director of the museum. In addition, The J. C. Holliday Memorial Library in Clinton is just down the street and has a historical document room with family trees / books for those who may want to research their local family history. The library is open on that day (June 25th from 9am to 1pm).




Our Reunion will be held at the Museum at the usual start time of 10am. Maps will be provided on the Museum grounds.

The Reunion Registration is included with this newsletter. Please be prompt in responding to allow us to get an accurate headcount. This is our 95th reunion and closing on 100!!!

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.

Our Ancestors

Most of us are aware of Edwin Alderman and his prominent roll with the University of Virginia, James E. Alderman, Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court but there are many Alderman members who get less notice and can be read about in numerous publications.



Recently, I was reading some material on the Nuremberg Trials which followed the defeat of Germany in World War II. The book kept referencing a “Mr. Alderman” who read the charges to the court against many of the defendants. It got me to wondering who this “Mr. Alderman” might be and if he was related to our Aldermans. A quick check on the Internet revealed him as Sidney Sherrill Alderman (15-10-2-1 page 309 in *Aldermans in America*). His line is through Daniel Alderman (Column 15) and Mary P. Wilson who was Daniel’s 4th wife- page 278. I encourage all of you to take a minute and read the entire narrative in the book. In 1945-1946, he served as Special Assistant to the Attorney General of the United States and assisted the late Associate Justice Robert H. Jackson of the US Supreme Court in the Four-Power negotiations, preparation, and prosecution of the case against the major Axis war criminals at the Nuremberg Trials. He later served in many capacities including several years as a trustee of Duke University.

The *Aldermans in America* book is loaded with information on our ancestors. We should all be proud of their accomplishments. Take time to read up on your family.

On another family member

We are still trying to locate a descendant of John Alderman and Elizabeth McDuffie (*Aldermans in America* page 189). We have a great photo of Margaret McDuffie the wife of Dougald McDuffie that needs to be in the family possession. Margaret was the mother of Elizabeth McDuffie who married John J. Alderman. They lived in the Meridian, MS area but this editor has had no luck in locating a family descendant.

A thought to ponder --

A GUIDE TO A HAPPY LIFE

No one will ever get out of this world alive. Resolve therefore to maintain a reasonable sense of values.

Take care of yourself, Good health is everyone’s major source of wealth. Without it, happiness is almost impossible.

Resolve to be cheerful and helpful. People will repay you in kind.

Avoid angry, abrasive persons. They are generally vengeful.

Avoid zealots. They are generally humorless.

Resolve to listen more and to talk less. No one ever learns anything by talking.

Be chary of giving advice. Wise men don’t need it and fools won’t heed it.

Resolve to be tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and wrong. Sometime in life you will have been all of these.

Do not equate money with success. There are many successful moneymakers who are miserable failures as human beings. What counts most about success is how a person achieves it.

By Lloyd Shearer

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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