

Alderman Historical Association

First Reunion Held in 1928
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IT'S REUNION TIME!

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See the enclosed registration document



SPECIAL EVENT - Placement of DAR/SAR Plaques

In our last newsletter, we mentioned that we were working on having the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Sons of the American Revolution plaques permanently mounted on John Alderman, Sr.'s grave. We are happy to announce that this is underway and have arranged a formal marking event by the North Carolina Society, Sons of the American Revolution on the day of the reunion. The NCSAR Color Guard will be in colonial uniforms and perform a special service. We encourage you to attend and bring other family members.

Many of you are aware that the Edenton Chapter, DAR placed a marker some years ago but it was never permanently mounted and thus risked theft. The SAR marker was never requested so both of these issues will be remedied at this event.

ASSOCIATION WEBSITE-- <http://www.aldermanhistoricalassociation.org>

We want to encourage everyone to share our website address with other family members and to support us with this endeavor by providing any old Alderman photos or documents that you feel would be interesting to our family members. Kay Ezzell is doing a wonderful job of posting our newsletters and other items provided. An example is the photo below.



1930s

Pictured (l to r): Backrow – Lila Alderman Ezzell, Joseph Matthew (Matt) Alderman, Mary Perry Alderman, J. Moody Ezzell
Front row – Mary Ezzell (Glenn) and James Ezzell
Matt Alderman was the first president of the Alderman Association

Genealogy and Lineage Organizations



My Journey Through the Tree to D.A.R.

Those of you with Alderman roots might not realize what a prize the Alderman book is in gaining entry to the D.A.R. The Daughters of the American Revolution requires that you prove your lineage back to a patriot of the American Revolution. Years and years of research went into the Alderman book and many patriots are listed in it. Many of you probably have ties to John Alderman, whose grave we frequently give tours to. But you see, I'm *married* to an Alderman descendant, so that doesn't help me a bit. I had to research the old fashioned way. Even if you are an Alderman, you will go through these steps. You'll just have an easier time tracing your roots during the first several generations.

The DAR membership is open to any woman eighteen years of age or older, who descended from a man or woman of unflinching loyalty and aid to the cause of American Independence (1775-1783) is eligible. A prospective member must be able to prove her lineage back to an ancestor who served the American cause during the American Revolution. The Chapter Registrar is prepared to provide advice and assistance in this endeavor, if needed. (in my local chapter, she is FANTASTIC. Really helped me finish up my paperwork)

Here are the steps as listed on the D.A.R. website:

- Find Your Lineage—work on your family tree. How many generations can you go back? The Alderman book helps here.
- Identify your Patriot Ancestor—who is your patriot ancestor? What did they do for the cause? The Alderman book helps here too.
- Find and contact a local chapter—I joined the Battle of Rockfish Chapter, which is in Duplin County. By the way, one of the chapter patriot ancestors is John Alderman.
- Application Process—Now you start the paperwork! “You will need to provide proof for each date and place, for each generation, starting with yourself and going back lineally to your Patriot. In the first three generations, these proofs would consist of photocopies of birth, marriage, and death documents. For other generations back to the Patriot, one or more of the following items would usually be considered acceptable proof: cemetery records, tombstone inscriptions, obituaries, probate records, wills, census records, Bible records, local histories, and well-documented genealogies. Relationships between generations MUST be proven. Data submitted as proof is subject to DAR standards and interpretation” (from the DAR website) Once again, the Alderman book can really help you here, because it is generally accepted as proof. SO you can write “Aldermans In America page 313” as proof of a generation for example. I had to find birth certificates and wills. Your registrar can help here too, by looking up your patriot ancestor and telling you how far down the line has already been proven. For instance if you have a great aunt, or a grandmother who was a member, you can skip the generations between them and the ancestor. This really decreases the amount of records you must present. In my case I had to prove how I was related to my great-grandfather.
- Submit it to your local chapter registrar and wait for further instructions. This step may be repeated numerous times until everything is acceptable.
- Be sure to visit their website for a wealth of information: <http://www.dar.org/natsociety/>

I became interested in the DAR after hearing so many ladies talk about it at the Alderman reunions. I was intrigued to see if I could do it. I have lots of family records on my mother's side and it took many of them to fulfill the requirements. I have not quite been a part of this local chapter for a year yet, but have grown to love the ladies and look forward to our meetings. They are welcoming, sincere, genuine, fun loving and who would have thought that parliamentary procedure was still alive and well? I am sure if you check out your local chapter of either the DAR or the SAR (Sons of the American Revolution...same idea, just a society for men) you will be greeted warmly and urged to come back. Don't forget to bring your Alderman book with you. It will save you a lot of time and effort to claim that noble kin.

Susan Corliss-Bland
Secretary/Treasurer



Mary Cashwell (wife of John Alderman, Sr.)

The limited knowledge we have on Mary Cashwell come from the notes in “Alderman’s of America.”

A request has been sent to the Sampson County Historical Society to see if they have any information on the Cashwell family that resided in the Duplin/Sampson area prior to the Revolution. Efforts will be made in the coming months using the National Archives to see if we can shed some light on this key member of our family. Anyone who might have some information on Mary Cashwell should contact the newsletter editor.

Note: Abigail Harris Alderman (wife of Daniel Alderman) provides established lineage through her immigrant ancestor, Rev. Thomas James, for membership in Magna Charta, Crown of Charlemagne and the Merovingian Dynasty. See previous newsletter for details.

Officer and Board of Directors Election –

We will be holding an election of AHA Officers and Board of Directors this year. If you are interested in holding a position with the Association, please make your intention known on the enclosed registration form.

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