

Alderman Historical Association

First Reunion Held in 1928
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REUNION TIME IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER – June 25, 2011
PLEASE SEE THE ENCLOSED REGISTRATION FORM

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.

Speaker for our 2011 Reunion –

Ms Pansy Alderman Elliot will make a presentation titled “Our Alderman Heritage”. Ms Pansy has been a consistent attendee for many years and is a walking history book on the Alderman Family. She belongs to several lineage societies and is always willing to help members who wish to pursue membership in these societies.

ALDERMAN Family Informational Tidbits:

- **Elizabeth (Beth) White May sent this note using our weblink in the AHA Website:**
It has long been known that all three of the sons -- John, Daniel, and David (I am descended from both Daniel and David.) -- participated in the military during the Revolutionary War and are recognized patriots in DAR. I have just established that Daniel Alderman, Sr. was also a patriot. He -- and all three sons -- in 1779, signed a petition for the division of Duplin County. One of the reasons given for wanting this division was to make it easier to attend the musters. DAR recognizes this reason as being in support of the patriot cause and classifies it as "Patriot Service." Also, there were many marriages between Aldermans and members of the Highsmith families. Daniel Highsmith, Sr. has just been documented as qualifying for the Order of First Families of North Carolina (criteria -- a resident of what is now NC prior to 12 July 1729). If anyone wants more information concerning this, they can contact me. WhiteMay2@aol.com
- **Kirk Mitchell de la Torre Alderman** has a website with a very interesting book he has written for his family. It details some history on the early Alderman's, Case, and Spencer families. Definitely a good read.
http://www.alderman.50megs.com/rich_text.html
- **Confederate History Month is typically commemorated in April throughout the Southland.** This year begins the 150 anniversary of the Civil War with multiple events planned throughout the South. In reviewing the Compiled Confederate Records at the National Archives, it is interesting to note that 120 Aldermans fought for the Confederacy. One of the more notable was Chesley Alderman who was wounded and later died at the Battle of Gettysburg. His was nominated and approved by the Confederate Congress for the Confederate Roll of Honor.

Family History Books Are Still Available

- Original "Aldermans in America" – contact Susan Bland - susan@intrstar.net
- New Volumes 1&2 building on the original "Aldermans in America" – contact Jack Westberry- janeandjackwestberry@live.com

Genealogy Article – courtesy of Smith Banks ("Smith" as we all knew him passed away last year. He was a super guy.)

**THEIR BULKELEY ANCESTRY
AND
THEIR DESCENT FROM WILLIAM LONGSPEE,
EARL OF SALISBURY
Notes and Scraps Collected and Compiled
By
SMITH C. BANKS
OCTOBER 1990**

In May 1990, I went to England specifically to see where my ancestors lived. I also hoped to find graves, houses and other landmarks that might have been left by them. I did not plan to do any research in English records.

My suggestion to anyone planning to do the same is that they do their "homework" before they go. In past years I have planned my vacations so as to visit places where my ancestors lived. I have traced my Alderman ancestors and their allied families from Duplin County, N. C., to New Jersey and New England. In these places I researched the local records.

All of us who are Alderman descendants are so much more fortunate than many families! We have our own published genealogy. We owe a great debt of gratitude to John Thomas Alderman, William Alderman Parker, and to Laura Alderman Moore. They worked so hard to research and publish our genealogy, and they are responsible for, "ALDERMANS IN AMERICA".

Because of this research, we don't have to dig as "deep" through the many courthouses and state archives. The work has already been done. We can travel to Duplin County and see the homesite of Daniel Alderman and his son, David Alderman and visit the cemetery on the old home place where Daniel was buried (grave unmarked) and see the grave of his son, John, who was a Revolutionary War soldier. (We can visit the grave of our ancestor, David Alderman (R. S.), at Brannen Cemetery in Bulloch County, Ga.) We can also visit the sites of the churches where our families attended. I was fascinated to learn that our Harris ancestors, Nathaniel Harris and Miriam Brooks, are buried under the present belltower of a Presbyterian Church in Deerfield Street, New Jersey. A descendant named Harris, who lives there and is an elder in the church, told me this! In New England I was thrilled to see portraits of our Bulkeley ancestors and relatives at the Concord Antiquarian Society Museum along with personal furniture and other articles belonging to our distant Uncle, Rev. Peter Bulkeley. Books purchased there gave more detailed accounts of their life and times. The Rev. Bulkeley and another of our ancestors, Rev. John Jones, founded the town of Concord, Massachusetts.

In Simsbury, Conn. I found the grave of our ancestress, Sarah Case. I found the grave after meeting John Case, a descendant. Mr. Case was the Simsbury town clerk. The grave of Sarah Case is located in the Old Burying Ground on Main Street and her name is spelled, Sarah "Cass". In some records the name was spelled "Casse".

How did I know where to go and what to look for and where to visit?? I read about it in my "ALDERMANS IN AMERICA"! Of course, when I was in a special area, I always found more information than was given in the Alderman book; but I always had the book as a "guide".

On my trip to England I decided that I would visit the tombs of Thomas and Elisabeth Bulkeley in St. Mary's Church at Market Drayton, Shropshire, because I planned to stay several days in Stoke-on-Trent which is only about 20 miles away. I was traveling by rail and Stoke was the nearest big-city train station. I hired a car to drive me to Market Drayton. The memorial and graves were originally in the floor of the church. The memorial marker had been covered-up and was discovered late in 19th Century. It is now attached to the wall of the church. This stone slab is larger than a twin-sized bed and is now broken in several places. The images of Thomas and Elisabeth are incised in the stone. While at the church I learned that the Old Bulkeley home was still standing. It is a large and impressive manor house but today it is in a sad state of repair. Several pictures of it are included in this scrapbook.

While I was in County Dorset I decided to return to London by way of Salisbury. This is where I saw the effigy and grave of our ancestor, William Longspee, Earl of Salisbury. He was the bastard half-brother of King John and is the son of King Henry II. He is also named in the Magna Carta. Longspee helped lay the corner stone of the great and wonderful Salisbury Cathedral and was one of the first buried in the Cathedral. Here I also saw one of the rare copies of the Magna Carta. What a thrill !!

I have always tried to include "my own personal historic sites" in my travel plans anytime I plan a vacation and I recommend it!!

I have spent over 30 years searching and collecting and making these notes. I hope you will have a much fun visiting these places as I did. And I hope that my notes will make your vacation planning easier.

Most of the materials collected here are now in books that are in the Statesboro Regional Library Genealogy Collection. Check them for more details. You will be fascinated by your findings!!

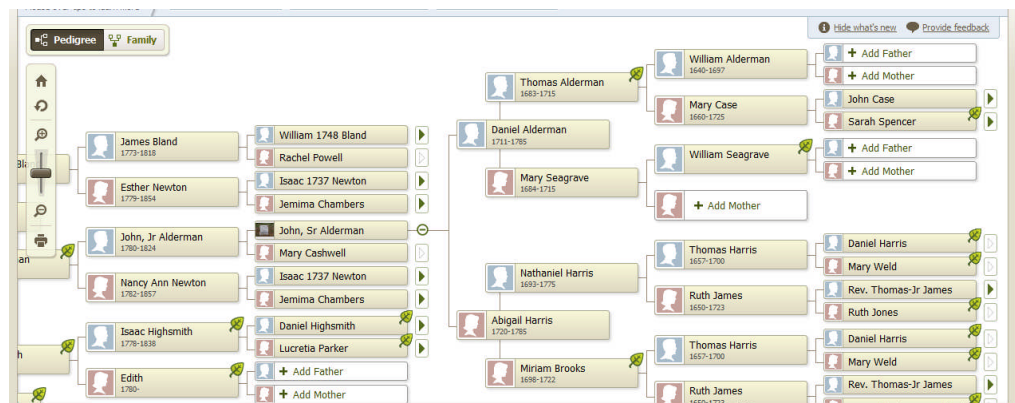
Smith Banks

Genealogy Tools – courtesy of Susan Bland

Trying to Keep up with the Family Tree?

Have you gathered more cousins than you know what to do with? Do you have a hard time remembering how you connect to an ancestor? Can you easily look up a particular ancestor in your line? If so, it might be time for you to look into some software to help you connect the pieces.

The most well know is probably Ancestry.com which has great advertisements on television. And they



really do have the little leaves. In fact I've just wasted 45 minutes clicking on new leaves that showed up in the tree. Here is a sample of Sidney's tree. The advantage of ancestry.com is that you can click on a leaf and connect to

someone else's tree or match to census records. It is so easy to just click on a leaf, then click on the census record and add it to your tree. You can then print it out in a variety of formats. The downside is the price....about \$159.00 a year.

Another downside is that if you don't renew the annual subscription you can't get into your tree. So you want a backup plan. Luckily, there is software to download the tree into that isn't so expensive. [Family Tree Maker](#) is \$40 and can import your online tree. But you do lose easy access to all those online census.

There are programs that are free also. Kim Komondo recommends these:

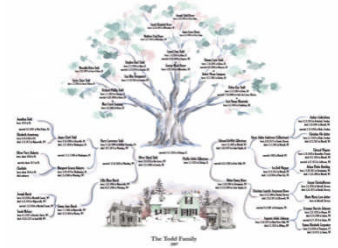
[Family Tree Legends](#) - If you're the family historian, you might feel overwhelmed. It's a big task to record your family's history. Family Tree Legends is great tool that can help. This software makes creating detailed genealogies easy. And Family Tree Legends helps you create more than just family trees. You can also use it to create family books and charts. It will import data from existing genealogy files. When you're done, you can share your family tree on CD and DVD with your family.

[Family Tree Builder](#) - Genealogy site MyHeritage offers Family Tree Builder. It pulls information from MyHeritage's Website to help you build your family tree. It also incorporates a lot of other features. For example, you can include family photos. You get dedicated space online to publish your family tree. There's also a SmartMatching feature. This compares your family tree with other MyHeritage users. It can help you find even more relatives.

[Personal Ancestral File](#) - The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints provides Personal Ancestral File. This software works with its Family Search site. It's tough to find a group that knows more about genealogy. This site has some of the most complete records you'll find. Start by searching the site for birth, marriage and death records. Multinational census data and church records are also available. You

can keep your findings organized with the PAF software. It can produce family histories, pedigree charts and other genealogical records. And you can add new branches as your family grows.

So choose the right one for you and get started on placing all those leaves. It's fun!!



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Membership in the Alderman Historical Association

The membership present at the 2010 reunion voted to solicit dues starting with year 2011. Expenses related to the up keep on the cemetery (repairs, cleaning, mowing), cost of mailing newsletters, and the maintenance cost of our website are on-going expenses that are not always offset with donations. We would like to encourage everyone to join the association and renew each year to help us make sure that adequate funds are available to maintain and support the association efforts as stated in our Mission Statement. Rates are: \$10.00/person or \$15.00/family (with children under 18).

2011 ALDERMAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP

First Name: _____ Middle Initial: ____ Last Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Check One:

_____ Individual \$10.00

_____ Family \$15.00 (households with children under the age of 18)

Please mail completed form with check to:

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

Membership will run from January through December each year. Those registering prior to January 1, 2011 will remain on the direct mail listing or electronic listing for 2011 Association correspondence. The website will remain open to everyone. This form is provided for you to mail in along with your check. Thank you for all your past support to protect the cemetery and to foster family ties.

*****Please note that this membership does not cover registration for the annual reunion luncheon.**