

Alderman Historical Association

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REUNION TIME IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER – June 23, 2012
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 2012 Reunion

Jack Westberry will give us a talk on the David Alderman line (B-5-5). Samuel Alderman (B-5-5-23), who was a son of David Alderman (B-5-5), will be part of the talk. Jack has a vast knowledge of the Alderman family as evidenced in his efforts with the publication of the Alderman books so his talk should be very interesting and will stimulate input from the attendees.

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

Duplin County Heritage Book

The Duplin County Heritage book committee is requesting articles about your pioneer family, military kin or any history of Duplin County that might be in your possession. There are requirements for submission of the above and every county has different ones. If you need more information please contact: Duplin County Heritage, P.O. Box 71, Wallace, North Carolina, 28466. The heritage book will be a collection of family stories, any military kin and photos of the "olden days". This would be a great time to write your Alderman history and place it in a published book for generations to read. It usually takes about two years for a book to be edited and published after article deadlines. So the sooner the better !!

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ALDERMAN Family Informational Tidbits

- Wayne Alderman has continued his dialogue with the his contacts in England on “The Alderman One-Name Project” and offers the following information :

Current Research of the Ancestry of William Alderman of Connecticut

By: Wayne Alderman

February, 2012

The ancestry of the Alderman family is well documented from the time of William Alderman (-1697) of Connecticut, with much of the work published in Aldermans in America (AIA) by William Alderman Parker. However, tracing of William Alderman’s ancestry prior to his appearance in Connecticut in 1671/2 has been much more problematic.

In Aldermans in America, the author offers various bits of information about the Alderman family prior to William and speculates on some possible connections of William to his English ancestry. However, upon further research some of these bits of information do not appear to be accurate as will be discussed later. In addition, some Aldermans in England have done extensive research on the Alderman family in England.

ENGLISH GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

Aldermans in England have done extensive research on the Alderman surname in the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, and South Africa. These researchers have worked on the project for more than twenty years and have published the research conclusions in a pamphlet entitled *The Alderman One-Name Project*.

These researchers have identified four areas of England where Alderman families were living from as early as the 16th century:

- North Devon/Somerset. Many of the wills in this area were lost during World War II. There is no evidence of weavers or cloth makers in this group.
- Villages around Andover, Hampshire. There are no weavers apparent in this family
- Villages around Kettering in the north of Northamptonshire. Some of these families included weavers. A collection 83 Alderman wills has been published by the researchers, *Early Alderman Wills in Northamptonshire (1522-1858)*.
- Villages around Ipswich (which includes Belstead). Interestingly, these researchers have been in touch with hundreds of descendants of the above mentioned three groups but have found no descendants from this group. Thus, they have reached the tentative conclusion that the “William Alderman” (Connecticut) descendants may be from this group.

In regards to the Aldermans in Belstead, these researchers have gathered the following information:

- There are numerous wills from the 16th and 17th century that these researchers have examined. These wills provide evidence of the following:
 - A. These Aldermans were farming in Belstead in Suffolk in 1513 and they also wove their own linen.
 - B. One branch moved from Belstead to Capel St. Mary and then to Hadleigh (all in Suffolk) where two Alderman brothers become mayors of Hadleigh in the 1650s. This family is labeled by the researchers as “Belstead A” but the surname disappears by the beginning of the 18th century.
 - C. The other branch of the family (labeled as “Belstead B”) developed from dairy and sheep farming and gradually moved into weaving, cloth making, and dyeing. This branch moved to Ipswich by the end of the 16th century and appeared to be relatively prosperous. They began to invest their profits into shares of merchant shipping.

These researchers have done quite a bit of research in the Suffolk wills and have documented this work through a series entitled *Suffolk Early Will Series (SEWS)*. To date, these English Alderman researchers have been unable to make a definitive connection between the various English Alderman families and our William Alderman of Connecticut.

DISCREPENCIES IN AIA

AIA notes that the book is primarily a genealogical research record of the Alderman family in America. However, the book does provide bits of information about the Alderman family prior to the family’s American appearance and speculates on possible connections. Several of the AIA references about the Alderman family coming to America appear to be incorrect.

1. AIA references a Thomas Alderman (p. 9) that “was on the Friendship departing London on July 8, 1679” whereas the passenger was actually Thomas Alderson departing for London on July 8, 1679 (Source: The Original Lists of Persons of Quality: Emigrants, Religious Exiles, Political Rebels,...., 1600-1700, p. 349, edited by John Camden Hotten. This page shows that a Thomas Alderson was granted a ticket (in Barbados) on July 8, 1679 on the ship “Friendship” for London with John Williams as Commander)
2. AIA references William Alderman on the “Primose” in 1635 (p. 9) whereas the actual passenger was William Alderton. AIA is correct about Grace Alderman Being listed as a passenger on the “Primose” in 1635.
3. AIA states (p. 10) that “Phelps came from Tewksbury, Gloucestershire, England with 140 passengers on the ship “Marie and John” which ship was owned by John Alderman.” However, according to www.maryandjohn1630.com Phelps was on the passenger ship “Mary and John” with 140 passengers. One possible area of future research is the question of whether the ship the “Mary and John” is the same ship as the “Marie and John.”
4. AIA (p.10) refers to “John Alderman the Elder whose will was dated July 28th, 1600”. The One Name Project also shows this person (labeled B/1 on their charts). AIA goes on to say that “His son, John Alderman the Younger, was born in Little Belstead during the year 1584 and married Jane...about the year 1606.” The One Name Project also shows a son named John (B/1-1) but shows his birth date in 1543 and a marriage to Anne Perkin. The One Name Project does show another John Alderman (B/3-2) who was born in 1557 and did marry a Jane.
5. AIA (p. 11) states that “John Alderman the Elder also had a son Marshall who was born in Little Belstead.” However, the One Name Project shows only two sons for John Alderman the Elder (B/1): John (B/1-1) and Christopher (B/1-2).

Wayne is continuing his dialogue with the group in hopes that we may one day be able to link our William to one of the English Alderman families. DNA testing is now so prevalent that this might be a possible avenue to pursue. Wayne will keep us updated on his efforts.

- **Mary Cashwell wife of John Alderman, Sr.**
We still have no new information on Mary’s lineage. Several of us have spent a great deal of time trying to find her family with no results to date. If anyone living in the NC area that has access to the state records and is willing to take this on, it would be appreciated. All we have is Parker’s notes on page 50 of AIA that she and William Herring were half-brother-sister and that William Herring married Phoebe Newton the daughter of Isaac Newton.
- **Mike Mathis one of our Association members sent this note as a reminder to individuals interested in joining The Society of Colonial Wars - <http://bbtyner.com/ncscw/>**
William Alderman Parker (publisher of AIA) was Governor NC Colonial Wars 1960-62.

1. Edwin Alderman- University of Virginia

For a variety of reasons, Thomas Jefferson decreed that there be no president. Instead, the administration of the University was entrusted to a chairman of the faculty.

By the end of the 19th century it was apparent that this way of running an increasingly complex university was not practicable. In June 1904, the Board of Visitors selected Edwin A. Alderman to be the University’s first president. He was inaugurated on April 13, 1905—Founder’s Day.

In all accounts of the inauguration day, the excitement, exuberance and sheer fun of the day shine through. A *Washington Post* reporter observed that Cabell Hall “filled as though a bursting reservoir of humanity had been turned into it when the doors opened.” The student body marched from the Rotunda to Old Cabell Hall with a band alternating between “Dixie” and “The Good Old Song.”

After the Rector of the University, Charles Pinckney Jones, administered a simple and direct oath of office, a student in the gallery began a cheer, “Rah! Rah! Rah! Vir-gin-ia. Alderman, Alderman, Alderman.”



2. Gateways to Genealogical Societies

- Abigail Harris Alderman, wife of Daniel Alderman (B-5), provides a link to multiple societies through her father Nathaniel Harris, his mother Ruth James to **Rev. Thomas James**. This is referenced in AIA on page 580 through the Bulkeley Genealogy and published supplement to Vineland Historical Magazine, Vol. XXXV- 1950, 1 and 4, January –April.
- Mary Case Alderman, wife of William Alderman, provides a link to further societies through her mother **Sarah Spencer Case** who married John Case. The Spencer connection is detailed on page 578 of AIA.

DON'T FORGET TO BRING SHOW AND TELL ITEMS THAT MIGHT BE OF INTEREST TO OUR ATTENDEES. TABLES FOR DISPLAY WILL BE PROVIDED.

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