

# Alderman Historical Association

First Reunion Held in 1928  
Sidney Bland, President

SEPTEMBER, 2007

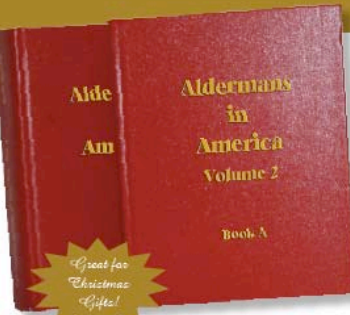
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## The Cemetery Fence is complete!!!!

Once again, we want to say thanks to everyone who made contributions toward the completion of the John Alderman, Sr. cemetery fence project. We now have a fence to protect the old cemetery and avoid further damage to the headstones. Our next project will be to repair the headstone of John Alderman, Jr. that was broken sometime in the past year. *Note: The Alderman Historical Association has control of the cemetery property and decisions related to the cemetery are made by the Association Board of Directors.*



## Volume 2 of the "Aldermans in America" is now available for ordering !!!



**The updated  
Aldermans in America  
Volume 2 (Two Book Set)**

Alderman's in America, approached 50 years since publication and with the coming of new and easier to access resources, the Alderman Historical Association felt it was time for an updated Volume 2. With the large growth the family has enjoyed, Volume 2 will actually be 2 books, this being Book A and dealing with the Southern Branch. Book B on the New England or Northern Branch will be published later.

This book is compiled with over 2000 pages of biographical information, and recognizing the tremendous expansion the family has made over the years.

**Scheduled to print late October 2007  
so get your orders in early!!**

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**Jack Westberry**  
2673 Mt. Carmel Rd.  
Newnan, Georgia 30263

preprint **\$155**  
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PRICE INCLUDES SHIPPING

Due to size The Updated Aldermans in America book will only be sold as a two book set.

Jack Westberry should feel like a proud new father. His labors of compiling, editing, indexing and getting Volume 2 to print have finally paid off. If you want your copy by Christmas, please see the ad and get your check to Jack by October 24<sup>th</sup>. The price includes shipping. Please note that this Volume consists of two books A & B. The books will be enjoyed by many Alderman descendants for years to come. Thank you Jack for all your efforts!

**Send checks to: Jack Westberry – 2673 Mt. Carmel Road – Newnan, Georgia 30263**  
**Email: [jack.westberry@gte.net](mailto:jack.westberry@gte.net) Phone: (770)251-1016**

## Minutes of the 2007 Meeting

President H. Sidney Bland, III called the meeting to order. In keeping with the unofficial storytelling theme, James Alderman spoke first with entertaining stories of his family. Ray Alderman & Pansy Alderman Elliot also told stories of their family.



We noted that some of our attendees still carried the Alderman name. Photos of both the male and female representatives were taken. Males (l to r): James Alderman, Ralph Alderman and Oscar Alderman. Females (l to r): Margaret Ford, Mary Ann Newton, and Pansy Elliot.  
*Note: married names of course.*



**Old Business**— none reported.

### **New Business --**

We started our new business by recognizing some special categories of attendees. We had fun prizes to give out to each of them.

- Elders: James Ezzell & Alderman Boreham Johnson
- Youth: Christa & Rachel Bland
- First Time Attendees: Mary Ann Newton, Carolyn Bales, Mike Mathis, George & Mary Perry
- Generations: James Alderman Ezzell family with 3 present.
- Extended family: John Thomas Bland descendants

Association Website - A website has been registered for the Association, and Kay Ezzell has volunteered to maintain it for us. We'll be sending out more information as soon as we have it up and running.

Alderman Fence Project— we had photos to show the completion of the fence (and an invitation to visit after the meeting). The total bid came in at a little over \$2000.00. This project was only possible because of the generous support of our association.

Jack Westberry reported in on the Alderman book update. It has been indexed and will be going to the printer soon! Stay tuned for the release date, hopefully in time for Christmas giving!

Election of Officers - By unanimous vote, the current President, H. Sidney Bland, III, and Secretary/Treasurer Susan Corliss-Bland were re-elected.

## Treasurers Report Alderman Historical Association 2007

Our beginning bank balance	2295.92
Interim Contributions	750.00
Installation of fence at cemetery	<u>-2332.00</u>
Balance	708.92
Reunion Cash Received	160.00
Reunion Checks Received	30.00
Cost of lunch	<u>-350.00</u>
Available balance July 2007	548.92

Submitted by Susan Corliss-Bland, Treasurer

## Alderman Historical Association Annual Meeting

(Newspaper article written by Susan Bland for local papers)



On June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2007 the 81st annual meeting of the Alderman Historical Association was held at Evergreen Baptist Church, in Delway NC. The members of the Alderman Historical Association include the descendants and their spouses, of Daniel Alderman and Abigail Harris. Daniel (1711-1785) married Abigail in 1740. Daniel, Abigail and their 7 children came by boat to Wilmington where they remained a short time. Then, they moved 40 miles inland to the newly established Duplin County. They selected a small tract of land on the west side of Doctor's Creek and made their

home in the forest. The Alderman Association includes the lines of the 3 sons John (1742-1822), Daniel Jr. (1748-1824), and David (1749-1831). Descendants still gather to share food and swap stories.

The association was formed around 1926 with the first president J. Matt Alderman. For many years, his daughter, Mrs. Lila Alderman Ezzell of Delway kept the association going. The mantle then passed to her son, James Alderman Ezzell of Delway. Today, Mr. James is an honored guest that many visitors enjoy sharing with and asking questions about the Alderman activities. One of his projects has been to keep the Alderman book in circulation, with the family lineage of the descendents of Daniel and Abigail. The book was published in 1957 and reprinted in 1977. Mr. Ezzell still has copies of the reprints. One of the current projects has been the updating of the book, valiantly undertaken by Alderman descendant, Jack Westberry of Georgia. This next book is nearing completion.

People attended from as far away as Texas, Florida and Louisiana. During the meeting, we saw photos of the fence erected to protect the cemetery containing the grave of John Alderman, son of Daniel & Abigail. Also the status of the Alderman book update was reported by Jack. We honored both the elders in attendance (those over 80) and the youth (those under 13). The James Alderman Ezzell family had the most generations present, with 3. The family with the most in attendance was the John Thomas Bland descendents, with 7 present. We had several first time attendees and they each received a camera and photo album to record all those new friends. If you are an Alderman descendant, we want to hear from you! Contact James A. Ezzell at 532-4749 or H. Sidney Bland 532-2667 for more details. Our next meeting is June 28, 2008.



## Note on the Association –

Your Association continues to have 150+ members. We strongly encourage participation either through attendance at a reunion or by small donations to the Association. This will help keep you listed for future Association news and happenings. This Association has been meeting for 79 years and we hope to see it continue for many more. It is important that we teach heritage and foster family ties.

We are always looking for an interesting article for the newsletter. Please send them to James Alderman (email noted below).

Mr. James Ezzell has been quite ill for the past couple of months. He has been in and out of the hospital but according to our sources is back home and on the mend. If you would like to drop him a card or letter, his address is:

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## Help Us Save Money on Postage !!!

If you have an email address and are receiving this letter via snail mail, please send James Alderman your email so he can save the Association the cost of mailing a letter. With 150+ members we only have 32 members who have shared their email address with us. James' email is noted above.

**We do not share our mailing list with anyone.**

