

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.

The 2017 Reunion is now history. We hope everyone will keep in mind that next year's reunion will be our **90th**. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. It is not the 100th yet but some of us might not make it to that milestone so come while you can. Each year we have some new attendees with stories about their journey in genealogy which led them to their Alderman roots. It makes for exciting conversation and information sharing. So, come and join us on **June 23, 2018**.

Our speaker this year was Mr. John Thornhill, a fellow Sons of the American Revolution member, who gave a great talk on the men descended from the free blacks in the New Bern area that fought for the American Revolutionary cause. It was a great presentation and John came in colonial attire.



Pictured at left is Mr. John Thornhill giving his presentation to the group.

Pictured above is President Sidney Bland presenting him with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Association.

Newest Association Attendee- this honor goes to Douglas Egan of Dandridge, Tennessee. Doug only recently found out he had ties to the Alderman family and made the trip to share and gather information.



Doug is in the black shirt sitting next to Jack Westberry.

Treasurer's Report--- Our Treasurer, Susan Bland, missed her first reunion since 1985 as she recovered from some surgery. We hope she is now doing well and getting ready for 2018.

Treasurers Report		
Alderman Historical Association		
<i>For</i>		
June 23, 2017		
Ending Balance Last Year		3097.03
Donation for church fellowship hall	-125.00	
Catering (Subway)	-205.48	
Website hosting	-503.28	
Cemetery Upkeep 5x	-200.00	
Bank Service Charge 12 x \$4	-52.50	
Deposit 7/7/16	405.00	
Balance 5/31/17		2415.77
Breakdown of 6/23/17 Deposit		
Donations	214.00	
Membership Dues	170.00	
Registration & Meals	<u>156.00</u>	
		540.00
Undeposited funds		76.00
Balance 6/23/17		3031.77
Respectfully Submitted by Susan Corliss-Bland, Treasurer		

Note: This report does not reflect the 2017 expenses from the Reunion. The next report in the Spring newsletter will be inclusive of those expenses.

Meeting Minutes of the 2017 Reunion

ALDERMAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION – 2017 MEETING MINUTES

June 24, 2017

- Meeting was called to order at 12:15 by Vice President Sidney Bland in the absence of President Leonard.
- Vice President Bland called on Rev Dick Brand to offer our invocation.
- Meeting was adjourned for Lunch
- Meeting was called back to order at approximately 1:00pm.
- Vice President Bland called on our guest speaker, Mr. John Thornhill to come forward and make his presentation. Mr. Thornhill spoke on the free blacks that fought for the American side during the revolution and their ties to North Carolina.
- At the conclusion of Mr. Thornhill's presentation, a certificate from the Alderman Historical Association was presented by Vice President Bland.
- A discussion was had on whether this was our 89th or 91st reunion. Based on AHA book and Mr. James Ezzell, this would be our 89th.
- Vice President Bland called for the Treasurer's report. Treasurer, Susan Bland, was not at the meeting but provided a copy of her Treasurer report for the Secretary. Report was given by Krista Bland. Approved. This is the first reunion since 1985 that Susan has missed.
- Vice President Bland called for a reading of the 2016 minutes by Secretary Alderman – these were read and approved. At the conclusion, James asked for an answer to his trivia question in the newsletter. Grover Ezzell had the answer. This prompted a discussion on Coats of Arms.
- VP Bland asked if there were any announcements:
- Grover Ezzell asked to take a few minutes and report on the World War 1 ceremony he attended to honor Jacob Alderman who died in France. He was thanked for representing the AHA.
- Secretary Alderman asked that we honor the following who have passed since our last reunion: Ray Ezzell, Mrs. Mazine Winstead, and James' oldest daughter Kimberly.
- VP Sidney Bland announced a new addition to his family; his grandson born in March.
- Jack Westberry announced that he is out of the book business and that all of his books have been donated to the AHA for them to do with as they see fit. He recommends the AHA set a price.
- VP Bland acknowledged the following:
 - Doug Eagan as our newest member in attendance.
 - Oldest in attendance – Pansy Elliott
 - Youngest – Rachel Bland
 - Traveled the farthest – Doug Eagan
 - Shortest Distance traveled – Grover and Louise Ezzell
 - Most Generations in attendance- Bland Family
- Question was raised from the floor regarding the website and newsletter. Secretary Alderman fielded the several questions which covered: pros and cons of sending a newsletter; accuracy of the database; lack of interesting articles and issues with the host.
- Vice President Bland mentioned that our Secretary has not been reimbursed for several years in his efforts with the newsletter. Secretary Alderman agreed to work with the Treasurer to resolve this before our next meeting.
- Pansy Elliott asked about articles promoting the AHA with our coming 90th Anniversary. She suggested use of local papers. Secretary Alderman indicated we should look to advertising at

least 60 days prior to the reunion and that Susan Bland has contacts that might help in this area. He agreed to contact the editor of the Foot Notes newsletter from Kenansville to see if they would run something for us. A question was asked about obtaining a Facebook presence. After some dialogue, Krista Bland agreed to look into setting us up with a Facebook page.

- VP Bland added that the cemetery had not been cut this year prior to the reunion but if anyone is interested in visiting he can take them down after the meeting. A question was raised from the floor about the cemetery with the Daniel Alderman headstone; Sidney has found out that a gentleman by the name of Cary Boney is taking care of that cemetery. He at one time attended our AHA meetings.
- Vice President Bland suggested we have an **officer election** to backfill President Leonard. The floor was opened for nominations with **Sidney Bland for President, Grover Ezzell as Vice President, Susan Bland to remain as Treasurer and James Alderman to remain as Secretary**. The slate of officers was approved by a unanimous vote of the attendees.
- President Bland asked for a motion to increase the amount we reimburse the church for the use of their meeting hall to \$150.00; motion was made by Jack Westberry and seconded by Pansy Elliott. Motion was approved.
- Rachel Bland passed the Subway box to collect money for the on-going maintenance of the Alderman Cemetery.
- Secretary Alderman asked that everyone press their contacts for attendance next year.
- Secretary Alderman agreed to look into a reprinting of the Alderman Chart.
- President Bland announced that the next meeting will be on June 23, 2018.
- Meeting was adjourned at 3:35 pm.

Submitted for approval:
James E. Alderman
Secretary

ALDERMAN FAMILY ARTICLES WANTED

If any of you have articles you feel would be of interest to our group, please send them to James Alderman at alde711@aol.com for possible use in our semi-annual newsletters. You may have something that a member would love to know about.

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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