

Alderman Historical Association

First Reunion Held in 1928
Patricia Crosby Leonard - 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.

85th Birthday Reunion is History

Our small band came together to continue the tradition as stated in our Mission Statement. We were blessed with good weather and good food. This year we saw some new faces and some from years past. These events always bring new family discussions along with puzzling genealogy questions.

We were fortunate to have Jo Ann Stroud as our guest speaker. She gave us a wonderful talk on the new Duplin County History book and historic Liberty Hall in Kenansville. She also indicated that Duplin publishes a newsletter called "Foot Notes" which is similar to the "Huckleberry Historian" published by Sampson County. You may recall that our spring newsletter had an article provided with permission of the "Huckleberry Historian".



Pictured at left:
Historic **Liberty Hall** in
Kenansville, Duplin County, North
Carolina.

- www.libertyhallnc.org
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A RARE OCCASION --- four Aldermans in a row!



Pictured (l to r): Raymond L. Alderman, James G. Alderman, Jr.,
James G. Alderman, Sr., James E. Alderman

**Alderman Historical Association
Meeting Minutes
29 June 2013**

- President Leonard called the meeting to order at approximately 12:00noon
- President called on James Alderman to read the minutes from the 2012 reunion
- Minutes were read and approved
- Secretary Alderman was called upon to read the Association Mission Statement
- Secretary Alderman pointed out that we were approaching the 150 anniversary of the death of Chesley Alderman who was wounded at the Battle of Gettysbury on July 3, 1863. He died of his wounds and was nominated for the Confederate Roll of Honor by his fellow soldiers and approved by the Confederate Congress. A rare honor.
- Susan Bland was called upon to read the Treasurer's report; copy provided to the secretary
- Motions were made to make a donation to the church for the use of the meeting hall and continue funding for the website. Motions were approved.
- Susan Bland was called on to recognize our special attendees:
 - Golden Years Attendee- Imogene Clifton Baggett
 - Traveled the longest distance – James G. Alderman, Sr. (Bradenton, FL)
 - Most Generations Present- Ezzell family
 - Youngest Attendee- Rachel Bland
- Meeting was suspended for Lunch
- President Leonard thanked the caterers for the meal
- President Leonard called the meeting back to order at approximately 1:20pm
- President Leonard called on Susan Bland to introduce our guest speaker
- Susan Bland introduced Jo Ann Stroud who works with Liberty Hall in Kenansville to discuss the Duplin County history book and Liberty Hall.
- Jo Ann Stroud indicated during her presentation that she had connections to 17 of the 19 members present.
- Ms Stroud indicated that Duplin County does have a newsletter titled "Foot Notes" that is published quarterly and is available for \$20.00 annual subscription.
- President Leonard presented Ms Stroud a gift bag upon completion of her presentation as a token of appreciation from our Association.
- President Leonard thanked Susan Bland for finding our 2013 speaker.
- The floor was opened for 2014 speaker suggestions
- Suggestions were David King with Sampson County Historical, Bland family representative, possible Blanton family member, Newton family.
- President Leonard called for elections; motion was made by Jack Westberry to keep the existing slate of officers and seconded by Kay Ezzell- motion passed
- Date was established for 2014 reunion – 28 June!
- President Leonard called for donations to cover the on-going maintenance of the Alderman cemetery. The "hat" was passed.
- President Leonard asked Sidney Bland if there were any issues with the cemetery and none were noted.
- President Leonard adjourned the 2014 reunion.

Submitted for Approval

James E. Alderman, Secretary

**Treasurers Report
Alderman Historical Association 2013**

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| Pre-reunion June 2012 balance | | 2950.71 |
| June Deposits | 565.00 | |
| Balance | | 3515.71 |
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| Check to Jack Westberry | 140.00 | |
| Check for Website | 77.84 | |
| Check for Catering | 344.70 | |
| Check for Church Rental | 100.00 | |
| Cemetery Mowing 6x | 300.00 | |
| Bank Fees (12 x \$2) | 24.00 | |
| Balance 5/31/13 | | 2529.17 |
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| Pre-Reunion 2013 contributions | 417.00 | |
| Pre-Reunion 2013 available balance | | 2946.17 |
| Money Received at Reunion | 240.00 | |
| Balance | | 3186.17 |
| Re-occurring Expenses | (Pending) | |

Our Feature Article - provided by Association President, Patricia Leonard

John Alberry Alderman



John A. and Susan Jane Alderman

John A. Alderman (26-3, page 406 AHA) was the son of William C. Alderman and Sarah Edmondson Alderman, born 25 June 1827, in Bulloch County, Georgia.

In 1828, the family of William C. Alderman and Sarah Edmondson moved from Bulloch County to Lowndes County; John was 1 year old. In 1856, when the new county of Colquitt was formed, the Alderman farm was in that section of Lowndes, which became part of Colquitt. John married Emily Norman in 1849 but she died in 1868.

John became a very successful farmer and was very influential in public life. From 1857 through 1858, he was Receiver of Tax Returns in Colquitt County.

On 4 March 1861, John enlisted as a private in Company H, 50th Regiment, Georgia Volunteer Infantry, CSA. On 13 December 1861, he was wounded in battle at Fredericksburg, Virginia, and his left arm was permanently disabled because of partial paralysis.

He was elected as Justice of the Peace, 1020th District, Colquitt County, in 1861 and served through 1863. John married his second cousin in 1868, Susannah Jane Alderman. From 1874 through 1878, he served as a member the Colquitt County Board of Education.

On 14 July 1870 the census shows: John Alderman, age 43, farmer, owning real estate valued at \$8,000.00 and personal property valued at \$500.00, born Georgia, as were all in household; Susannah, age 31, keeping house; Sally, age 19; America, age 16, farm laborer; John, age 14, farm laborer; Dicy, age 13; David, age 12, farm laborer; Daniel R., age 9; Zilpha, age 8; Mitchell, age 9 months. In 1875, he was elected as Receiver of Tax Returns for Colquitt County, and served through 1878. From 1888 through 1889, John represented Colquitt County in the Georgia General Assembly.

On 9 June 1880, the Colquitt County census taker visited the Alderman home in the Roberson area and recorded: John Alderman, head, age 52, farmer, born Georgia, parents born North Carolina; Susan J., wife, age 40, keeping house, born Florida, parents born North Carolina; Mitchell, son, age 9, born Georgia, as were all his siblings, attending school; Isaac, son, age 7, attending school; Martha J., daughter, age 5; Hiram P., age 3. The children from John's first marriage with Emily Norman were almost grown and some decided to go to Florida to stay with other relatives. Family lore has a few stories that indicated Susan Jane had a temper, so this may have been the reason that some children left their father's home.

One of John and Emily's daughters, NANCY A. R. Alderman was born December 7, 1849 in Lowndes (now Colquitt) Co., Ga, and died Aft. 1920 in Manatee Co., FL. She married JOHN T. SAFFOLD Abt. August 1869 in Colquitt Co., GA, son of DANIEL SAFFOLD and NANCY ----. He was born Abt. 1849 in Georgia and died Bef. 1910 in Manatee Co., FL.

By 30 July 1880, John and Nancy Safford had moved their family to Manatee County, Florida, where the census taker visited their home recorded: John Safford, age 31, farmer, born

Georgia, Nancy, wife, age 30, born Georgia, Daniel, son, age 9, born Florida, attending school; William, son, age 4, born Florida; Susan, daughter, age 1, born Florida; David Alderman, age 20, at school, born Georgia,(David was Nancy's brother).

The children of John and Susan continued to live in Colquitt County and the surrounding counties. Their only daughter was my grandmother, Martha Jane Alderman Crosby. One of the family stories that were passed on to me was of the time period that John was a member of the Georgia Assembly. He would bring "Mattie" gifts from Atlanta and one of those gifts was a "wash pot", which was to be in her dowry, and that pot is still in the possession of a great-granddaughter.

John, Emily and Susan Jane are buried in the Sardis Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery, Berlin, Ga. Either of the wives are said to be buried next to John A. Alderman but several feet away and close to the church, which is no longer standing. Nither Emily or Susan Jane's graves have their name on their grave, in fact there is no information on their graves. It makes a descendant question why and who made the decision to make both graves alike too!

Susan Jane's father, James Alderman, and mother, Susan Newton Alderman, died within a year of each other in Gadsden County, Florida and from research in that county it appears that James must have died from TB, and Susan Newton Alderman's death was probably due to the same disease. They left seven (7) living children to be sent to other relatives in Georgia and Florida. Apparently when the three sisters: Susan Jane, Sarah Ann, Margaret Ann, had married they received their share of the estate. Legal documents have been found that indicated that each husband received their wives share. The boys have been difficult to locate in the census due mostly to the same given names that occurred over and over in the families, etc... David, Daniel, John, James, Enoch Wells.

If anyone has information concerning the location of James and Susan Newton Alderman graves in Gadsden County, Fla, I would appreciate it.

By: Patricia Crosby Leonard, great-granddaughter of John A and Susan Jane Alderman

Alderman Family History 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 Jack Westberry-janeandjackwestberry@live.com

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2014 REUNION WILL BE ON 28 JUNE
Mark your calendars now