

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.

2012 Reunion Notes

The 2012 Reunion is now history. We had good weather, lots of information sharing, good food and new visitors. Thanks to everyone who came and to those who support the Association.

In Memory of Alderman Boreham Johnson (page 263, AIA, 13-8-6-9-4)



We lost one of our long time members and a former resident of Delway, NC on June 21, 2012 just prior to the reunion. AB, as most of us called him (pictured at left), was a regular at our reunions and always had a story to tell. He was predeceased by his lovely wife Carolyn who attended the reunions until her death.

Meeting Minutes

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- President Leonard called the meeting to order at 1:15pm, 23 June 2012
- President Leonard introduced herself and background on her family
- President called on James Alderman to read the minutes from the 2011 reunion
- Minutes were read and approved
- Susan Bland was called upon to read the Treasurer's report
- 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:
 - First Time Attendee – Virginia “Meriel” Levy
 - Golden Years Attendee- Imogene Clifton Baggett
 - Traveled the longest distance- Kay Ezzell
 - 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
- President Leonard formally thanked Sidney Bland for his efforts with maintaining the cemetery and his tenure as Association President
- Secretary Alderman was called upon to read the Association Mission Statement
- 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
- President Leonard called for donations to cover the on-going maintenance of the Alderman cemetery. The “hat” was passed.
- Everyone was requested to sign in and furnish their email address if they have one
- President Leonard mentioned local efforts to gather articles for the Duplin County Heritage Book
- President Leonard called for any Old Business that needed to be addressed – none
- President Leonard called for any New Business items
- Motion was made by James Alderman and seconded by Grover Ezzell for the Association to purchase a set of Jack’s books for donation to the Simsbury Historical Society in Simsbury, CT. Motion passed.
- Secretary James Alderman acknowledged the recent passing of Alderman Boreham Johnson.
- Secretary Alderman asked that anyone who had an article related to the Alderman family that could be published in the newsletter to please send it to him.
- Secretary Alderman gave a quick update from Wayne Alderman on his efforts with the possible DNA test coordination with his English Alderman contacts; no progress at this time.
- Jack Westberry was called upon to present his information on Samuel Alderman
- Meeting was adjourned

Submitted for Approval: James E. Alderman, Secretary

Treasurers Report

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<u>June 2011 balance</u>	1482.32
Cemetery Mowing contribution	50.00
Interim Contributions	855.39
Balance May 31, 2011	2387.71
Pre-Reunion contributions	802.00
Pre reunion available balance	2950.71
Money received at reunion	202.00
<u>Expenses:</u>	
Website	-77.84
Mowing	-100.00
Donation for use of fellowship hall	-100.00
Cost of lunch	-344.70
Monthly service charge \$2/month	<u>- 24.00</u>
<i>Carryover to next year</i>	2506.17

Submitted by Susan Corliss-Bland, treasurer

Jack Westberry (pictured at right) gave an excellent presentation on Samuel Alderman, son of David Alderman. It is printed here for those who were not in attendance.



Samuel, son of David Alderman

Most of this Association is aware of the history of the Alderman family moving into the area that is now known as Duplin County, North Carolina, I will not retell that part of our history. I will be talking about Samuel who moved to Bulloch County, Georgia along with his father David Alderman. David, one of the three sons born to Daniel and Abigail Alderman, married Jemima Hall in 1773 in Duplin County and their 14 children were born there.

This information was researched and written by Kimberly Rayborn. She is the author of the book, "Georgia Griner Family and Related Families with Royal Lineages", lives in Louisiana and was researching her Griner Family lineage and discovered that David's son, Samuel, had links to her Griner lineage. She included her findings in the book.

Samuel Alderman, born 1792, a son of David Alderman and Jemima Hall, married Sarah Chestnut, a daughter of David Chestnut and Sarah Hollingsworth. They married ca. 1812 in Duplin County, North Carolina. In 1813 Samuel decided to move from his home in Duplin County to Georgia with many of his relatives and friends. He had difficulty persuading his wife Sarah to move. Samuel loaded the wagons but she refused to start. When the wagons were almost out of sight, Sarah weeping and a heavy heart followed. They lived in Screven county for a year but during the following year Samuel bought a large tract of land in Bulloch county to which they moved. There is a land deed that is dated February 4, 1833 of 725 acres and it was surveyed on March 25, 1833. They managed to accumulate a large estate and occupied a place of influence. It was here they carved their homestead from the wilderness. They became parents of thirteen children. Their plantation was located on what is today's Banks Dairy Road. Mrs. Rita Turner Wall, a local Statesboro historian, wrote, "The first Alderman houses were all of log construction, peeled logs, saddle-notched, long leaf pine. Later generations of Aldermans were to build large frame houses, mostly in plantation plain or add-on style, five or more which still stand, but mostly in bad repair or abandoned ruins". (the date of her writing is unknown) Many of Samuel's family members, including his own parents and younger siblings eventually moved to Bulloch County and settled near him. Sarah became an expert at spinning, weaving, dyeing and quilt making. Several of her quilts survive with her great-grandchildren. There are examples of Samuel's poems in the book that he wrote... some are sad....written to his children and a farewell to a brother (no name is given). Samuel's younger brothers moved on to Brooks County and to Florida. Samuel gave land for the Bethlehem Primitive Church to be built. It was organized on June 15, 1841 and which is now located on Route 80 West.

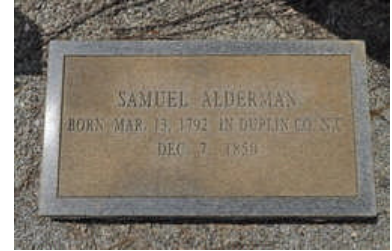
Samuel died December 7, 1850 and Sarah died June 23, 1879. The Samuel Alderman family burying ground was located behind the family old home place house. Over the years the cemetery remained unkept and headstones broken. As usual the case as years passed and no one was interested in it the owner of the land farmed the land and over the site and was eventually destroyed but there was an old twisted iron stake that marked the cemetery site.

At a Dedication of the Samuel Alderman Family Cemetery Memorial in November 2002, soil from the original cemetery was mixed with soil from the Duplin County, North Carolina cemetery where David Alderman's brothers are buried. This soil was placed into the Memorial plot at the Bethlehem Church.

Bulloch County was formed by a Georgia legislative act in 1796, after a petition was made to form a new county from Screven and Bryan Counties. In 1801, George Sibbald of Augusta donated 200 acres for a centrally located county seat. More than two years later, in December 1803, the Georgia legislature created the town of Statesborough, some fifty miles northwest of Savannah.



BRANNEA CEMETERY 5 Miles west of STATESBORO



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

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