



## ALDERMAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

**First Reunion Held in 1928**

**Fall August, 2024 (Post Reunion)**

### NEWSLETTER



#### \*\*\*\*\*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.

#### Current Officers :

**President**—Grover Ezzell      **Vice President**—Sidney Bland III      **Treasurer**—Susan Bland      **Secretary**— James Alderman

The 2024 Reunion is now in the history books. Several of the members received the new “Alderman Challenge Coin” depicted at the top of this newsletter. We will be awarding one to each new family member attending between 2024 and 2028 the 100th anniversary of our Association. So, if you want one, please mark your calendar for June 28, 2025. President Grover Ezzell has informed me that he has secured the Moore’s Creek National Battlefield facilities in Currie, NC for our reunion next year. Watch for the Spring Newsletter for more information and Registration forms.

As many of you know, our website has been out of date since the passing of our webmaster in 2019. We voted at the recent reunion to provide funds to rework the website and get it up to date. A web specialist has been contracted and the work has started. It is our hope the website will be up and running for your viewing by late September of this year. It will have pictures, old newsletters and other items related to our Association. The address will remain the same: [aldermanhistoricalassociation.org](http://aldermanhistoricalassociation.org) .

We want to acknowledge some members of the Association that visited with us this year: Nancy Collins, James Spearman, Jr., John Belcher, Howard Talley, Gene Funderburk, and Steve and Julie Hester. We hope each of you will pass the word and encourage more Alderman descendants to attend next year. It is important that we try to grow interest in the Association as we approach the 100th anniversary in 2028.

Your editor was the guest speaker at the reunion this year and gave a presentation on Royal Ancestry of the family through Abigail Harris Alderman the wife of Daniel Alderman. This information will be added to the website once it is operational. In the meantime, if you would like a copy, please send me an email and I will be glad to share it with you. [alde711@aol.com](mailto:alde711@aol.com)

An added feature to the newsletter starting with this edition is an “In Memoriam” section to identify members who have passed away in recent months. We encourage you to help us with this effort by sending copies of obituaries or emails to this editor so they can be tracked.



Some of the attendees at this year's reunion. We enjoyed fellowship and a great meal.

\*We apologize for the photo but will try to do a better job next year with a group shot.

## ALDERMAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION – 2024 MEETING MINUTES

June 22, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 12:15 by Grover Ezzell at the Sampson County History Museum in Clinton, NC.

President Ezzell welcomed everyone and rendered the innovation prior to lunch.

Meeting was immediately adjourned for Lunch.

Meeting was called back to order at approximately 1:00pm.

President Grove Ezzell asked everyone to introduce themselves since we had some new attendees.

President Ezzell recognized our unique attendees:

Oldest Attendee – Jack Westberry

Youngest Attendee – Eliza Joyner

Youngest Married Couple – Rachel and Matt Ezell

Largest Family in attendance – Bland and Ezell Families

Fartherest Attendees – James Alderman, TX

Earliest Reunion Attendee Present (brought as a child to the reunion) – James Spearman

**President Ezzell called for the Secretary's Report**

Secretary Alderman announced that he had forgot to bring the last set of minutes with him and apologized for the short coming. He will send them out after he returns home. He did cover a couple of items he remembered were discussed: the website situation and meeting locations.

**President Ezzell called for the Treasurer's Report.**

Susan Bland presented the Treasurer's report which was published in the Fall 2023 newsletter. She gave an update of expenses since that report and provided a copy to both President Ezzell and Secretary James Alderman. She mentioned that Matt Ezell had started a lawn service business and was graciously taking care of the Alderman Cemetery at no cost to the Association. A question was asked if we donate to other ventures with our funds – Susan said we usually donate to the Sampson Museum facility for use during our reunion but no other major donations had been made in recent years. Jack Westberry asked about the need to reprint the Aldermans in America book. We have approximately 12- 15 copies left and it was announced that it is currently in the Public Domain and can be ordered via the web. Motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report by James Alderman and Jack Westberry then approved.

**President Ezzell then asked Secretary Alderman to provide his presentation on the Alderman lineages. At the conclusion, President Ezzell thanked James for his efforts.**

**OLD Business –**

President Ezzell asked if there were any known deaths since our last reunion. The passing of Jeff Ezzell's mother, Charlotte Ezzell, was noted as well as the passing of Barry Collins the husband of Nancy Collins.

James Alderman asked that everyone please help him keep our database up to date with names of any they know who pass away.

President Ezzell noted he has a new addition to our family group. James Alderman indicated that he has two new great grand children (twins) since last October. Their surnames are Lee through his daughter.

President Ezzell brought up the possibility of holding our 2025 reunion at the Moore's Creek Battlefield facility near Wilmington- Patriot's Hall. After discussion he was given approval to investigate the use of that facility for 2025.

The next topic of discussion was Election of Officers. Jack Westberry made the motion/seconded by James Alderman we keep the existing officers for another year. Motion was approved.

A question was asked about the upkeep of other Alderman Cemeteries in the area specifically the Oak Plains Cemetery. Matt Ezzell indicated that one other cemetery was being cared for by the local homeowner. No actions taken.

Secretary Alderman brought up the recent efforts by Kay Ezzell and himself regarding the resolution of the issues with our website. He and Kay have started discussions with a website person to see if the website can be brought back up to operation and updated. We should have some information in the coming week.

#### **NEW Business**

President Ezzell called for a motion to donate to the Sampson County History Museum for use of their facilities. Motion was approved.

President Ezzell suggested we approve a capped funding level for James and Kay to work with should the website need expenditure of funds to get it fixed. A cap of \$1200.00 was approved for us to work with should they need advance approval.

President Ezzell then asked Secretary Alderman to come forward to introduce some recognition for attendees. The Alderman "Challenge Coin" was introduced and he and James presented all direct lineage attendees with the coin. President Ezzell announced that the coin was an effort to improve Reunion attendance and for the next four years, we would present attendees (new) a coin as a keepsake. A photo was taken of all attendees receiving the coin at this reunion.

Some discussion was held regarding the participation of the Blanton family as their reunion tends to coincide with our reunion. Susan and James indicated they will contact some of them and see if we could get them to attend next year. A effort will be made to have Ronnie Alderman the son of J.B. Alderman attend next year.

The 2024 reunion location and date was established as June 28, 2025 with notice going out if the meeting site changes.

Everyone was encouraged to stay and mingle or take the museum tour.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Submitted for approval:

### **ALDERMAN BOOKS ARE STILL AVAILABLE**

Original "Aldermans in America" – contact Susan Bland - [susan@intrstar.net](mailto:susan@intrstar.net)

New AIA Volumes 1&2 building on the original "Aldermans in America" – contact

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It was proposed we try to identify and list those Association members who have passed away in recent months to keep everyone aware of family losses. This is no way to be considered complete but with the help of everyone, we can at least give an update on those we can identify. Many were reunion attendees over the years and they will be missed.

## In Memoriam

**Norman Val Alderman**, age 81, passed away June 20, 2024, surrounded by his loving family.  
Page 1717 Westberry book: 28-4-11-9-c  
Descendent of David Alderman and Jemima Hall B-5-5-28

**Wilda Faye Grantham Ward**, b 9-24-1945, d 6-22-2024, Burns FH, Perry, FL,  
Daughter of Nancy Alderman, b1775, m John K. Carlton  
Page 696 Westberry book: 16-1-2-1-c-1-3-4

**Letha Nell George**, May 3, 1931 - January 7, 2022  
Daughter of Joe Pearl Loper and Annie Florine Swearingen  
Page 407 (bottom of page) Westberry book: 5-9-1-4-b  
Descendant of Daniel and Jemima Alderman page 111 of AIA

**Troy B. Griner**, b 7-02-1937, 6-23-2024, Nashville, GA,  
Descendent of Rachel Alderman & John Sloan  
22-8-6-8 Page 1376 Westberry book

**Barbara Grainger Mills**, b 6-18-1958, d 6-25-2024, Loris, SC,  
Descendant of Keziah Alderman & Joshua Blanton, II  
Her parents are listed at 6-6-2-6 page 451 Westberry book

**Edna Beth Blanton Spain**, b 10-13-1945, d 7-01-2024, Brunswick, GA  
d/o Edgar Dunn Blanton & Dorothy Mannin desc/o Joshua Blanton, II & Mary Alderman  
1-4-3-5-a-5-1 page87 Westberry book

**Jo Ann Dunn Deal**, b 6-15-39, d 7-01-2023, Moultrie, GA d/o Claudis Dunn & Lorene Alderman  
5-2-8-4-h page 292 Westberry book

**Johnny Wayne Tucker**, b9-22-1938, Sparks, GA, d 7-06-2024, Titusville, FL  
s/o Benjamin Jephtha Tucker & Edith Grace Rowan; 22-5-6-6-h-4 page 1331 of Westberry book; descendant of John Sloan and Rachel Alderman

**Cara McLendon Gray**, b 3-07-1977, Lowndes Co, GA, d 7-06-2024, Valdosta, GA  
d/o Frank Emmitt McLendon, Jr. & Linda Jean McKinnon; 20-5-2-6-a-9-1 page 1166 of Westberry book; descendant of John E. Mathis and Phoebe Alderman

**Leta Faye Futch Philpot**, b 10-09-1936 Ck Co. GA; d 7-19-2024 Adel, GA; 20-1-6-4-b-2-2 page 1115 of Westberry book

**Leona Register**, b 11-27-1936 Ck Co. GA; d 7-23-2024 Valdosta, GA; 5-2-2-2-a-1-1 page 267 of Westberry book

**Debra Annn "Debi" Carlton Sibley**, b6-8-1957 Tallahassee, FL; d 7-20-2024 Percy, FL; 16-4-2-4-o-5-1 page 816 Westberry book

**Ellis "Cotton" Jordan**, b 3-2-1936 Autryville, GA; d7-25-2024 Lee, FL; 26-5-1-1-b page 1636 Westberry book