



## ALDERMAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

**First Reunion Held in 1928**

**SPRING 2024**

### **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

**2024 Annual Reunion/June 22, 2024**

**Location: The Sampson County History Museum in Clinton, NC**

[www.sampsonhmc.com](http://www.sampsonhmc.com)

*There is a Map link on the website under "Plan Your Visit"*

You may notice the two emblems at the top of this page are different from the family crest we have used in the past. These represent the front and back of our new Alderman Historical Association "challenge coin" that will be given to all direct descended Alderman attendees to the annual Reunions starting this year and leading up to our 100th anniversary. We want to encourage attendance as we approach the 100th anniversary. You can only receive it once. The coin is beautiful and honors key families. They will not be available for sale until after the 100th. So, come and receive your coin.

#### **Alderman Family Communications**

We do our best to see that anyone who has been a member of the Association receives the newsletter which is published twice a year either by email or snail mail. People move and some have changes for various reasons. If you know of someone that is not getting the newsletter but would like to receive it, please send the contact information to the secretary. James Alderman (alde711@aol.com )

Registration for the Reunion or purchase of any of the Alderman books will also get you added to our distribution list. We do not share this list outside our Association.



Several years ago, Smith C. Banks initiated a Cenotaph service for Chesley Alderman at the Alderman family cemetery outside Statesboro, GA on May 7, 2005. Chesley was mentioned in our newsletter at that time to recognize him as a recipient of the Confederate Roll of Honor by the Confederate Congress.

There was never a formal medal issued to recognize these individuals due to the short life of the CSA. The Sons of Confederate Veterans developed a medal and has made it available to the families of these soldiers if they desire to recognize them. They require the family to coordinate with a museum to formally display the citation and medal before it is issued.

Smith and this editor talked a great deal prior to his passing several years ago but the acquisition of the medal never took place. In October, 2023, your editor requested Chesley's medal, had it framed, and it is now on display in the new National Confederate Museum in Columbia, TN. <https://theconfederatemuseum.com>

Your editor tried to get a museum in the Statesboro, GA area to display it but none would respond to my request. If you are ever in Columbia, TN stop by the museum and see his award proudly hanging in the research library. On the back of the frame, I placed a small engraved plate acknowledging the Alderman Historical Association.

Chesley was the son Thomas Alderman and Polly Ann Parish. He died on July 17, 1863 as a result of injuries during the Battle of Gettysburg.

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## Reunion Speakers

This year James Alderman and Jack Westberry will tag team. James will review the historical lineage of the Alderman family through Daniel Alderman's wife Abigail Harris. Jack will take us through his efforts on accumulating the data for the two volume set of descendants that make up the second issue of Aldermans in America.

If you have material you would like to share with the group, please feel free to bring it. We will have some space to display it.

## **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  
Susuan Bland - [susan@intrstar.net](mailto:susan@intrstar.net)

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WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO PLAN ON ATTENDING AND BRING A RELATIVE.