



## ALDERMAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

First Reunion Held in 1928

Fall 2025

### 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

## Post 2025 Reunion Newsletter

We had a great Reunion at Moores Creek National Battlefield in late June. Everyone liked the location well enough that they voted to hold the 2026 reunion there again on June 27, 2026. So, mark your calendars now so you can be with us. We are getting close to our 100th year as a Historical Association and interest is picking up on meeting like minded Alderman descendants.

Mr. Jason Howell gave a great talk on the Moores Creek battle and provided a walk through tour to those interested. In case you missed it in the Spring Newsletter, our connection to the battle via George Newton is reprinted in this edition.



Pictured is our Association President, Grover Ezzell presenting Mr. Jason Howell with an AHA Certificate of Appreciation.

## Snapshots of Reunion Attendees:

**Pictured below:** Suzanne Fathauer (r) with her daughter Rachel Belcher and grandson John Belcher.



**Pictured right:** Elizabeth Simonton (l) and Ja Ann Alderman



**Pictured left:**

Sidney Bland, Beryl Hall and James Barber looking over the Alderman Chart and other documents on display

**The reunion attendees also participated in a Revolutionary Grave Marking of George Newton at the Wells Baptist Church Cemetery.**



Thanks to the **Col Alexander Lillington Chapter, SAR** for performing the marking ceremony. Pictured (l to r): Mike Murphy, Eric Murphy, David Mann, John Thornhill, David Murphy and James Alderman from the Texas Society.



Pictured at left is **Doug Stephens** a descendant of George Newton who gave the background history during the grave marking at Wells Baptist Church cemetery.

## Our family connection to the Battle of Moores Creek Bridge

George Newton—page 48, Parker's 'Aldermans in America'

George Newton a Revolutionary Soldier of Duplin County, NC, was one of four Newton brothers who moved there several years before the Revolution, the other brothers being Isaac, Samuel, and Jacob Newton, all being Revolutionary soldiers. George married Nancy (Ann) Moore. They had nine children:

1. Samuel b. 1764, m Nancy Brock
2. James b. 1766?, m. Susan Pigford
3. George b. 1768?, m. Mary Robinson
4. Isaac b. 1770, m. **Elizabeth Alderman, daughter of John (B-5-1)**
5. Ann b. 1772?, m. Daniel Alderman (1st wife)
6. Reubin b. 1774?, m. Margaret Bordeaux
7. Susan b. 1776, m. **Thomas Alderman, son of David Alderman (B-5-5)**
8. Rachel b. 1779?, m. Jacob Straughan
9. Cathering b. 1782?, never married

George Newton was in the battle of Moores Creek Bridge, Feb. 27, 1776, serving in the Duplin County Militia. After his death, his widow moved with their son, Samuel, to Screven County, Georgia, where she drew land as the widow in the 1827 Land Lottery. She died at Samuel's home about 1830.

# ALDERMAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION – 2025 MEETING MINUTES

June 28, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 12:35 by Grover Ezzell at the Moores Creek National Battlefield.

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 1:10pm.

President Ezzell called on our guest Speaker, Jason Howell to give his talk on the Battle of Moores Creek. After questions session, President Ezzell presented Jason with a certificate of appreciation from the Association.

President Grover Ezzell asked everyone to go around the room and introduce themselves for the benefit of the group.

## **President Ezzell recognized our unique attendees:**

**Oldest Attendee** – Annette Murray

**2<sup>nd</sup> Oldest Attendee** – Elizabeth Simonton

**Youngest Attendee** – Eliza Joyner

**Youngest Married Couple** – Catherine and Walt Joyner

**Largest Family in attendance** – Ezzell Families

**Farthest Attendees** – James Alderman, TX and Elizabeth Simonton, 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 the 2024 reunion minutes were published in the Fall 2024 newsletter. President Ezzell called for any changes, hearing none, he asked for acceptance.

Minutes were approved.

Secretary Alderman gave an update on the Alderman Historical Database. We need accurate emails and addresses to keep the database accurate.

President Ezzell and Secretary Alderman recognized everyone who is attending a reunion for the first time. They will be presented leading up to our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary to stimulate attendance.

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

Our Treasurer was not at the meeting this year but her daughter, Christa Bland gave her report.

The report has been filed and will be published with the Fall newsletter.

## **Old Business –**

Secretary Alderman noted that he is still receiving death notices from Jack Westberry who is doing a wonderful job keeping him updated. These will continue to be published throughout the year as need be.

Secretary Alderman gave an update on the website and thanked Kay Ezzell for getting the new site organized. He also thanked Rachel Ezzell for her willingness to work with Kay to update the site ongoing.

**New Business-**

George Newton graveside marking service at 4:00pm today at the Wells Baptist Church Cemetery just out from Harrells.

It was recommended that we use the Moores Creek Battlefield facility for our 2026 reunion. Date will be June 27, 2026.

President Ezzell promoted the Alderman books via Susan Corliss Bland.

Election of Officers: Motion that all officers remain in position for another year. James made the motion on behalf of Jack Westberry. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:35 pm.

Submitted for approval:

James E. Alderman, Secretary

**Treasurers Report 2025  
Alderman Historical Association  
June 28, 2025**

Ending Balance Last Year		3,947.34
Deposit after reunion	626.00	
Donation for museum	-125.00	
Catered meal	--332.77	
Sale of books	378.00	
Cemetery Upkeep	Donated	
Bank Service Charge	-52.00	
Website Overhaul	-1076.68	
Website hosting for 3 years (\$407.52)	Donated	
Returned check (later made good)	-73.95	
<u>Deposit on 2025 Venue</u>	<u>-150.00</u>	
Balance before reunion deposit		3,140.94
Breakdown of 6/23/25 Deposit		
Donations	289.00	
Membership Dues	130.00	
Registration & Meals	332.00	
Book sales (not deposited earlier)	295.00	
		1046.00
<b>Balance 6/23/25</b>		<b>4,186.94</b>

Respectfully Submitted by Susan Corliss-Bland, Treasurer

## **ALDERMAN BOOKS ARE STILL AVAILABLE**

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

**New AIA Volumes 1&2** building on the original “ Aldermans in America” – contact Susan Corliss-Bland - [susan@intrstar.net](mailto:susan@intrstar.net)

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

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 in 2024 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 Death Capture Effort**

Jack Westberry and your editor have been trying to keep up with the deaths of Alderman and associated families for the past year. We identified that many of our members pass away yet we never get notified. In an effort to record these individuals and encourage reporting, we started a periodic report on losses. This document which covers January, 2025 through April 25 is attached for your review. This is the second such report since May, 2024. We hope to be able to post these on our website in the near future.