



# Alderson

Roots & Branches



## George Alderson's History of the Alderson Family in America

Col. George Alderson, grandson of the Rev. John Alderson, Jr., left numerous papers after his death, including several articles concerning his family's history. Among those left in the possession of Mrs. Frances Alderson Swope of Lewisburg, WV, is the following, which details the early history of the Alderson family and includes several items of interest concerning the other sons of the Rev. John Alderson, Sr. who left Virginia for Tennessee and Kentucky. It also appears to be the earliest source identifying a daughter who married a Mr. Orton and settled in western Pennsylvania. To my knowledge, no one has followed up with research on western PA to see if the Orton family can be found. Many of the facts stated in this article can be found in other biographical sketches of the Aldersons, but this "first-hand" article remains of great interest.

### History of the Aldersons in America

"Hon. John D. Alderson has in his possession the manuscript of an article written in 1860 by his grandfather, Col. Geo. Alderson, of Fayette county, formerly of Greenbrier, from which manuscript we are permitted to copy the following. It will be of interest to many people of this section, and elsewhere. The George Alderson first mentioned in the quotation from the article was a brother of Joseph Alderson, father of Col. George Alderson, who wrote this article. George Alderson, Sr., was one of the early settlers of Kanawha county; was a member of the County Court, High Sheriff, and a member of the Virginia Legislature. Alderson Street in Charleston was named for him. In this connection it is not out of place to say that Joseph Alderson, brother of George, Sr., Col. George Alderson, Joseph A. Alderson and John D. Alderson, four generations, represented the same section, or a part of it, and the same people, or their descendants, in the Legislature.

"By way of supplement, I will give the history of George Alderson's family as detailed to the writer by his father, Elder John Alderson. His grandfather, whose name was John, migrated from Yorkshire, England, under peculiar circumstances. He was of warm and social feelings, and about to contract an alliance with a young lady whom his father (John Alderson, a Baptist minister of good standing and property) thought beneath the standing of his own family, and to divert him from consummating the alliance, furnished him with two hundred pounds, a good horse well equipped, and sent him out to travel. His social habits exhausted his funds. He became acquainted with the captain of a ship about to sail to the Colonies with emigrants; was invited aboard, treated with great attention, and before he was aware, the ship was put under sail. He submitted to his fact with the best grace

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he could. The ship landed on the coast of New Jersey. John Alderson took up residence with Mr. Curtis, a respectable farmer. He became enamored of and married his daughter, hence the name of Curtis in the family. About this time, or before, he reformed, became religious, joined the Baptist church, got license, was ordained, and became an efficient Baptist minister. He left New Jersey, settled near Germantown, Pa., thence removed to Rockingham, Va. where he labored with success. He (John Alderson) kept up a correspondence with his father, John Alderson, in Yorkshire, England, who sent him three large Theological books, which this writer has frequently seen. These books were left by the first John Alderson in America, to his son, Elder John Alderson, who on his demise left them in the care of his son, Joseph Alderson, to be given to the first Baptist minister of the family. They were handed over to Joseph A. Alderson, son of George Alderson. On his demise they were returned to Joseph Alderson, who gave them to his youngest son, Lewis Allen Alderson. The latter graduated at Athens, Ohio, where he brought about a revival of religion among the students and others; went to Williamsburg, studied Theology, and became an efficient Baptist minister. He received those family books from his father, Joseph Alderson, and has them now in his possession at Atchinson, Kansas, where he migrated, having disposed of a good patrimony left him by his father (the old Morris farm on the Greenbrier River).

The first John Alderson had by his wife (Miss Curtis) seven sons and one daughter. The latter married a Mr. Orton and settled in Western Pennsylvania. The sons, who in part were known to the writer, were John, the Baptist preacher, of whom mention has been made; Curtis, who settled in Botetourt, Va., and left a family of two sons and three daughters: Betsey, who married Thomas Cross, of Botetourt, Va., had four sons and one daughter. The daughter [of Betsy and Thomas Cross, Naomi] married Benjamin Ammen, of Fincastle, Va. The sons are John, Augustus, Curtis, and Samuel [Cross]. The last went west and deceased. They are all raising families. One of the daughters [of Curtis Alderson, Rachel] married a Cloyd, of Montgomery; Hetty married George Waltz and went to Ohio. The sons were Thomas and Burr.

Thomas resided in Botetourt, Va., lived to an advanced age and raised a family of sons and daughters, I knew the latter when girls, but of their whereabouts am not advised, only that some of them are deceased. The sons are Curtis and John, who are of respectable standing with families. The first understands the true pass word.

Thomas Alderson [son of the Rev. John Alderson, Sr.] lived in Greenbrier County. He married his first wife, the daughter of Mr. Davis (a Baptist preacher), in Harford county, Md., and of this marriage were born five children, two sons and three daughters, Davis and Abel, Naoma, Jane and Hannah. Abel was a very good man. He had three wives; by the two first he raised families of respectability some of them merchants; one of the sons (Christopher) by his second wife is an eminent physician living in Lebanon, Va. Abel the other son by his first wife, after visiting Virginia, returned to Md., rented his grandfather's property, married there and raised a family. The writer was at his house in 1815 or 16. His [Thomas'] daughters, Jane and Hannah, married brothers, Robert and Samuel Withrow. The first with her husband is still living, over ninety years old. The latter is a widow of advanced age. They both raised large families of sons and daughters, plain and unassuming, but honest and industrious. Some of them are deceased, some went West and but few remain in this country.

Thomas Alderson married a second wife, a Mrs. Smithson, (maiden name Bond) of Md., who had three children: Benjamin, Thomas, and Molly [Smithson]. The first married a Howard of Maryland; stopped a year or two in Virginia, and went to South Carolina where his wife's family had settled from Maryland. He left a son Thomas, who married the writer's sister (Sally), both deceased, without issue. Thomas Smithson married this writer's aunt Peggy, he lately deceased at eighty-two years of age, leaving one son, George (who has a family) and a superannuated widow. Molly returned to Maryland. By his second wife, Widow Smithson, Thomas Alderson had six children: John, Curtis, James, Ruth, Frances, and Clementine; John, and Curtis were fond of military tactics (as well as their father who was under Gen. Green in the South during the Revolution). John was in the war of 1812 as an officer, discharged his duty well and received great credit. Curtis was a man of

sprightly parts, had a tact for military discipline, was a magistrate, High Sheriff and Col. Commander of the First Regiment in Greenbrier, was well versed in "Gen. Scott's Discipline" and displayed more science in drilling his men than any other officer of my acquaintance. He raised a family of sons and daughters, unassuming but good citizens. James Alderson was unassuming and retiring and attended to nothing but his farm. He raised a family by his first wife, his children unassuming but of good manners and standing. He is advanced in years and lives with a second wife without issue. Ruth, Frances, and Clementine married and raised families of respectability, the two elder deceased, the youngest still living.

But to return to Elder John Alderson [Jr.]. Besides his sons, George and Joseph, he had other children. John Alderson, who had three wives. By the first two he raised families of sons and daughters: Albert and John were the sons of his first wife. The daughters were Malinda, who married Jas. Callison; Louisa, married Aaron Newman; Evaline, to \_\_\_\_\_ [Thomas Delaware Crews]; and Polly to Andrew Ellis. By his second wife, Nancy Mays (widow with one child) he had six children, one son George (now on the old homestead and doing well), and five daughters; Jane, Amanda, Catherine, Elizabeth, and Lucy, all married to good honest farmers and doing well. The daughters, Elizabeth and Jane, are living and widows, the first, Elizabeth, is eighty-two years old superannuated by rheumatism. She had one son George Smithson, as heretofore stated, who raised an industrious family. Jane married Will McClung, raised a large family of sons and daughters. She is still living a widow, with her children, blessed with the consolation of having raised them to embrace the Christian religion by becoming members of the Baptist church. Some of her sons and grandsons are able Baptist preachers.

The other four sons of the first John Alderson migrated to the West, one of them [Simon] was drowned in the French Broad River. The other three, Samuel, James and Benjamin settled in East Tennessee and Kentucky at an early day, and had families. This I know from sad experience. James, a son of one of them, came to Virginia on a visit to his uncles and friends. His left hand was burned and became a fist. He could barely hold a fork between his thumb and fist, hence his father had educated him well. He took

up school among the Aldersons. This writer went to his school when only five years of age and felt the birch and ferrule which he used liberally. He was called "Jack, the Master." Benjamin, the youngest of the seven sons, was a Baptist preacher and lived in Kentucky, until he lost his wife, when he went to Indiana, with one of his sons.

As to myself, I have nothing to say only as to my loss by Divine Providence in my family. My first wife, Jennette Creigh McClary—my school and classmate under the teaching of Dr. McElleney—who was born in the south, educated at Washington College, graduated, studied Theology, married a Miss Walkup, came to Greenbrier as a Presbyterian preacher. He preached alternately at Lewisburg and Union every two weeks, and also opened an Academy some fifty-five years ago. He is still living and discharging his duties as a pious preacher. A better man this writer never knew. Has raised a family of respectable children. One of his sons, a lawyer of eminence, has represented the county of Russell in both houses of the Legislature. One of his daughters married Judge Frye. The other of his family the writer knows less about.

Such was the man who educated us both. We became attached and eventually married. She was raised and educated by her Uncle Thomas Creigh. [Further history of the Creigh family omitted.]

Thomas Creigh McClary married a Miss See of Randolph, Va., settled first in Nicholas, thence moved to Russell at the request of his uncle, Creigh, to settle up his interest in a store. Thomas Alderson, his former clerk, was first sent there as partner and successor to McDowel. He managed the business well until his demise. When his brother Joseph, also a clerk of Creigh, was sent to manage the concern, which he did ably until his demise. Then it was that T.C. McClary took charge of the concern, I believe as partner. He settled up with the heirs of the first two partners and conducted the business successfully. He got this writer's son, Thomas C. McClary Alderson, to assist him as clerk and salesman. Getting somewhat tired of the confinement necessary to the business, he sold to my son and Dr. Canan. He bought a farm, lived on it and cultivated it some years; sold that, perhaps influenced by his wife and moved to Missouri, where his wife's father had previously settled from Randolph, Va. I learn his is acquiring

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a good estate, and raising a respectable family. Such are the family and relations of my first wife, Jennette Creigh Alderson. For piety, affection and love to her family, as a wife and mother, none surpassed her. She had fourteen children—seven of them now living.

The sons are John Marshall, lately elected High Sheriff of Greenbrier, having served as Deputy Sheriff in that county, Fayette, Nicholas, and Monroe.

Thomas Creigh McClary Alderson, of whom mention has been made, a merchant in Russell, Va. He is a member of the Baptist Church and fills some county offices.

Joseph Allen Alderson, is a successful lawyer, lives in Nicholas, married to Miss Mary Duffy and has a family. Takes some part in politics and now represents Nicholas, Braxton, Clay and Webster in the Legislature of Virginia.

The daughters are: Jane Creigh, married to James Remley, a distinguished Baptist preacher, she having united herself with the church before her marriage. They removed to Iowa and live in the city of that name.

Mary Newman married Allen McClung, an industrious well-doing farmer of Nicholas. They are both consistent members of the Baptist Church.

Peggy Caty (called Margrette) married Wm. Aston, a successful lawyer of Russell, Va. He at one time represented the county in the Virginia Legislature. Margrette was a member of the Baptist Church, but I learn went with her husband to the M.E. Church, South.

Sarah Martha gave her father the slip and married Wm. Zoll. They went to Missouri, where as I learn, he conducts himself well, is acquiring property and raising a family. This much as to my first family now living. Those deceased were in infancy except two, Jonathan Newman and Sabina.

The first, Jonathan Newman, deceased in his twentieth year, having prepared and about to commence the study of Medicine.

Sabina deceased in her fourteenth year, while her father was absent in Richmond in the Legislature.

The second wife of this writer was Eliza Ann, daughter of Capt. Charles Lewis Davis, of Amherst, Virginia. She is related to the Ellises

and the Floyds. She has fourteen children, five deceased in infancy, the nine living are three sons (minors) and six daughters. Two, Jennette Creigh and Rebecca White, grown and at home. Georgia Ann, married to S. McClung, a well-doing farmer of Nicholas, and has one child.

The other three are Josephine Davis, Alice Ellis, and Frances Lewis. The minor sons are George Henry Clay, Overton Davis, and Lewis Newman. Thus it will be seen that up to this writing I have lost in my family an affectionate wife and twelve children, besides eight servants, three grown and five children.

This is written not only to correct the Kanawha pieces written by H.R. in which he makes some of my family relatives figure, but to leave to those coming after me a knowledge of their origin and from whence they came.

The name and descendants of the old Yorkshire Baptist preacher, John Alderson, may be met with in many of the states from Maryland and Virginia, to all the Western and Southwestern States and Kansas Territory. The female descendants by marriage unto people of various names, have extended the descendants to a very large degree.

In conclusion I will commemorate the memory of the writer's mother. She was Mary (called Polly) Newman, the daughter of Jonathan Newman of Botetourt, Va. who was in the Battle of Guilford. Tradition, which was told this writer when a youth by some of the oldest members of the family, says that the first Newman migrated to America with Sir Walter Raleigh at the first settlement of Virginia. With Newman came a friend by the name of Lewis. Both raised families from which are descended all of the name of Newman and Lewis. The latter and a German by the name of Salling were the two first white men to venture west of the Blue Ridge as pioneers. Lewis located a large guaranty of land in the Valley of Virginia. Salling located in the fork of the James River, the most fertile, extensive, and delightful spot this writer has seen in Virginia, where his descendants still live.

Lewis and Newman were said to be relations of Sir Walter Raleigh (whose history is well known) from the fact he was under sentence of the Court, unpopular, barely respited, and would get none but his own family to ship with him for the settlement of Virginia.

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The question may be asked: Why is it that your whole family is Baptist? The answer is admitting the influence of early precept and example, that we believe that the primitive mode of baptism was emersion, that our Savior was emersed in the River Jordan—that he has said that we should follow him in love, and that the true meaning of the word properly translated means to wash, dip, plunge or emerse.

August 1860

G[eorge] A[lderson]

George Henry (Clay) Alderson, son of the writer of this article had this copied in April 1918.

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## Herbert C. Alderson: Spanish-American War Veteran

**H**erbert C. Alderson was the son of Jesse Joseph Alderson, who was the son of Asa and Susannah (Zickafoose) Alderson of Greenbrier Co, VA. Asa (b. ca. 1803), son of Curtis, was a grandson of Thomas Alderson. The following article is a brief biographical sketch of Herbert.

“Another Spanish American War soldier of special interest was Herbert C. Alderson, Sr. He married Leona Hager, sister of Rebecca Hager Spurlock. At the age of two years young Herbert became an orphan. He was welcomed into the home of Dr. and Mrs. Craig. It was the dream of the couple to educate their foster son as a doctor.

However, Herbert had other ideas. He enlisted in the United States Army for service in the Spanish American War. His medical environment influenced him in a very special service to his country. Men were dying, not from enemy causes, but from yellow fever. Little was known about the cause, care or cure of the disease. Herbert and his friend, William Kurtz, volunteered to serve a control patients for a study of yellow fever. Though well and healthy, they permitted themselves to be bitten by the mosquito which was suspected as the cause of the disease. They soon became very ill as a result of the fever. They were isolated in small tents where doctors



Herbert C. Alderson

could observe every stage of the illness. Though very emaciated, they recovered, but they suffered recurring effects of the disease throughout their lives.

Herbert did not seek a medical career. While in the Army he was a printer, a trade which he pursued as a hobby during his lifetime. For a short time he worked for Eskew, Smith and Cannon in Charleston, West Virginia and lived in the South Hills area. Then he joined the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway system and was a conductor on freight trains in the areas where he resided. He lived in Peach Creek of Logan County. Later he lived in Russell, Kentucky. He also lived in Milton, Huntington and Saint Albans, West Virginia. He is buried in Cunningham Memorial Park. (Pvt. Trp. H2 Regt Cavalry. Jan. 31, 1876- Aug. 21, 1953). Members of his family had visited his “buddy in the yellow fever experiment” in the 1930s at the Kurtz family farm in Mars, Pennsylvania, and the Kurtz family visited Herbert, his wife and family—Arbour, Monoka, and Herbert, Jr. in Saint Albans.

Information supplied by daughter, Monoka Alderson Midkiff (Mrs. James Donald Midkiff).”

Submitted by Mrs. Sandra Alderson, Charleston, WV; Sandra’s husband is a grandson of Herbert C. Alderson. Excerpted from *Our Family Tree*, by Maxine Swango.

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# John Alderson and Alice Milner

**M**rs. Susan Sharp, of the Alderson Family Historical Society of Britain, has been continuing her search for the roots of the Rev. John Alderson in England. Her work to date has thrown into doubt many accepted theories of John's parentage, and in the following article, Mrs. Sharp provides details on the family of John and Alice (Milner) Alderson, who have been suggested as the parents of the Rev. John. Her research shows that it is rather unlikely that they were his parents—thus the search continues!

"The story starts here with an entry in the Muker Manorial Court records on 24th April 1691 when John ALDERSON received from Anthony and his wife Ann ALDERSON a moiety [half] of a firehouse [dwelling house] and a garth, a close of meadow and half the cowhouses in Daymoving with one cattlegate in Keld cowpasture and all the sheepgates in Disdon that belonged and the appurtenances in Keld. I believe that Anthony was John's uncle.

Later there is a the marriage of John ALDERSON to Alice MILNER at Grinton on 9th Sept. 1699 and we know of 2 children:

- Eleanor, bapt. 22 April 1701 [dau. of John of Keld]
- Edmund, bapt. 17 June 1711 [son of John of Keld]

There is a gap between these 2 births and it is possible that there were other children who did not survive.

In the Manor Court on 2 May 1704, Alice, wife of John, acquired a close called High Close with a cowhouse and garth and 2 cattlegates in grasses with appurtenances in Keld & Thorns.

On 11 Jan 1721, Eleanor of Keld, dau of John, householder was buried at Muker, and although the burial date has not survived, we know that her father, John, also died circa 1721. The Obligation and Inventory exists for John and is dated 2 June 1721. The Obligation is undertaken by his widow, Alice of Keld and she is co-bonded by Edmund MILLER [here I suspect a scribe's error] of Scarr House. Apart from personal possessions etc., John's inventory included

60 sheep on the moors, 4 small milk cows, two 2-year old heifers and 9 calves. The inventory was undertaken by his brother Richard and his Uncles, Miles & Christopher. However, Edmund MILNER [signed] also assisted the 3 ALDERSONS. There are no books listed in the inventory.

On 11 April 1722 there is an entry in the Manor Court where Edmund, *only* son & heir of John ALDERSON deceased was admitted to a message & tenement [house] etc in Keld etc.

Edmund married Ann HARKER on 5th August 1733 at Muker and in May 1745 his mother Alice, widow, was buried at Muker. The Manorial Court has an entry on 14th May 1747 where Edmund, *only* son & heir of Alice, widow, deceased inherits a close called Far Close and a small piece of ground called Fold.

The implication of these records would seem to support that it was John ALDERSON of Keld who married Alice MILNER in 1699 and that the entry for a baptism of John son of John of Park Hall in 1700 is a different family. Note, Park Hall is not close to Keld.

One argument against this is why did John & Alice marry at Grinton? Two answers spring to mind, either Alice was from Grinton, or, it was at this stage that the interior of Muker Church was in an appalling condition and well-shod couples thought Grinton preferable.

I suppose there is still a possibility that John b. 1699 was the son of this John & Alice but, if so, we do not have a baptism and apart from the early death of John in 1721 which does not fit in with other records [such as the Rev. John's father having sent him books to New Jersey after he joined the church there around 1728; see page 25], there is no mention of a John Jr. in the Manor records of 1722.

Another suggestion has been made recently that John was the son of John ALDERSON & Margaret BURTON who married in Leeds on 22 April 1688 [John being of Park Lane, Leeds]. However, on the day that John's daughter, Eleanor, was baptised, 18th July 1689, her mother Margaret was also buried!

# Alderson Immigrants: Family of John Alderson of Bradford Co., PA

by Mr. James Cross

The story of John Alderson and his descendants is told in *Genealogy of the Alderson Family* written by his daughter Mary Jane (Alderson) Atherton in 1928 and updated by her nephew William F. Alderson in 1979. It includes a one-page narrative for each of John's 11 children followed by pages with genealogical data about them and most of their descendants. Most dates of births, marriages and deaths are shown, but sources are not usually given. Probably most of the data was personally known to the author. A summary of the history follows.

John Alderson was born 14 Feb 1805 in Sedberg, Westmoreland County, England. William F. Alderson had in his possession in 1979 a book with a leather bookplate embossed in gold, "Thomas Alderson aged 54, Mary Alderson aged 44, 1824." On the flyleaf is written "John Alderson age 20, Elizb. Alderson aged 17, 1824, a present from his affectionate mother, Sedberg May 10 1842." Based upon this evidence John's parents were probably Thomas Alderson (1770-?) and Mary ? (1780-?). Mary Jane indicates Thomas Alderson was born in Yorkshire. His sister, Elizabeth (Betsey), also immigrated to the U.S. and married Robert Birkbeck. There is no further information about her.

John married Margaret Wilson in 1826 in Witherslack, Westmoreland County. A son Thomas was born 24 Sep 1827. A son John Jr. was born 16 August 1829 in Silverdale, Lancashire. A daughter Ann was born 30 Dec 1831. Thirteen weeks later the family sailed from Sedberg for America where they settled first in Wilkes-Barre, PA. Thomas died there in an accident on 14 Jan 1833. Four children were born in Wilkes-Barre: James W. on 21 Feb 1834, Joshua H. on 9 May 1836, Elizabeth on 20 Jan 1839 and Henry C. on 30 May 1841. The 1840 census lists John in Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne Co., PA with a wife and 5 children which is consistent with the above.

In 1842 the family moved to Bradford Co., PA where they settled on a farm located about 3 miles north of Le Raysville. They lived in a log cabin until 1845 or 1846 when a two-story house of cut stone was completed. In 1879 the house was still standing and the farm was owned by John's descendants. Here four more children were born: George W. on 14 Oct 1844, Franklin Byron on 19 Feb 1847, Mary Jane on 16 Apr 1849 and Frederick Lee on 18 Jan 1852. In 1860 they adopted Phoebe Burke, the daughter of Elizabeth by her first marriage which ended in divorce. John lived on the farm until his death on 21 Sept 1881. He is buried with his wife and sons Thomas and John Jr. in Prattsville cemetery.

The 10 surviving children married and many joined the westward migration after the Civil War. John Alderson Jr. married Mary Blackman on 1 May 1857 in Le Raysville, PA. After 1860 they moved to Eldora, Hardin Co., IA but later returned to the family homestead near Le Raysville. They had three daughters (two of whom died young) and two sons. John Jr. died 17 Sep 1882, one year after his father. His daughter Josephine Amelia had married Irwin Pratt just 8 days earlier.

Ann Alderson married Daniel Dimmick in May 1850 in Union, NY. They had 7 children. James W. Alderson married Nancy Allen in 1861. He served with the 141st PA Regt. in the Civil War attaining the rank of Lieutenant. His first wife died in 1878 and he married a widow Mary Clark McKinney in 1880. He died 21 Jan 1911 in Nichols, NY. James W. had 6 children by his first wife. Four died in infancy including a set of twins. The two surviving sons were Frederick Truman (1869-1907) and John Franklin (1875-?).

Joshua Handler Alderson immigrated to California by wagon train. On the trip the first section of his party was attacked by Indians and all but one traveller was killed. He appears in the 1870 census in Eureka County, NV as single man. He came back East and married Mary E. Wood 12 Mar 1874 in Owego, NY. The couple returned to Nevada where they appear in the 1880 census. While in NV he made and lost fortunes several times. He later moved to Los Angeles where oil was found on his property and the first oil well in Los Angeles was drilled. The couple had one daughter.

FAMILY RECORD.

BIRTHS.

September 24, 1827,

Thomas Alderson, born.

August 16, 1829,

John Alderson, born.

December, 30<sup>th</sup> 1831,

Ann Alderson, born.

February 21, 1834,

James Wilson Alderson, born.

May 9, 1836,

Joshua Hanly Alderson, born.

January 20th 1839,

Elixabeth Alderson, born.

May 30, 1841,

Henry Clinton Alderson, born.

October, 14, 1844,

George Washington Alderson, born.

January, 19, 1847,

Franklin Byron Alderson, Born.

April 16, 1849,

Mary Jane Alderson, born.

January 18, 1852,

Fredrick Lee Alderson.

STATE OF OREGON, :  
:SS  
COUNTY OF WHEELER, :

I, John T. Long, hereby certify that I am the duly elected Justice of

The records on this and the following page were contributed by Jeff Alderson of Wisconsin. The family records and affidavit were included in the Civil War pension papers of James Wilson Alderson. Jeff also obtained James' death certificate of 1911 from New York.





Elizabeth Alderson (known as Libby) married and divorced Phillip Burke by whom she had a daughter Phoebe adopted by her parents. On 13 Dec 1860 she married William H. Mitchell. William served in the Civil War and the couple later settled in Kansas where they had 10 children. Libby died 17 August 1897 in Osawatomie, Miami Co., KS.

Henry C. Alderson enlisted in the 50th PA Regt. without telling his family, leaving the farm early one morning to join his unit. He was wounded and taken prisoner at Antietam and spent nine months in Andersonville prison. Almost dead from starvation he was exchanged and after recovering his strength rejoined his unit and served until the war's end. He married a sister-in-law, Mary Mitchell, on 20 Sep 1866. In 1882 when he applied for a pension he was living in Le Raysville, PA. He died 28 Jun 1919 in Binghamton, NY. The couple had one daughter who died at the age of 2.

George W. Alderson first moved to Nevada, but later moved to Oregon where he was a successful rancher. Mary Jane's genealogy does not list his wife's name. They had one son, Joshua E., who died of illness in the army during World War I. George W. died 19 Aug 1918 in Cleveland, OR.

Franklin B. Alderson graduated from Poughkeepsie Business College in NY and then sailed to California. Arriving with only 25 cents in his pocket, he threw the coins into the sea so he could make a fresh start. He lived first in Visalia, CA where he married Lou Peck on 8 May 1873. In 1878 the family moved to Eureka Co., NV near his brother Joshua H. Franklin's store burned to the ground and he later moved to Los Angeles where he died on 20 December 1902 and is buried in Rosemont cemetery. He had five sons: Lowell Russell, George Edwin, Francis Earl, James Albert and Louis Leslie.

Mary Jane Alderson graduated from the PA State Normal School in Mansfield, PA and moved to California where she taught school in Galt and San Jose. She returned East to attend the National School of Elocution in Philadelphia. On 6 Jun 1881 she married Willard M. Chandler, a noted orator she met at the school. She helped her husband perfect the Chandler shorthand system. When he died in 1889, she founded the Chandler Normal Shorthand School in Denver, CO. She married Frederick

## Queries

*Mrs. Adrienne Pappas, of 5464 Ladue Lane, Fairfax, VA 22030, writes to say that in reviewing the material she has on the descendants of Jeremiah Osborn of South Fork River, Hardy Co., (W)Va., the researcher showed that Jeremiah had a son George Osborn who had a son Josiah, born 5 March 1750. The researcher stated that Josiah married Margaret Alderson. This Osborn-Alderson marriage has appeared in a number of histories of the Alderson family, but to date no definitive proof has surfaced connecting the two families or establishing the existence of a Margaret Alderson at this time. If any reader has found additional information on the Osborn line, please contact Mrs. Pappas; I would also be interested in sharing any material available in the newsletter that might establish the identity of Josiah Osborn's wife.*

*Mrs. Linda Eades, 2643 Cardinal Ridge Road, Charlottesville, VA 22901 is interested in corresponding with any researcher who had additional information on the family of Mary Carroll, who married the Rev. John Alderson, Jr. in 1759. The Carrolls are often listed as being from Frederick Co., MD, though this appears to be a mistake for Frederick Co., VA, where they do appear in conjunction with the Linville Creek Church.*

Atherton on 25 May 1903. She was killed by a bus in San Diego, CA on 9 Sep 1934 at the age of 85. She was author of numerous books and articles and edited a monthly magazine about the Crawford Shorthand system. She was cremated and her remains are in Benbaugh Pavillion in San Diego. She had no children.

Frederick Lee Alderson joined his brothers in Nevada where he is listed as single in the 1880 census. He married Minnie Harriett Sharp in San Francisco, CA 19 Dec 1883. They had three daughters. Frederick was an officer of a number of companies in the hardware business in the San Francisco Bay area. He died 13 Jan 1924 in Berkeley, CA.

# Logan Co., Kentucky Marriages

Groom	Bride	Date	Source
James ALDERSON	Emily HALL	30 Dec 1833	
Benjamin ALDERSON	Mary Ann McCARTY	21 Nov 1848	
Levi ROBERTS	Emily ALDERSON	5 Aug 1852	
Warner UNDERWOOD	Ida C. OWENS	24 Nov 1868	Marr. Bond Bk. 6, p. 345
Dr. M.E. ALDERSON	(Mrs.) Ida O. UNDERWOOD	15 Aug 1881	Marr. Reg. 3, p. 190
S.W. REDFORD	Dora ALDERSON	5 Sept 1888	Marr. Bond Bk. 14, p. 229
John ALDERSON	Mattie PRATHER (or PROTHER)	26 Dec 1898	Marr. Reg. 4, p. 262

Thanks to Mrs. Helen Boswell, of Moberly, MO, who contributed the marriage data.

## Civil War Compendium (3)

### George Alderson

State: Virginia  
 Unit: A Co., 36th Cavalry Battalion  
 DOB: 13 Nov 1833  
 Line: John Sr./John Jr./John (River Jack)  
 Enlist: 20 Aug 1862  
 Place: Union, Monroe Co., VA  
 Rank: Private, Captain  
 Separ: 4 April 1863, Alderson, WV, due to illness, George was spending time at home  
 Marr: 26 Feb 1856 to Mary Jane Hines by L.A. Alderson, Greenbrier Co., VA. 13 Nov 1867, Monroe Co., VA to Mrs. Virginia M. (Stevens) Boyd.  
 Child: Emma by first wife; Bernard C. and George Jr. by second  
 DOD: 18 Mar 1924  
 Events: His physical description is listed as age 29, 5'6", black eyes, and black hair. George was reported as deserted on 4 Apr 1863. Callahan's passage claims that George served as an orderly for Generals Loring and Echols. Dixon's

passage states that George served as a special aide to General W.C. Wickham. George was elected to Justice of the Peace immediately after the war and was later elected to the last state legislature to meet at Wheeling, WV.

### George Alderson

State: Virginia  
 Unit: Robert B. Gwinn's Co., W. Thurmond's Battalion VA Cavalry  
 Rank: Sergeant  
 Events: Thurmond's Battalion of Partisan Rangers was originally organized as Hounshell's Battalion Virginia Cavalry Partisan Rangers. W. Thurmond took command upon Hounshell taking command of a Virginia Department.

### George Alderson

State: Virginia  
 Unit: A Co., 166th Virginia Militia  
 Rank: Corporal  
 Events: The 166th was raised from men of Monroe Co., VA. Company A served from Aug. 4-11, and Aug. 20 to Oct. 11, 1861

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## Editor's Corner

Spring is here, or nearly here, for everyone and I hope that the warming weather finds all of you in good health and ready to get outdoors again after what has been a very harsh winter in most places. Having spent most of the winter in Hong Kong, I have only read of the bitter cold and heavy snows, though I'm sure that will look inviting when the temperature there hits 100 degrees with 80% humidity this summer! Since January, I have managed only six weeks at home in San Francisco, but with my trusty laptop computer, I am trying to keep up with new data entering, correspondence, and writing. Again, the disruptions of travel do mean that I sometime overlook a specific request, and it appears that I have also missed sending a few issues of the newsletter to some readers. If that is the case, please let me know, and I will make sure to follow up immediately.

Til June!

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