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Aldersons in the U.S. Censuses

by Jim Cross

Last summer, I began a survey of U.S. census records for Alderson families from 1790 to 1900. The project is now as complete as currently possible. There are published indices of censuses from 1790 to 1850 and all indexed records have been recorded. Indices exist for some states for 1860 and 1870 and the indexed records have been recorded. The Census Bureau prepared a national index of the 1900 census and a partial nationwide index of the 1880 census listing only heads of families with children under 10 years of age. The purpose of the latter was to provide a source of proof of age for the Social Security Administration since universal recording of births did not begin until about 1900 in most states. All records in those indices have been recorded. In addition the 1860, 1870 and 1880 records of all townships where there were Aldersons in the previous or subsequent censuses have been searched. Quite a few unindexed records have been found as a result.

The 1890 U.S. census records were almost totally destroyed in a fire in the Department of Commerce building. Some 1790-1820 census records have been lost. Those of concern to Alderson researchers include Virginia and Kentucky 1790 and 1800, and Tennessee 1790, 1800 and part of 1810. Records for Ohio 1790 - 1810 and New Jersey 1790 - 1820 are also missing, but no Aldersons are known to have been in those states at that time.

The number of families recorded so far is shown below. Single individuals, minors living with guardians, and black families are not included in the count. Totals marked with a * are known to be incomplete.

1790 12*	1830 60	1870 174*
1800 13*	1840 88	1880 257*
1810 28	1850 126	1890 n/a
1820 36	1860 149*	1900 474

Before emancipation blacks were counted but not listed by name. Black Alderson families in later censuses were:

1870 14	1880 17	1900 25
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By 1900 there were Aldersons in 42 U.S. states and territories: all except Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Florida, New Mexico, Idaho, Alaska and Hawaii. Through 1810 the largest concentration of families was in Virginia, from 1820-1870 it was in what is now West Virginia and by 1880 it was in Missouri. The states with the most families in 1900 were Illinois 56, Missouri 48, Iowa 32, Kentucky 28 and West Virginia 27.

From 1850 to 1900, census listings include the occupation of employed adults, but in some areas this data was omitted. In 1850 there were 71 farmers, 22 artisans, 12 miners, 7 merchants, 3 clergymen, 2 clerks, 2 school teachers, 2 lawyers, a physician, an architect, a banker and an engineer. Unusual occupations included an oyster-

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man and a raftsman. The 1850-1870 censuses also give the value of real estate owned. While several farmers had valuable land holdings in 1850 the wealthiest Alderson was a banker followed by a smelter operator (who was also a real estate developer). Generally censustakers used discretion, but in the western mining camps they called a spade a spade. Thus the most colorful Alderson employment is found in the 1880 census of Leadville, Colorado where Mollie Alderson was listed simply as a prostitute. (Mercifully, her age and state of birth were omitted, concealing her ancestry). A 14-year-old Alderson female was in the custody of the Leadville sheriff, perhaps a sibling following in her sister's footsteps. In the 1870 census of Placerville in El Dorado county, California where several Alderson families settled, there are two full pages of Chinese. The men are all shown as gamblers and the woman as prostitutes.

I noted two instances in which an Alderson was the census taker; in 1880 C.L. Alderson, a farmer and descendant of Elder John took the census in his district of Hamblen County Tennessee. In 1900 Walter E. Alderson, 23-year-old son of a Charles C. Alderson, also a descendant of Elder John, took the census in Lebanon district of Russell County, Virginia. Each page of the census shows the date it was completed. It took from two weeks to a month to complete a district. The censuses were taken in the summer months, but not at the same time in all parts of the country or even in adjoining districts. Thus it was possible for a family that moved during the summer to be counted twice. There are instances of duplicate recording of Aldersons in most of the censuses. In 1860 John R. Alderson, who immigrated with his father William in 1846 and is featured in Jeff Alderson's account of Aldersons in the Civil War, was counted twice in adjoining townships in Winona County, Minnesota. Perhaps he worked part time for two different farmers. Although he was born in England one census entry showed his birthplace as Wisconsin and the other as New York. In the same census one of my ancestor's relatives was listed three times in the census of Sauk County, Wisconsin.

One of the most unusual instances of dual counting occurred in the 1900 census of Newport, Rhode Island. Mary B. (Stanton) Alderson, widow of 1860 immigrant John W. Alderson, operated a boarding house there with her daugh-

ter. Apparently it was a large corner house at 379 Pine Street. It had a side entrance on Thurston Ave. and was right at the census district boundary so that the side door was in another district. Apparently one Alderson answered the front door for censustaker Fred W. Greene, gave Mary's birthdate as Sep 1848 and her daughter's name as Lila G. A few days later the other Alderson answered the side door for censustaker H.B. Williams and gave Mary's birthdate as Sep 1847 and her daughter's name as Eliza. So the two Aldersons and their six boarders were counted twice.

Actually, of more concern to the records officer are the individuals who were missed in a census. A remarkable case was a clergyman, Jesse W. Alderson born c1820, who married Lovina Williams. Other evidence indicates that he lived in Arkansas and southwest Missouri and had thirteen children. However, the first census record found for him thus far is in Lawrence County, Missouri in 1900 when he was 80 years old and all his children had left home. Perhaps, he had religious scruples about being enumerated in the census.

Since few births were officially recorded in the U.S. prior to 1900 and many baptismal registers have not been preserved, the 1850-1900 census records are important sources for the names and approximate birthdates of children. As I write this there are 102 Alderson heads of families in census records from 1860 - 1900 whose parents have not been determined, in large part because an earlier census record which should list them with their parents has not been found.

Obituary of Jerry Bird Alderson

Mrs. Susan Sharp of the Alderson Family Historical Society has forwarded a couple of articles she received concerning Jerry Bird Alderson of Illinois. Jerry Bird Alderson (1831-1909) was the son of Jeremiah and Loretia (Newlen) Alderson, who came from York Co., SC to Sumner Co., TN and Simpson Co., KY. The following is Mrs. Sharp's letter:

It's Reunion Time!

A big reunion of Aldersons and Alderson descendants is being planned for Saturday, 1 July 1995 in Alderson, WV. This is a great opportunity for Alderson relatives to meet and visit in our namesake town, nestled in the beautiful hills of southern West Virginia!

Planning for the reunion has already begun. Be sure to mark your calendar for this exciting event, and please let all of your Alderson friends and relatives know about the reunion. The reunion organizer is Mrs. Alberta Alderson Fairbanks, 701 Montara, Space 110, Barstow, CA 92311; please contact her to confirm your attendance. More information on the reunion will be provided in upcoming issues of the newsletter.

Just a quick note to send you details of an obituary for Jerry Bird ALDERSON recently sent to me by one of our members. The obit is part of a series of newspaper cuttings sent to her by someone a few years ago and is not dated or accredited but will still perhaps be of interest to you if you do not already have it. It reads:

"Jerry Bird Alderson was born in Tennessee, April 8, 1831, and died at his home in Girard February 15, 1909, aged 77 years 10 months and 7 days. With his parents he moved to Kentucky in his youth, living in that state until he was 17 years of age, coming then to Illinois and settling in Macoupin County. At the age of about 23 years he accepted Christ as his his Savior, living a consistent Christian life. He was a member of the M. E. church South. On October 8, 1860 he was married to Miss Mary Jane McGinnis. To this union 14 children were born, six of whom preceded their father in death. His faith grew stronger and stronger as he approached nearer and nearer the end of his life's journey. Mr Alderson leaves to mourn his loss, his wife, 5 sons and 3 daughters as follows: W.E. and L.E. Alderson and Mrs H.F. Stewart of California; J.A., M.L. and C.L. Alderson and Mesdames Lora Gibson and Ollie Kime, of and near Girard, besides a host of relatives and friends. The funeral service was conducted from the Union Chapel on Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock by Rev Garrett of Girard after which the remains were interred in the family lot in the new part of the cemetery. The pallbearers were Alfred Coe,

Wm. Bivin, J.W. Hays, W.H. Jenkins, W.H. England and Rev. A.M. Stamper."¹

There is also another cutting dated [by hand] 1909; it reads:

"Birthday Anniversary - Monday was Washington's birthday; it was also the 42nd anniversary of Alva Alderson's birthday, and while Alva didn't claim the distinction of having done the cherry tree stunt, fought Indians or crossed the Delaware, yet his family and immediate relatives concluded the occasion should not go by unnoticed, and there was a gathering at his home in honor of the event. The hours were passed very pleasantly by those present and a sumptuous dinner was served. Those present were: Rev. J.E. Garrett, wife & daughter, Mr. & Mrs. G.L. McGinnis, Mrs. J.B. Alderson [Jerry Bird], Luther and Charles Alderson & families, Mr. & Mrs. P.C. Gibson, all of Girard, Mrs. Chas. Lair and Miss Ida Carr of Carlinville, W.E. Alderson of Sonoma County, California, and Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Kime of Nilwood. There were 4 generations represented as follows: Mr. & Mrs. G.L. McGinnis, Mrs. J.B. Alderson, J.A. Alderson and his daughter Frieda and son Clyde. The occasion was also in the nature of a farewell gathering in honor of W.E. Alderson who returned Tuesday to his home in California. His twin sister, Mrs. H.S. Stewart, also of California, was unable to be present at this gathering, which was a source of regret to the kindred and friends."

I will spare you the verse which followed!

¹ See also, *Alderson Roots & Branches*, Dec. 1990, page 2.

Queries

Richard Alderson, Richard H. Alderson, Richard C. Alderson and the Aldersons of Ross Co., OH and Orange Co., IN

In the 1830 census of Ross Co., OH appears a Richard Alderson, age 40 to 50, b. 1780 to 1790. He is listed with one female, perhaps a daughter, age 20-30, and three males, evidently sons, aged 15-20, and two aged 10-15.

One of these sons may be Richard H. Alderson, who married Lucretia Calver in Ross Co. in 1838; they evidently left Ross Co. for Illinois shortly thereafter, as I assume that this is the family of R.H. Alderson in Coles Co., IL in 1840, with R.H. b. between 1810-1820. They are listed with one daughter, under 5, who could be identified with Mary, b. ca. 1840. Richard apparently died in the mid-1840s, as Lucretia and family returned to Ross Co., OH by 1847, where she married David Frederick. All three of Richard and Lucretia's children—Mary (c1840), Nancy A. (c1842), and Richard (c1843) were born in Illinois. By 1860, Richard's remarried widow and children were in Ringgold Co., Iowa.

A second Alderson appearing in Ross Co. is German Alderson. A German Alderson married Adeline Hamilton in Botetourt Co., VA in 1829, and a German Alderson married Mary Smith in Ross Co., OH in 1836. Are these the same person?

My working assumption is that Richard H. and German were brothers, sons of Richard Alderson b. 1780-90. This raises the question of what German Alderson was doing in Botetourt Co. (where Curtis Alderson, son of the Rev. John Alderson Sr. settled). The name Richard is quite rare in the Elder John's line,

but is quite common in the lines from then Northern Neck. Does anyone have any further information about the Ross Co., OH Aldersons?

Another unidentified Richard Alderson is Richard C. Alderson, who appears in the 1840 Floyd Co., IN and 1850 Orange Co., IN censuses, b. ca. 1799. He married Malinda Ingram in Floyd Co., IN on 14 March 1836 (Indiana Marriages). Going solely on name, I would assume that Richard is of another Northern Neck line, but does anyone have any further information on this family?

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Isaac, Henry, William H. Alderson; James S. Alderson; John Alderson, of KY

Looking for information on the families of Isaac and Henry Alderson, b. 1815 and 1817 in KY, and William H. Alderson b. 1788 KY (?). Isaac and Henry lived in Philips Co., AR and William H. in Washington Co., AR.

Any information on James S. Alderson, b. ca. 1798 in Virginia, married 27 Jul 1823 in KY to Mary (Polly) Bland? He was living in Danville, Boyce Co., KY in 1860.

Is the John Alderson who married 5 Sept 1850 Mercer Co., KY to Mary Wilham the son or grandson of Benjamin and Ann (Fletcher) Alderson? A John Alderson was census taker in Mercer Co. in 1810.

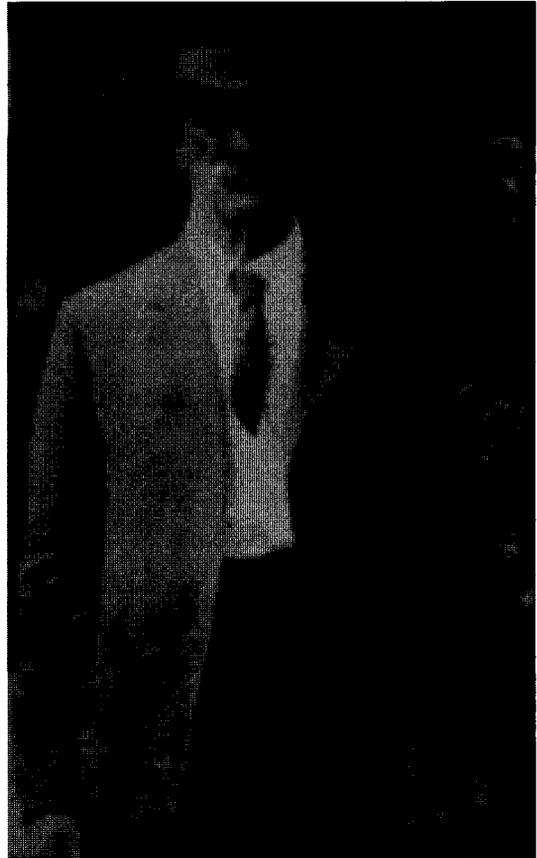
Helen Boswell, 1124 Beuth Rd., Moberly, MO 65270.

Lewis Newman Alderson

Lewis Newman Alderson (picture to right), youngest son of Col. George Alderson of Fayette Co., WV, was a long-time resident of Nicholas Co., WV. He married Catherine ("Cassie") Cornelia Bryant (shown below) of Nicholas Co. They lived in Summersville and had seven children (see Family Group Sheet, next page).

According to the *Nicholas County History*, "Newman and Cassie ran and operated the Alderson Hotel for several years. After selling the hotel Cassie moved into a new home on Main Street and kept "boarders" until her health failed. Cassie was a very gracious and dignified lady. She was adored by her grandchildren."²

Many thanks to Mr. David Ford of Summerdale, AL, grandson of Lewis and Cassie, for sharing these photographs.



² Nicholas Co. Historical and Genealogical Society, *Nicholas County West Virginia History*, Summersville, WV, 1985, p. 140, submitted by Susie Herold.

Family of Lewis and Cassie (Bryant) Alderson

HUSBAND: Lewis Newman Alderson

Born: 21 Jul 1855 Lookout, Fayette Co VA[1]
 Marr: 17 Apr 1879 Nicholas Co WV
 Died: 7 Oct 1928 Summersville, Nicholas Co WV[1]
 Census: 1860 Fayette Co VA
 Census: 1880 Hamilton Dist, Nicholas Co WV
 Occ: merchant
 Father: George Alderson
 Mother: Eliza Ann Davis

WIFE: Catherine "Cassie" Cornelia Bryant[1]

Born: 15 Aug 1856 Enon, Nicholas Co VA
 Died: 3 Oct 1955 Charleston, Kanawha Co WV
 Census: 1880 Hamilton Dist, Nicholas Co WV

CHILDREN

1 Name: **Hattie Eugenia Alderson**[1]
 F Born: 7 Feb 1880 Nicholas Co WV
 Marr:
 To: C.T. Loyd[2]
 Died: 1968
 Census: 1880 Hamilton Dist, Nicholas Co WV[3]

2 Name: **Claire Annetta Alderson**[1]
 F Born: 30 May 1882 Nicholas Co WV
 Died: 2 Apr 1979[4]

3 Name: **Nellie Pages Alderson**
 F Born: 15 Jan 1884 Nicholas Co WV[1]
 Marr:
 To: John Lewis Evans
 Died: 27 Oct 1923 Huntington, Cabell Co WV[5]
 Lived: Nicholas Co WV[5]
 Buried: Groves Fam. Cem, Enon, Nicholas Co WV[5]

4 Name: **John Coleman Alderson**[1]
 M Born: 13 Sep 1886 Nicholas Co WV
 Died: 1961

5 Name: **Gracie Edith Alderson**[1]
 F Born: 25 Aug 1888 Nicholas Co WV
 Marr:
 To: David W. Dunbar[2]

6 Name: **Willie Scott Alderson**[1]
 F Born: 28 Mar 1891 Summersville, Nicholas Co WV
 Marr: 25 Jun 1912 Summersville, Nicholas Co WV[6]
 To: Millard Herold[2]
 Died: 2 Nov 1972 Summersville, Nicholas Co WV

7 Name: **Frank Aubryne Alderson**[1]
 M Born: 25 Jun 1897 Nicholas Co WV
 Died: 5 May 1961

REFERENCES

- [1]Nicholas County Historical Society, Nicholas County History, Nicholas Co., WV, 1985, p. 140.
- [2]Shirley Grose, Murder, Mayhem, Hydrophobia, by Author, Civil War Edit., p. 43 (obit of sister).
- [3]age 5 months.
- [4]never married.
- [5]Murder and Mayhem, p. 43 (obit).
- [6]Marriage Certificate (David Ford).



Tomb of Hannah Alderson Dickenson Hutchinson

Hannah Alderson was the daughter of Joseph and Ann (Pennington) Alderson of Yorkshire, England. Joseph immigrated to the US in 1843, first to Illinois, then to Wisconsin.

This tombstone is located in the West Cedar Valley Cemetery, Elgin, Nebraska. The inscription reads: Hannah Alderson, Beloved wife of Wm Hutchinson, Born in Richmond, Yorkshire, England, Feb. 5, 1828. Departed this life March 8, 1892. Aged 64 year, 1 Month and 3 Days.

Had he asked us, Well we know.
We should cry "Oh spare this blow."
Yes, with streaming tears we pray,
Lord we love her, let her stay.

Photo from James Cross of El Cajon, CA.

Aldersons on the Infobahn

The explosion of information availability brought on by the rapid development of computer networks worldwide is quickly changing the nature of genealogical research. Traditional sources of information such as printed records, genealogies, and a wide variety of journals and newsletters are being supplemented every day with new forms of data storage and retrieval, providing access and communication on a much broader scale than was possible in the past. Currently, one of the fastest growing forms of communication is the Internet, a worldwide network reaching an estimated 70 million—and growing—users. Among the awesome variety of information available on the Internet are two areas of interest to family researchers. Both are "newsgroups", special areas set aside for discussion of a wide range of topics. The newsgroups names—alt.genealogy and soc.roots—define their interest, and both these groups are full of messages from other researchers, often several hundred in a day. The messages include surname queries, requests for research help and for locating books and other resources, discussions of software, submissions of Tiny Tafels, and virtually every topic of genealogical concern. Just the other night a message inquiring about the original of the surname "Friedley" put me in touch with a distant cousin in Virginia on a branch I had little success in researching.

Access to the Internet is still in its formative stage and the ease of access varies greatly. One easy way to access these genealogy newsgroups, in addition to other genealogical sources, is through a commercial online service. Currently, the only one providing direct newsgroup access is America Online (or AOL), a nationwide network providing email, shopping, weather, travel, business, and many other information services. AOL itself provides a genealogy center with libraries of ahnentafels, GEDCOM files (used to transfer genealogical data between computers), data sources, guides, references, software reviews and help forums, and many user messages both asking about particular family lines and providing results of their own re-

search, such as cemetery records, census data or vital records.

Another service similar to AOL is CompuServe, which also has a Roots forum. This also contains libraries of files and numerous categories of messages from users. Through this forum you can also contact Commsoft, makers of the popular Roots software, for help—and that's often much faster (and cheaper) than trying to get through on the phone!

Online sources of information are proliferating, and it is becoming harder and harder to keep track of when information is stored. Unfortunately, the most central source of information, the LDS Library in Salt Lake City, is not yet available online, but will likely be in the future.

In the meanwhile, genealogical databases are also being quickly transferred to CD ROM, allowing near-instant access to previously unthinkable amounts of data. For example, a recent catalog from Heritage Books includes CDs on marriages, pedigrees, cemetery records, census indexes, periodicals, federal land records, and death records (including a CD containing about 25 million Social Security recipients who died between the early 1960s and 1992, providing name, SS number, date of birth, date of death, last known residence by zip code, and place death benefit was paid by zip code—all for \$35).

There is even a master index to all the millions of individuals, and 2 million surnames, appearing in the dozens of CDs mentioned above. In addition to other sales channels, this disk is now also being provided with a purchase or upgrade to *Family Tree Maker for Windows v. 2*. Of course, you still have to purchase or get access to the CD referred to in the index to find the person in question, but nonetheless, it saves an enormous amount of time to be able to scan so many sources in such a way.

I have been wondering how to put these services to use for the newsletter. Recently, I added Roots & Branches to an Internet catalog of "uncatalogued" newsletters. Eventually, I would like to offer a whole range of Alderson data online for easy access to researchers, including the newsletter as well. Meanwhile, researchers are welcome to all or any part of the current Alderson database in GEDCOM format for their own use.

I would love to hear tips or suggestions from other users who have been exploring around the "information superhighway." It's a big road, but it's getting a lot easier to drive!

Civil War Compendium (5)

by Jeff Alderson

George E. Alderson

State: Texas
Unit: M Co., 3rd Infantry
Marr: Callia D., per pension records

George Henry Clay Alderson

State: Virginia
Unit: A Co., 14th Cavalry
DOB: 24 Oct 1844, DeKalb, Fayette Co., VA
Line: John Sr/John Jr/Joseph/Col. George
Enlist: c. November 1862
Place: Salem, VA
Rank: Private/Captain
Marr: Mary C. Jones, 1871; Sabina Huffman, 1889; Mrs. Betty Ward
Child: 7 with first wife, 1 with second, none with third
DOD: July 1836
Place: Enon, Nicholas Co., WV. Buried in Enon Baptist Church
Events: GHC Alderson was present for the battles of Winchester, VA, Martinsburg, VA, Opequeon, VA 19 Sept 1864, Gettysburg, PA on 1-3 July 1863, Droop Mountain, VA, and Lynchburg, VA. He was wounded in the head at Winchester, VA on 18 Jul 1864, and was also wounded in action at Martinsburg, VA on 25 Jul 1864. He surrendered at Appomattox Court House, VA. George was the first man to return to Lewisburg, VA and was jailed as a deserter by Major Sweeney for two hours until more soldiers arrived from Lee's Army to confirm the surrender. His post-war occupations included farmer and merchant in Summersville, WV.

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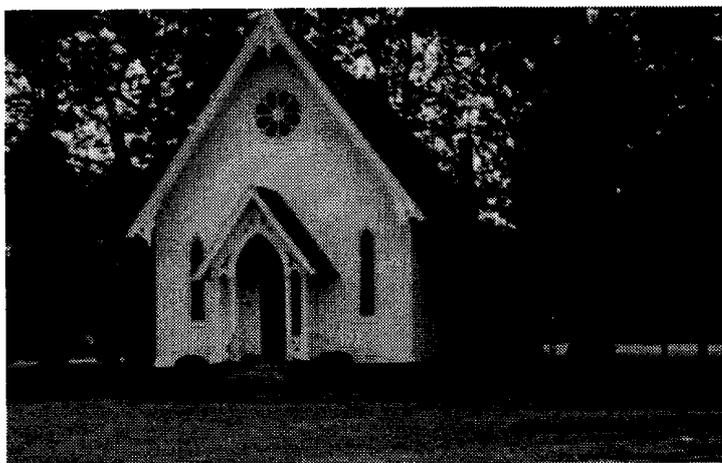
Alderson Baptisms in St. Stephen's Parish Church, Heathsville, Northumberland Co., VA

Richard Alderson and wife Sarah attended the St. Stephen's Parish Church in Northumberland Co., VA. As noted in the historical marker in front of the modern-day church (shown below), St. Stephen's Parish was first formed as Chickacone (or Chickcoun, Chickacoan) Parish in 1653. According to "Report on Parish Lines in the Diocese of Virginia" written by Dr. G. MacLaren Brydon in 1827, Chickacoan Parish was "one of the earliest parishes (probably the first), in Northumberland County, established upon the first settlement. Centered around Chickacoan, now Coan, River, it changed name to Fairfield Parish in 1664 and was later incorporated into St. Stephen's Parish."* According to a transcript of the Register of St. Stephen's Parish, published in *Virginia Colonial Abstracts*, by Beverley Fleet, six children of Richard and Sarah were born in this Parish:

1. ____ [Al?]derson Daug'r To Rich was born March 25 1741
2. ____ Alderson Daugr To Rich was born March 17 1744/5
3. ____ Alderson sone to Richd & Sarrah his wife Born Aug 18 1748
4. ____ Alderson son to Richd & Sarrah his Wife Born July 8 1751
5. ____ Alderson, Daug'r To Richard & Sarah was Born July 13th 1755
6. _nos [prob. Amos] Alderson Son to Richd & Sarah Alderson was born May 9th 1758

Does anyone have a full family group sheet of this family and can identify these children?

* cited in Beverley Fleet, *Virginia Colonial Abstracts*, Vol. I. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1988 (originally published in 34 vols, 1937-1949).



ST. STEPHEN'S PARISH

FORMED IN 1653 AS CHICKACONE PARISH AND RENAMED FAIRFIELD IN 1664. THE UPPER PART WAS KNOWN LOCALLY AS BOWTRACY PARISH. WHEN ST. STEPHEN'S PARISH WAS FORMED IN 1698, FAIRFIELD BECAME ITS LOWER PART AND BOWTRACY ITS UPPER PART

Photo: Jim Cross, June 1994

Kansas Sources

Mrs. Virginia Wilhelm, of Salina, Kansas, has forwarded the following research concerning Aldersons in Kansas:

History of Kansas

by A.T. Andrews, 1883, Volume 2, page 1168

Cherokee Co., City of Crestline, 8 miles east of Columbus.

Crestline is situated 8 miles east of Columbus, on the St. Louis and Santa Fe railroad, 1 mile from Shawnee Creek on level prairie. The first settlement was made in March 1875 by Henry Wiggins, who named the town after Crestline, Ohio.

E.W. Alderson, farmer, Section 8, Post Office Crestline, was born in Illinois in 1842. He received a liberal education and after farming in Illinois for one year went to California and was in the butcher business 7 years there and then returned to Illinois and remained for 6 months and then went to Kansas in 1869. He located on his present farm of 160 acres, which he bought and improved and now raises grain and stock with a fine assortment of fruits of all kinds. He is an Odd Fellow and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and was Justice of the Peace for 2 years. He was married to Miss M.E. Rafferty of Illinois in 1868. They have 6 children: Annie L., Ada M., Alice J., Alena M., Ama B., and Arthur J.

Mrs. Wilhelm notes that "this is apparently the same W.E. Alderson mentioned in Vol. 3, No. 3, Dec. 1991 of *Alderson Roots & Branches*, Kansas 1880 Soundex." This is evidently Elijah Warner Alderson, son of Robert and Elizabeth Bell (Clack) Alderson, b. 17 June 1841, Macoupin Co., IL. In the 1880 Soundex of Kansas, his children were listed as Annie L., Ada M., Ollie J., Ama B., Elizabeth B.

Cemeteries of Miami Co., Kansas

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Miami Co., Wea Township (old) Louisburg cemetery SE 30-16-25, page 108

On highway 68 at west side of Louisburg, the original plat is dated 1 October 1891.

Lots #42-Row 7

Alderson, Armstead M.	Father	1866-1938 (72 years)
Alderson, Ida F.	Mother	1878-1949
Alderson, Bryan	Son	1906-1953 (Nov. 14) (W.J. Bryan?)

Can anyone identify this family?

Burials in the Bennington, Kansas Cemetery, Ottawa Co.

copied by Pat Wagner April 1987 (From the Salina, Kansas Public Library collection) page 1

Anna Alderson	1884-1965
Juanita Fay Alderson	1915-1919
Thomas Alderson	1885-1969

Can anyone identify these Aldersons?

Cemetery Inscriptions in Atchison Co., Kansas

compiled by Don Ford 1987, page 3

Mt. Vernon cemetery located in Atchison; it is the largest cemetery in this collection. Lot numbers are included:

Carey Alderson 1853-26 Aug 1907 RB-BL 10

Mary B. Alderson 1857-12 Feb 1901 RB-BL 10

This is the family of Cary Trimble Alderson, son of the Rev. Lewis A. Alderson of Alderson, VA, who settled in Atchison, Kansas in 1858. For a biography of Lewis A. Alderson, see also "More on Lewis A. Alderson", *Alderson Roots & Branches*, March 1993, p. 44-45. Does anyone have the marriage record of Cary T. Alderson to Mary B.?

Early Cloud Co. Deaths, Before 1903

Cloud Co., Kansas Genealogical Society, 1990

Alderson, Callaway H., died 26 July 1901, 83 years. Randall, Kansas cemetery, Center Township. Source: Concordia Blade newspaper in Cloud Co. Museum (alpha card file).

Alderson, Mich, died 16 Oct 1888, age not given. Pleasant Hill cemetery, Center Township, NE 1/4 of Sec #27-WIL; either Simmons & Wilson (or later) Rigby & Wilson funeral home. These businesses operated out of Concordia and the original records are available for research at the Cloud Co. Museum, Concordia, Kansas.

Callaway Hodge Alderson was the son of Burzilla "Burr" Alderson, born 1818 in Jefferson Co., TN; Burr was the son of Curtis Alderson of Botetourt Co., VA, brother to Thomas and the Rev. John Alderson, Jr. Randall, Kansas is in Jewell Co.; the death was reported in a newspaper in neighboring Cloud Co.

Mich (Mitch? Mitchell?) Alderson remains unidentified. Does anyone have further information?

George W. Alderson

State: Virginia
Unit: Confederate Army Commissary of Subsistence
DOB: 7 Jan 1820 near Union, Monroe Co., VA
Line: John Sr./Thomas/Davis
Rank: Captain
Marr: Lydia Patterson on 24 Dec 1840; Mary Reid Catron on 7 Jul 1868 near Abingdon, VA
Chil: He fathered 19 children, 13 by first wife Lydia
Events: Prior to the war, George served as a Captain in the Virginia militia. During the length of the war, George served as Captain and Commissary of Subsistence at Abingdon, Washington Co., VA. Following the war, George resided on a farm near Moab, Virginia.

George Washington Alderson

State: West Virginia
Unit: K Co., 2nd Cavalry, later E Co., 2nd Cavalry
DOB: 7 Aug 1846 near Lick Creek, Greenbrier Co., VA
Line: John Sr./Thomas/Curtis/Asa
Enlist: 30 March 1864

Place: Charleston, Kanawha Co., WV
Rank: Private
Separ: 30 June 1865
Place: Wheeling, WV
Marr: To Amanda Sewell Berkeley on 2 Nov 1870 at Point Pleasant, WV; to Mary F. Pertuch on 10 May 1913 in Cleveland, Pawnee Co., OK
Child: one son Joseph born 28 May 1870
DOD: 28 March 1928 at 7:30 pm
Events: At the time of his enlistment, his physical description was 5'11" tall, blue eyes, fair complexion, light hair, and his occupation laborer. George first applied for a pension in 1870 in Harrisonville, Bedford Twp, Meigs Co., OH where he was a farmer. He cites a case of measles in Charleston from 15 Apr-4 Jul 1864 when he was released from Gallipolis Hospital. George was then assigned to Co. K of the 2nd WV Cavalry on 23 Jul 1864 upon his return to duty. In mid-May of 1865, he along with part of his regiment dismounted in Maryland and took on a severe cold producing slight hemorrhaging from the lungs. On 14 Jan 1914, George deserted his second wife and went to Kooskia, Idaho to be with his son. George filed for additional pension allotments on account of disability in 1926 in Washington Co., AR. He died of pneumonia.

Editor's Corner

My apologies for the lateness of this issue of the newsletter. As I mentioned in the last issue, I went off on vacation in late September and early October to Germany and the Netherlands. It was a much needed vacation, and I had a wonderful time visiting friends and exploring the beautiful monuments, museums, parks and palaces in Munich and the Bavarian countryside. I didn't have any experiences similar to last year in Germany, when I chanced upon my Fridley ancestral village, but when I was visiting the Oude Kerk in Amsterdam (where Rembrandt's wife is buried), I noticed one of the floor stones marked the grave of a Christian Van Voorst in the early 1700s. Van Voorst may be the surname (recorded as Van Vost) of Hannah Davis's mother (wife of Thomas Alderson). A Dutch friend told me Van Voorst was an uncommon name, but presently there is one prominent family of that name in the Netherlands.

I hope all of you will take notice of the upcoming Alderson reunion next year in Alderson. I think it is a great opportunity to combine a family reunion with some local publicity on Alderson history. Perhaps some newspaper coverage and radio spots about the reunion could generate a lot of interest in the history of Alderson. Hope to see you all there!

New Members

Mrs. Mardell Martin, 1239 R St., Newman, CA 95360. Mrs. Martin is a descendant of Charles (b. 1799) and Elizabeth (Pratt) Alderson, who were married in Ascomb, Yorkshire, England in 1820. The family emigrated to the US, and Mrs. Martin's grandmother, Hannah Alderson Gilbert went with her husband to California in covered wagon about 1860. Mrs. Martin would like to correspond with anyone having further information on relatives of this line.

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Contributions in form of articles, photographs, vital records, Bible records, and other Alderson memorabilia are welcome. All material accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope can be returned. Suggestions, contributions, and research queries can be addressed to David Fridley, *Alderson Roots & Branches*, 576 Noe St., San Francisco, CA 94114. Fax no.: 415/861-6998; email: 71052,3046 (CompuServe), DavidFinSF (AOL) or 71052.3046@compuserve.com (Internet).

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Thank you, and Happy Hunting!



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