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Alderson Census Records

by Jim Cross

When I joined the Alderson Family History Society in the spring of 1993, I found that I was one of the lucky members. I shared a common ancestor with John Alderson, the AFHS Computer Office. Our line had been traced back to the mid-1600s. The AFHS even had the original copy of a letter that my immigrant ancestor, Joseph A. Alderson wrote home to a nephew in 1853.

I asked what I could do for the AFHS in return, and Susan Sharp, the records officer, asked if I could record Alderson U.S. Census entries, especially for heads of families born in England. That was a feasible project for me because the San Diego LDS Family History Center has 100% of the U.S. census microfilms thru 1920, and with the addition of the holdings of the Carlsbad, CA Library Genealogical collection I had access to most of the published U.S. census indices. Neither library has the Soundex Indices of

1880 - 1920, but these are available at the National Archives branch in Laguna Niguel, CA, about 84 miles from my home.

By the fall of 1995 I had recorded all indexed census entries and made an initial attempt to locate unindexed records. These include records from 1860 and 1870 in states that have not been indexed, records of families in 1880 who did not have a child under 10 in the household, and 1910 records in the 27 states for which there are no soundex indices.

I prepared a book with a series of indices including:

(1) An alphabetical index of Alderson heads of families in the U.S. through 1920.

(2) A numerical list of heads of families showing their locations in the censuses and containing immigration, birth, death and marriage dates, maiden name of spouses and name and number of father, if known.

(3) An index of Alderson census entries by census, state and county.

(4) An alphabetical index of spouses of male Aldersons by maiden name with marriage data.

(5) An alphabetical index of spouses of female Aldersons with marriage data

(6) An index of Aldersons with wartime military service thru World War I (with Civil War data provided by Jeff Alderson).

(7) Indices showing members of major Alderson lines in North America by generation

(8) Statistical tables showing locations of Alderson heads of families by state and county in each decennial census.

Since my database is dynamic, these have not been published, but since 1995 copies have been furnished to the AFHS Records Officers in England and the U.S., and to David Fridley, the

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editor of this newsletter. A copy has also been placed in the LDS Family History Library in Salt Lake City. The data recorded has also been transcribed to draft Family Group Sheets for all families except those descended from John Alderson, which are in David Fridley's database. I will gladly furnish copies to any members who agree to provide me with any missing data that they may have.

This database makes it possible to identify missing census records; that is, heads of families who are known to have been married prior to a census and alive at the time of the census. The latest tabulation shows 11 missing records in 1820, 10 in 1830, 17 in 1840, 9 in 1850, 27 in 1860, 48 in 1870, 34 in 1880, 43 in 1900, 123 in 1910 and 14 in 1920. Many are in the unindexed category. Others may have been missed by the census-taker or have been recorded, but missed or misidentified in the index.

The most curious records are those in which the families were listed with another last name. Here are a few examples; perhaps you will find an ancestor among them.

In the 1850 census of Jefferson Co, TN, no Aldersons are listed in the index, although there were families in the county in both 1840 and 1860. This was the residence of Burzilla Alderson, son of Curtis. I scanned the entire county census several years ago, but found no Aldersons. This summer Jeff Alderson and I independently found that the families were indexed under Allison. Examination of the records shows that was the spelling recorded by the census-taker. The records are clear and there can be no doubt. There are records for three generations: Burzilla, his son Isaac H, and Isaac's son Luke L. Isaac was a Justice of the Peace and performed his son's marriage. This find has added Luke's three sons, Shadrach, Robert and Moses to the list of identified members of the fifth generation of Alderson cousins. These three families lived in Knoxville, TN.

In my article "Early KY Aldersons" in the September 1995 *Alderson Roots & Branches* I listed a number of Aldersons in MO and AR who were born in KY, but whose parents had not been identified. I mentioned Jesse W. Alderson for whom no census records were found until 1880 when he was 60 years old. Jesse's census record has now been located in Lawrence Co, MO in 1860. His name was recorded and in-

dexed as Anderson. This spelling also appears on a plat map showing his early homestead in the Hindsville, Madison Co, AR area.

About this time a descendent of William B. Alderson (b. ca. 1843, MO) wrote that his census record was recorded in 1870 in Carroll Co, AR as Anderson. I searched the county in 1870 and 1880 and received several surprises.

First, I found the record of Armistead Alderson, father of William B. in the same township, also listed as Anderson. Then I found the record of William C. Alderson listed as Alerson. William C. was a civil war veteran from Calloway Co, KY, son of Joseph M. W. Alderson and Elizabeth Erwin.

Jeff Alderson had a fairly complete record of William's family from his civil war pension file, but no census record had ever been found for the family. The census showed three children who were not listed in the pension file (probably they had died by the time the information sheet in it was prepared). Most surprising of all was the find of an 1880 census record for the patriarch, William H. Alderson (again listed as Anderson) who is believed to have been the first Alderson in AR (name on 1838 tax list in Washington Co, AR). No census record for him had been found since 1850, and it was assumed that he had died about that time. The 1880 census record listed William H. as age 85 giving a c1795 birth year. His 1850 record had listed him as 62 giving a c1788 birth year. He had a different wife and a daughter Hattie aged 14 who had married and was living at home with her husband.

There are still missing census records in the Ozark region of Arkansas and Missouri including 1870 and 1880 census records for the family of Samuel E Alderson who was in Madison Co, AR in 1860 and whose last child was born there in 1879 according to an article in the *Madison County Genealogist*. 1850 and 1870 records are still missing for Jesse W. Alderson, 1860 and 1870 records for William H. Alderson and an 1880 record for Armistead Alderson.

There was an 1840 census record in Barry Co, MO for an Anderson Alderson, which is a real puzzler. Was the census taker trying to say the name was either Anderson or Alderson? It shows one male 15-20 and one male 10-15. Could this be William H. Alderson for whom no 1840 census record has been found, or Jesse

Beaulieu Alderson (see next article)? The males in the family of Anderson Alderson in 1840 could be Armistead and Jesse W. Was Samuel E. another brother? Samuel was listed alone in Vicksburg, Adams Co, MS in the 1840 census.

My final census find was in Richmond Co, VA, the original home of the line of Richard Sr. of the Northern Neck. There were no Alderson census records in the county in 1900, but the county records show that the will of Thomas L. Alderson was probated there in 1908. A search of the county turned up the 1900 record for Thomas L. indexed as Anderson. The record was difficult to read and it was easy to see why the indexer had made a mistake. Thomas' death ended the male Alderson line in the county which began at least as early as 1672.

Samuel and Jesse Alderson: An Adopted Line?

by David Fridley

Samuel Alderson was born ca. 1817 in Sumner Co, TN, in the border area where Sumner Co and Simpson Co, KY overlapped. As noted in the previous article by Jim Cross, he moved to Vicksburg, Adams Co., MS by 1840. About 1845, he married Cynthia Brown, by whom he had at least three sons: William, Jesse, and Newton. In 1850 he was in Benton Co, Arkansas, and in 1860 in neighboring Madison Co, Arkansas.

Samuel's wife Cynthia died during a visit to her parents in Missouri in the early 1860s, and Samuel remarried to Elizabeth Seay.

According to a granddaughter of Newton Alderson¹, the family story was that Samuel had brothers in Purdy, Missouri (Barry Co.), but she had been unable to determine Samuel's parentage.

According to Jim Cross's census records, Jesse Alderson (b. ca. 1820) was in Barry Co. in 1880, and I have assumed that he and Samuel may be brothers. Ruby Phillip's family lore also

mentioned Baptist preachers, but it was unclear whether the story was influenced by the knowledge of the Rev. John Alderson line. There were many early Alderson ministers, but mostly in the Rev. John line, and fewer in the "Northern Neck" line that settled the Maury-Davidson-Sumner Co. area of TN into southern Kentucky.

Recently, I ran across a note from Melanie Rawn posted on AOL's genealogy boards. She noted that Jesse Alderson was born Jesse Beaulieu, and was adopted by a minister named Alderson after Jesse's family was killed by Indians. I corresponded with her to see if she had any definitive information that Jesse W. and Samuel were brothers. She replied:

"I think it almost 100% certain that my Jesse Wooldridge Alderson was the brother of Samuel. You mentioned Purdy, MO in your email and that's exactly the place my grandmother was born. Here's the line:

- John Wooldridge = Martha Osborne
- William Wooldridge = Sarah Flournoy
- William Wooldridge = Martha Hudspeth
- Jesse Beaulieu **Alderson** = Rachel Wooldridge
- Jesse Wooldridge **Alderson** = Lavinia Williams
- Samuel Alexander **Alderson** = Mary Caroline Risenhoover
- Stella **Alderson** = Claude Ernest Fisk Sr.
- Alma Fisk = Robert Rawn
- Melanie Rawn

"There's more, but those are the basics. Samuel Alexander had 8 kids, my grandparents had 6, and I have 11 first cousins (plus 24 second cousins, and who knows how many of other varieties).

"Now, if only I could find the Beaulieus. The problem is that I don't know how they pronounced the name. If "Bewley," then they were probably English from Beaulieu Abbey — a group of emigrants came from there. If "Bow-loo," they were probably French and most likely Huguenots. Trouble is, the rest of the family (according to legend) was wiped out in the Indian raid — all young Jesse knew was his name. So I suppose if there's any hope of figuring it

¹ Mrs. Ruby Phillips, Levelland, TX, 1973.

out, it would have to come from someone in a genuine Alderson line who heard tell of an orphan taken in and adopted by an Alderson."

Andrew Patterson Alderson

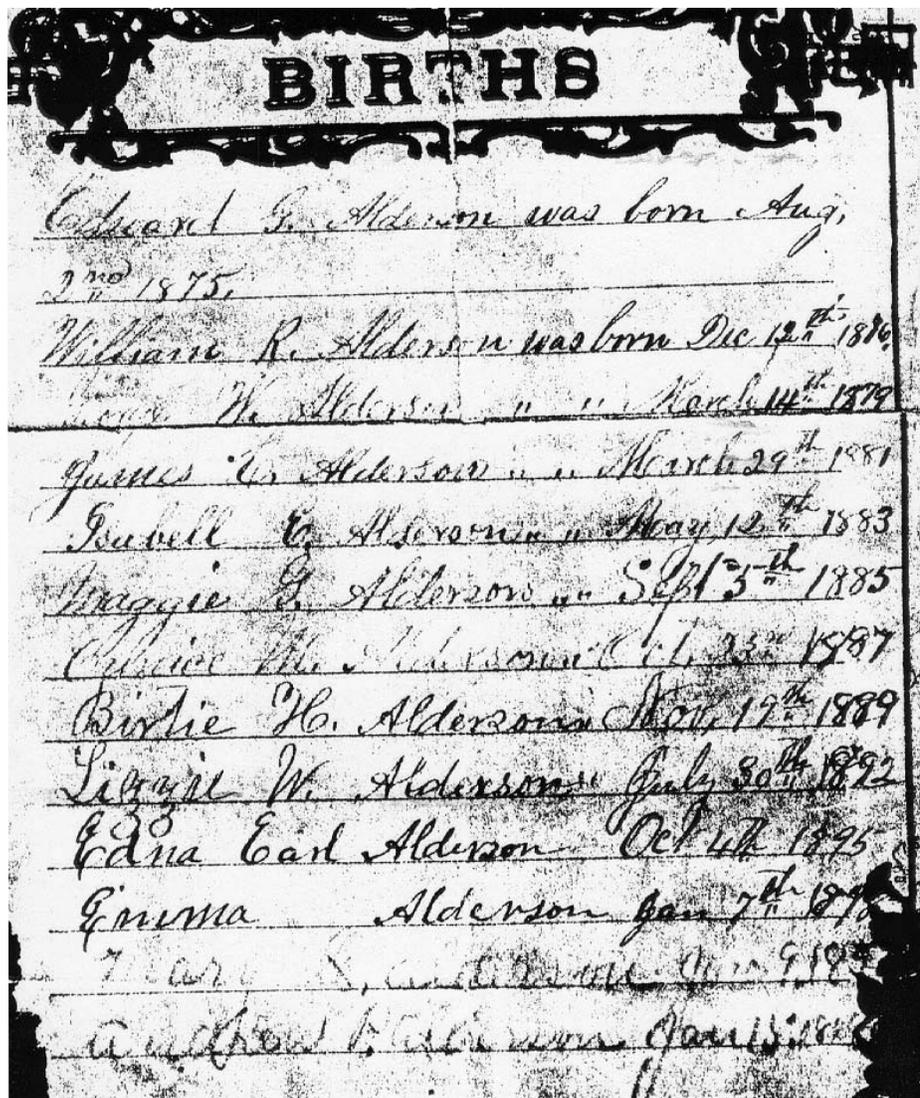
Andrew Patterson Alderson, son of George Washington Alderson, was born 15 January 1848 in Washington Co, VA, where his father George and grandfather Davis Alderson lived. His grandfather Davis, son of Thomas Alderson of Monroe Co., VA, left Monroe Co., VA in 1823 for Washington Co., where he died in 1851 as a result of injuries from falling off a horse.²

Andrew's father, Capt. George W. Alderson, was a merchant and militia leader in Washington Co. during the Civil War. In 1850, he claimed a real estate value of \$5,000, at a time when he had 4 children at home. In total George had 19 children, many of whom left Virginia for Texas.³

Andrew was one of the first children to leave home. According to Andrew's daughter Bertie Alderson Towers, "Andrew ran off

when he was 14 years old and joined the Southern Army. When he came back he married Mary Catherine Culbertson. He was a school teacher in Virginia. When he moved his family to Texas in 1880 he bought 183 acres in Hunt Co., Texas, and became a farmer. Isabell (Belle) was the first child born in Texas.

Andrew read many books and took a lot of his children's names from them. Most of the girls he gave boys' middle names for some un-



Births of Andrew and Mary Alderson's children as recorded in their family bible. The handwriting is Andrew's own.

Contributed by Shirley Mock, Albuquerque, NM

² see "Davis Alderson of Washington Co., VA", *Alderson Roots & Branches*, Vol. 3, No. 3, December 1991.
³ see "Capt. George W. Alderson", *Alderson Roots & Branches*, Vol. 1, No. 4, March 1990.



Alderson Homestead, Apache Valley, Union Co., NM, ca. 1911.

Back row L-R: William Riborn Alderson, Dan Waters, David Emmet Mock, Robert Huffman, Mrs. Love, Eunice Alderson (married to Robert Huffman), Edna Alderson (later married Roy Reeve), Agnes Tompkins (holding baby, married to William Riborn Alderson), Bessie Alderson (baby), Emma Alderson (later married Joe Myers), Bert Alderson (later married Will Towers), Howell Mock (the baby) (Belle & Emmet's son), Belle Alderson (married to Emmet Mock), Maggie Alderson (married to Dan Waters).

Front row L-R: Uhlon Waters (Dan & Agnes' son), Raymond Mock (Belle & Emmet's son), Clyde Alderson (Will & Agnes' son, Andrew Patterson Alderson (sitting), Mary Catherine Culbertson Alderson (sitting), Edna Mock (Belle & Emmet's daughter), Faye Alderson (Will & Agnes' daughter), Oneta Waters (Dan & Maggie's daughter).

There was another brother Ed Alderson not in the picture.

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known reason. Several of Andrew's brothers and sisters were redheads, but none of his own children had red hair. The only one in his family not to have children with red hair.

Emmet Mock (married to Isabell (Belle) Alderson) and Isabell's brother William Alderson came to New Mexico first and homesteaded. They pestered Andrew until he brought his family. He chartered a railroad car. Livestock and all worldly goods were loaded on the car. Bertie Alderson Towers was 17 or 18 years old when they moved, and she remembers not seeing another girl her own age for 17 months after moving.

Andrew was injured when they arrived in Clayton, Union Co., New Mexico. A coach was on the track. Andrew was on the platform of the

caboose when the coach broke loose, and ran into the caboose where he was standing. Andrew fell over backwards onto the coach. He was hurt so badly he was barely conscious, and the officials of the railroad took advantage of the opportunity to have him sign some papers. He later learned it released them of any liability for the injury and all they had to pay him was \$25.00. He was unable to do any hard labor for 10 years. Bertie remembers they (the girls) had to do all of the men's work around the farm.

Andrew was said to have an excellent singing voice. He was Sunday School Superintendent of the Apache Valley School for the last 2 years before he died. It was a school and church combined.



Standing from left: Maggie Alderson Waters, Bert Alderson Towers, Isabell Alderson Mock. Sitting from left: Edna Alderson Reed, Mary Catherine Culbertson Alderson, Emma Alderson Myers. Photo from before 1928.

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Andrew died 4 August 1917 in Clayton, Union Co., New Mexico and is buried in Creed's Chapel, Union Co.

Andrew married Mary Catherine Culbertson on 3 September 1874 in Washington Co., VA.⁴ He and Mary had 11 children:

- **Edward G. Alderson**, b. 2 August 1875, Washington Co., VA, md. Nina Love. Edward and Nina adopted two children.
- **William Riborn Alderson**, b. 12 Dec 1876 in Washington Co., VA, d. 9 Nov 1945, Merit, TX. He married Mary Agnes Tompkins on 1 Nov 1900.
- **George W. Alderson**, b. 14 March 1879, Washington Co., VA. Died at birth
- **James C. Alderson**, b. 29 March 1881, Washington Co., VA, d. 19 Nov 1919, md. Beulah Miles.
- **Isabell Elizabeth Alderson**, b. 12 May 1883, Celeste, Hunt Co., TX, d. 23 June 1964, Clayton, Union Co., NM. She married David Emmet Mock on 19 August 1903 in Celeste, Hunt Co., TX, son of Milton and Mollie (Garrett) Mock.
- **Maggie Glenn Alderson**, b. 5 September 1885, Celeste, Hunt Co., TX, d. 14 January 1947, Clayton, Union Co., NM, md. Daniel Waters.
- **Eunice M. Alderson**, b. 23 October 1887, Celeste, Hunt Co., TX, d. 9 August 1913, md. Robert Huffman.
- **Bertie Howell Alderson**, b. 19 Nov 1889, Celeste, Hunt Co., TX, d. 1 October 1983, Clayton, Union Co., NM, md. William H. Tower.

⁴ Washington Co., VA Marriages, p. 290, l. 112, performed by A. L. Hogshead.

- **Lizzie W. Alderson**, b. 30 July 1892, Celeste, Hunt Co., TX.
- **Edna Earl Alderson**, b. 4 October 1895, Celeste, Hunt Co., TX, d. 1 Feb 1966, Van Nuys, Los Angeles Co., CA, md. J. Roy Reeve.
- **Emma Alderson**, b. 7 January 1898, Celeste, Hunt Co., TX, md. Joe Myers.

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Death of James Alderson

COMMITS SUICIDE

Supt. Alderson of County Home Kills Himself; Temporarily Insane.

Grant County (WI) was shocked on Friday last (19 December 1902) when word was received from the county home that James Alderson, the capable superintendent, had killed himself. The news was received about noon and the particulars were very meager but the fact remained that he was dead. Everybody was sorry. A number here had known that he had been sick for some time with nervous prostration but no one anticipated such an ending. Ever since the death of Mr. Lancaster some time ago, who jumped from the water tower to kill himself, Mr. Alderson has been very melancholy and talked a great deal about it when he did talk. He kept to himself a great deal and did not want anyone to talk business to him. His mental condition undoubtedly was not normal at the time. Mrs. Alderson, knowing his condition, postponed the meeting of the trustees, but they had to meet and on Thursday afternoon, Mr. Grimm, the chairman, met Mr. McArthur at the Home. Mr. Brown was not able to get here being sick himself. On Friday morning, Mr. Alderson appeared to be much better. The trustees and Mrs. Alderson were examining the accounts for the past month. Mrs. Alderson had to go to her room for something. While on the way she heard the shot and screamed and ran to her room to find Mr. Alderson lying on the floor breathing his last. He had shot himself in the

mouth. The excitement was intense for no reason could be assigned for the deed. Word was immediately sent to Lancaster to H. W. Brown, district attorney, who notified Justice Wheeler and a jury was impaneled to hold an inquest. It was composed of Harry Barnett, H. G. Nathan, Art Knapp, Jolm Wright, C. H. Baxter, and Chas. Basford, and their verdict was that the deceased had come to his death by his own hand, while temporarily insane.

Mr. Alderson came from Beetown about eleven years ago to accept the position of county superintendent of the Asylum and County Home. He has been a good and faithful officer, as also has his wife. The Home has been taken care of by this couple as well as anyone could take care of it. The length of time they have been there is the best evidence of that fact. Mr. Alderson was a man who was well liked by all with whom he became intimately acquainted. He was kind hearted and would help any deserving charity. He had been divorced from a first wife who is still living. By that wife we understand he had two children, a boy and a girl. The boy, now a man, is out in the Klondike running a hotel.

Mr. Alderson was about sixty-eight years of age. He was a member of the masons for a long time, joining the order at Potosi, transferring to Beetown. Since coming to Lancaster he intended joining the order there but did not do so. He was buried by the "chapter" on Sunday last. The funeral ceremony took place at the County Home. Father Potter of the Episcopalian church and his choir also attended, performing the ceremony of the church. The body was then carried to the cemetery at British hollow and there placed by the side of the remains of a mother and sister gone before. To say that we will not miss Jim Alderson for some time would be preposterous. It will seem very strange to visitors going to the Home to not see him and his estimable wife there any more. Of course we do not know what Mrs. Alderson may do, but wherever she goes we wish her good luck and sympathize with her in her sorrow. The trustees will miss him, but they have a duty to perform now, that is the choosing of some good man and his wife to take the vacancy. Such is life. Here today and gone tomorrow. We are like the flowers; we grow and bloom for awhile, then decay sets in and we wither and die. May he rest in

peace in that bourne from which there is not return.

[Taken from the front page of the *Fennimore Times*, Wednesday, December 24, 1902, Fennimore, Wisconsin.]

James Alderson was born in England circa 1834. He immigrated to America in 1844 with his father Thomas Alderson. The father died in 1845 shortly after arriving in the United States. The 1850 census shows the family living in Grant County, Wisconsin with Jim's mother, Hannah (Calvert) Alderson, being the head of the household. The 1860 census indicates that James and his older brother Thomas relocated to the California gold country of Placerville, El Dorado Co, CA, where they remained unmarried. James moved back to Wisconsin before 1865 occurred, when he married his first wife, Jennie Wise, with whom he had two children. Jim's brother, Thomas, remained in California for the rest of his life. In 1872, Jim married his second wife, Caroline Dodge who is referred to in the newspaper article. The British Hollow Cemetery mentioned as his burial site is very near Potosi, Wisconsin where James had been a member of the Masonic Temple.

Contributed by Jeff Alderson

ROM, replicating the full image of each census page. Fortunately, the first state compiled for release was Virginia, 1850 census, which contains numerous Aldersons. The price was a modest \$49.99.

The quality of the image on CD is nearly as good as the original, and the software allows you to zoom in and out. You can also copy the page to paste in another document, or print it directly. In some cases, the writing has faded and the names are difficult to read; on others the writing is dark and vibrant. There is a full index to all the individuals enumerated in 1850 Virginia, but as with any compilation, care should be taken to look at alternate spellings (and mis-transcriptions) of family names.

Below is an example of part of a screen from the CD, showing the census entry for the oldest descendant of Rev. John Alderson, Sr. who was alive in 1850--his grandson Davis Alderson, b. 1769 in Maryland and who died in Washington Co, VA in 1851. This census entry from Washington Co, VA, though faint, shows Davis reporting his age as 79 (his birthdate is given on his tombstone), and as born in VA (the entry "dittoed" here from a separate family; his children reported his birth as "Maryland" in the 1880 census). His wife was Elizabeth [Jones], age 53 and born ca. 1797, and with them resided Eliza Gilliland, age 17, probably a live-in housekeeper.

Access to copies of the original census entries is enormously useful. Many of us have relied on published transcripts or other researchers' transcription of census entries, and this medium allows you to quickly check the original writing. Just on a sample check, I have twice already revised some dates in the Alderson gene-

Census on CD-ROM

After all these years of reading microfilm, it's hard to believe that there is a new and more convenient medium to review US Census records. Brøderbund recently released the first in a series of US Census records on CD-

SCHEDULE I. Free Inhabitants in Washington **in the County of** Washington **State** 119
of 2 enumerated by me, on the 30th day of Aug 1850. W. C. Cummings Ass't Marshal.

Dwellings, houses, or other places of abode, numbered in the order of visitation.	Family numbered in order of visitation.	The Name of every Person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1850, was in this family.	DESCRIPTION.			Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each Male Person over 15 years of age.	Value of Real Estate owned.	PLACE OF BIRTH. Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Married within the year.	Attended School within the year.	Persons over 20 years of age who cannot read & write.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.
			Age.	Sex.	White, Black, or Mulatto.							
44	775	Davis Alderson	79	M								
45		Elizabeth	59	F								
46		Eliza Gilliland	17	F								

alogy, where it was obvious that the transcriber I had relied on had erred or the information had later been mistyped.

More information can be found at <http://www.familytreemaker.com/census.html> or by writing Brøderbund at PO Box 6125, Novato, CA 94948-6125.

The 12 Most Wanted Alderson Ancestors

by Jim Cross

The parents of the following twelve Alderson heads of families have not been identified. There are over 150 heads of families recorded that are descended from one of the twelve. These account for more than a third of the families that cannot be traced back to an immigrant ancestor and there are active researchers in each line seeking the names of the missing ancestors. Possible parentage clues for each are shown in italics. Families are shown with their family numbers from my database. Please use these in communicating with me about these families.

1. Q5034 **Richard C. Alderson** (1799-????). Born in VA. Married Malinda Ingram in 1836 in Floyd Co, IN. Moved to Orange Co, IN by 1850 and lived there the rest of his life. Might be son of Q5017 William Alderson, whose 1810 census shows one son 10-16. William's brother Q5016 John A had son Q5044 Richard C born in 1806. *Might be significant that when Q5201 Samuel B. Alderson, son of Q5020 Jeremiah, another brother of William, eloped in 1828 he went to Floyd Co, IN to get married.*
2. Q5035 **Wilkins Alderson** (pre 1800-????). Probably born in VA. Married Elizabeth Thacker in 1822 in Cumberland Co, VA. Listed in 1830 census in that county. Son Q5073 John A moved to Jefferson Co, MO and most descendants lived there or in St. Louis. *Might be son of Q5009 John who was on early tax list of Cumberland Co.*
3. Q5037 **William Alderson** (1802-1870+). Born in VA. Died sometime after 1870 census. Married Frances Daniel 1825 in Halifax Co, VA. Lived in Pittsylvania Co, VA. Several sons served in Civil War from VA. *Probably the brother of Q5038 Poindexter (Poindexter might be mother's maiden name).*
4. Q5042 **William Alderson** (pre 1775-1830). Birth state unknown, but first children born in SC. Wife's maiden name was Orr, but first name unknown. Ten children. Moved to Sumner Co, TN by 1803 when he purchased 100 acres of land. Died in 1830 in Sumner Co, TN leaving a will. *Might be the William Alderson who was mentioned in the will of Q5012 Benedict in York Co, SC in 1795. If so, first wife may have been Benedict's oldest daughter.*
5. Q5045 **Horace B. Alderson** (1813-1870+). Born in VA. Was in Cole Co, IL by 1840. Name of first wife unknown. Married Mary Fleming 1850 in Vermillion Co, IN and lived there rest of his life. *Might be son of Q5017 William Alderson, whose 1820 census shows one son under 10 in family. Might be brother of Q5034 Richard C., listed above.*
6. Q5058 **Josiah Alderson** (1804-1857). Born in NC. (some sources say SC). First wife was Polly Boyles, place of marriage unknown. Was in Henry Co, TN in 1840 and 1850 censuses. Married second wife Emily Sparkman in Maury Co, TN in 1842. Oldest son served in Civil War from TN and has pension file. Sons of second marriage moved to MO and later to Brown Co, TX. *Only other Josiah Alderson was Q5024, son of Q5010 Jeremiah. Might be his son.*
7. Q5062 **William Alderson** (1807-1860+). Born in SC. Married Jane Hall in Garrard Co, KY in 1828. Settled in Mercer Co, KY. Most sons moved to IN, but one remained in Mercer Co, KY. Died sometime after the 1860 census. *Might be son of Q5055 William who had 2 sons 5-10 in 1810 census.*
8. Q5069 **Samuel E. Alderson** (1817-1860+). Born in TN. First wife was Cynthia Brown. Was in Adams Co, MS by 1840, Benton Co, AR by

1850 and Madison Co, AR by 1860. Married second wife Elizabeth Seay in AR. Died sometime after 1860 census. *Might be significant that Q5056 Benjamin A. and another unmarried male, Albert were also in Adams Co, MS in 1840. Benjamin A.'s parents are also unknown. See article p. 27.*

9. V5225 **John Alderson** (1810-1881). Born in TN. Married Susannah Edwards in Maury Co, TN in 1830. Moved to Marion Co, IL by 1840 where he resided until his death. *Might be son of Q5018 Robert or Q5017 William, both of who had sons 15-20 in 1830 census.*

10. V5234 **Armistead Alderson** (1826-????). Born in TN. Was in Barry Co, MO by 1850 census. First wife was named Elizabeth. Married second wife Malinda Doss in Barry Co, MO in 1860. Family settled in Madison Co, AR. *May be brother of Q5069 Samuel E. Only other occurrences of the name Armistead are known descendants of Q5012 Benedict Alderson.*

11. V5246 **Richard C. Alderson** (1825-????). Born in TN. Married Mary Nelms, date and place unknown. Was in Fannin Co, TX by 1850 census. Descendents lived in TX and OK. *No clues.*

12. W5280 **Mitchell Alderson** (1834-1913). Born in OH. Married Belinda Ruckman 1856 in Warren Co, IN. Was in Floyd Co, IN in 1860 census. Moved to Kankakee Co, IL. Sons settled in IL, IA and MN. *Possibly son of Q5023 Richard who was in Ross Co, OH in 1830 or R5196 Solomon L who was in Montgomery Co, OH in 1830. Parents of neither of these have been identified.*

If anyone has further information on these families, please contact Jim Cross at Box 2245 El Cajon, CA 92021, or at jimacross@funtv.com.

Jim Cross has posted this list along with other Alderson family discussions at his new home page at:
<http://users.funtv.com/~jimacross/HOME.HTM>

Aldersons in the *San Francisco Call*

Jim W. Faulkinbury, CGRS and FEEFHS, has compiled a web-base finding aid to over 108,000 vital events recorded in the *San Francisco Call* during the ten year period 1875-1884. Most events are for San Francisco area births, marriages, and deaths. However many records are for events throughout California and beyond. It is estimated that 5% of the events took place in other states or countries but were of interest to San Francisco residents. Deaths at sea were also reported by the ships coming into the port of San Francisco. The address is: <http://www.feefhs.org/fdb2/7584/7584-002.html>.

Name	Event and Year	Spouse or Age	Record No.	Editor Note
Alderson, Emma	married in 1878	Freeman, Frank	1878M-35	unidentified
Alderson, Fred. L.	married in 1883	Sharp, Minnie	1883M-37	b. 1852 PA, s/o John Alderson (UK)
Alderson, Joseph	married in 1884	Wonderly, Mary	1884M-42	Eldorado Co, CA in 1880?
Alderson, son of H.E	born in 1880		1880B-25	s/o Hiram E. (see below)
Alderson, son of Thomas	born in 1880		1880B-26	s/o Thomas Alderson (UK)
Alderson, dau of R.S.	born in 1881		1881B-29	d/o R.S., b. 1853 WI
Alderson, dau of F.L.	born in 1885		1885B-27	d/o Frederick L. (see above)
Alderson, Alice	died in 1883	age 24	1883D-37	unidentified
Alderson, Hiram E.	died in 1884	age 32	1884D-41	b. 1852 MO, s/o William W., s/o Hiram

John Alderson Marriage Bond, 1805

KNOW all men by these presents, that we *John Alderson & Robert Gwinn*
are held and firmly bound unto *John Tyler*
Esquire, Governor of Virginia, and his successors, for the use of the commonwealth, in the sum of one
hundred and fifty dollars, to which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, execu-
tors and administrators jointly and severally, firmly by these presents. Sealed and dated this *20th*
day of *March* 18*10*

THE condition of the above obligation is such that whereas a marriage is shortly intended to be solemnised between the above bound *John Alderson and Peggy*

Walker

of *Monroe* County, if therefore, there shall be no lawful cause to obstruct the said marriage, then the above obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Signed, Sealed and delivered }
in the presence of }

John Alderson 
Robert Gwinn 

At the time of this marriage, three known John Aldersons were living in Monroe Co., VA. First was the Rev. John Alderson, Jr., age 72, a widower; his son, John "River Jack" Alderson, age 27, who had married Jane Walker in Monroe Co. in 1805; and John "Major Jack" Alderson, son of Thomas Alderson, age 31. There is no clear indication on the bond which John is referred to here, but several assumptions can be made. There is no record of the Rev. John Alderson, Jr. marrying after the death of his wife Mary Carroll Alderson in 1805, and this bond is unlikely to be his. His son John "River Jack" was married to Jane Walker in 1805. Jane could have died prior to 1810 and John remarried to Peggy, but there are no information in support of this idea. It would be useful to see the death entries of John's children Albert (d. 1872, Monroe Co.), Malinda (Callison, d. 1891, Nicholas Co.), or Louisa (Newman, d. 1898, prob. Roanoke Co, VA), to see who was listed as mother and father. The most likely identification of this marriage is Thomas's son Major Jack Alderson, who also married Nancy Johnson in 1826 in Monroe Co. John and Nancy had one daughter Augusta, who was enumerated with the family in 1850 Monroe Co. There are no indications of children from the marriage of John and Peggy Walker Alderson. Unfortunately, John "Major Jack" Alderson does not appear in the Monroe census records of 1810 or 1820, so no record exists of his household at that time.

The Robert Gwinn who cosigned the bond with John Alderson is unidentified, but is probably the son of James Gwinn, who settled on Kelly's Creek, on the south side of the Greenbrier River in Greenbrier Co. (now Monroe) about 1770. On 26 October 1811, his brother, Samuel Gwinn conveyed land to his son Samuel Jr., and the deed was witnessed by Joseph Alderson, George Alderson, John Gwinn and O. Towles.⁵ A Robert Gwinn died in Monroe Co. in 1841.

□ James Miller, *History of Summers Co., WV*, 1908, p. 663.

Editor's Corner

As you all are aware, I have put the newsletter on hiatus for the past 8 months while I busied myself with work and travel. In just 6 months, I logged over 75,000 miles in the air, and simply was unable to maintain the work on the newsletter. I can't promise that this will not happen again, but prospects for 1998 are favorable to having time to write, expand the web site, and work through the Alderson history draft (now 350+ pages). I apologize to all of you for the long delay in resuming publication, and hope you will be patient as I work through the backlog of material here.

I am also looking forward to expanding the functionality of the Alderson web site. From a simple text page a year ago, the site has grown to encompass the genealogies of the Rev. John Alderson and of Richard Alderson of the Northern Neck of

Virginia, links to other Alderson researchers, and a growing number of census, birth, death, cemetery and marriage records. The data are presented in table form, which is a bit slower in loading, but easy to create. If anyone would like to contribute some Alderson vital records you have compiled (county births, deaths, marriages, land records), I can post it very quickly if a file is provided in Excel or 123 spreadsheet form as the table template. I have organized the material by county and state. To date, the site has been visited nearly 1,500 times.

Again, I extend my apologies for the long hiatus in publication. If only I had won the \$100 million California lottery last week, I could have all the time I needed to do Alderson research!

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is a quarterly newsletter of *Alderson Cousins*, the family association devoted to research and discussion on the history and genealogy of the Alderson family, particularly the families of John Alderson, Sr., born 1699, Yorkshire, England, died 1780, Botetourt Co. VA, and Richard Alderson (d. ca. 1698, Richmond Co., VA. The genealogy can be found at <http://www.slip.net/~dgf/Alderson/>.

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