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Davis Alderson of Washington Co., VA

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Davis Alderson, eldest son of Thomas and Hannah (Davis) Alderson, was born in 1768 in Hartford Co., Maryland — where his grandfather John Davis had his church — and died in Washington Co., Virginia in 1851. Davis was among the first of Thomas' children to leave the Monroe-Greenbrier region; in 1823, he left Monroe and ventured southwest to Washington Co., VA. His departure from Monroe, in addition to the early death of some of his children, has made it difficult to ascertain his entire family group, but research into the records of Washington Co. and Russell Co., VA has uncovered a number of revealing documents that have provided additional clues.

Davis was a young boy when his father Thomas came to Greenbrier Co. about 1782. There he was

married, by his uncle the Rev. John Alderson, to Leah Carroll, daughter of Joseph Carroll, on 15 September 1788.¹ Leah lived until about 1810, and Davis remarried in 1814. His second wife was a widow, Mrs. Catherine Thrasher Stever, daughter of Christopher Thrasher of Botetourt Co., VA.² Davis is enumerated in the 1810 and 1820 Monroe Co., VA censuses, but, perhaps at the lead of his sons Thomas and Joseph, he left Monroe for Washington Co., VA in 1823.

Catherine evidently died before 20 September 1839 when Davis married a third time to Elizabeth Jones, who survived him.³ Davis died 14 November 1851 from pneumonia brought on by injuries from a fall from his horse.⁴ He left a will at his death, in which he named the following persons:⁵

- Wife (unnamed);
- Son George W. Alderson;
- Daughter Leah Redwine;
- Son Abel Alderson;
- Son John Alderson;
- Son Christopher Alderson;
- 4 granddaughters, namely:
 - 2 daughters of my deceased son William;
 - Wife of Samuel W. Aston;
 - Wife of Christopher Frick.

In 1853, the surviving children of Davis Alderson conveyed title to a tract of land in Washington Co. that Davis had sold to Andrew Edmondson while he was alive but failed to convey. This deed names "Abel Alderson, Christopher Alderson, George W. Alderson, John D. Alderson, Rolling R. Redwine, and Leah his wife of the first part"⁶

The known family of Davis and Leah (Carroll) Alderson include the following:

1. **William Alderson.** Son William is known only through his mention in Davis' will. He was probably born in Greenbrier Co. in the 1790s and

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1 Greenbrier Co VA Marriages; "A Book Containing the Marriages By Me, John Alderson" in *William and Mary Quarterly*, Ser 2, Vol 8, 1928, p200; the date 15 Sept. 1789 appears in the listing in the *Journal of the Greenbrier Historical Society*, 1988, p. 18.

2 Catherine first married Henry STEVER, marriage bond dated 22 February 1803, by the Rev. John Helms. Bondsman, Christopher THRASHER, father (John Vogt & T. William Kethley, *Botetourt County Marriages*, Iberian Pub. Co., Athens, GA, 1987, Vol. 1, p. 284). Her marriage to Davis from Monroe Co., (W)V Marriages, F2, J1042.

3 Washington Co., VA Marriages, Book 2, p. 16, by Rev. Alexander McEwen.

4 See "Out of the Past," *AR&B* March 1990, p. 2, letter from Christopher Alderson to Frances Alderson and photo of tombstone.

5 Washington Co., VA Wills, Book 12, pp. 174-177, dated 2 July 1851, probated 24 Nov 1851. Wtn: John S. Clark, William Graham.

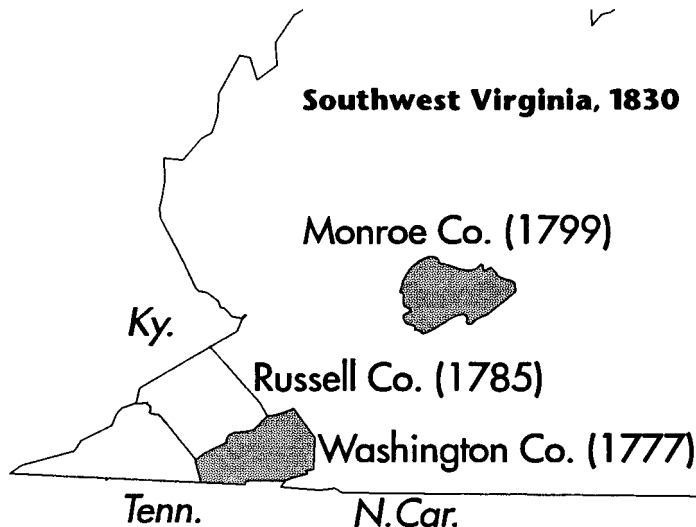
6 Washington Co., VA Deeds, 25 November 1853.

was dead by 1850. It is not known whom he married, nor can the two daughters mentioned in Davis's will be further identified. No probate records for William exist in Monroe Co. or Russell Co.; William may have settled and died in Washington Co.

2. Thomas Alderson. Son Thomas was likely born as well in the 1790s in Greenbrier Co., and he died in Russell Co., VA in 1822. In a Power of Attorney from Thomas CREIGH to Thomas C. McCLEERY, well-known merchant of Greenbrier Co., dated 31 August 1822 and granted 5 Nov 1822 in Russell Co., VA Court, Thomas Creigh mentions that his is the "surviving partner of Thomas ALDERSON, deceased, lately carrying on trade in the town of Lebanon, in the County of Russell. . . under the name and firm of Alderson and Creigh." A Bill of Sale of Thomas Alderson's estate was drawn up on 5 October 1822;⁸ among those purchasing items from Thomas' estate were James P. CARRELL (an andiron, oven and lid for \$2.75), Harvey GRAY (the *American Orator* for \$1), and Joseph ALDERSON (\$25). This Joseph Alderson was probably Thomas's brother Joseph. The Memorandum was signed by Mary Jane ALDERSON [widow] and James P. CARRELL. Were these Carrells related to Leah CARROLL, Thomas's mother, or was his wife perhaps a CARROLL?

Russell Co. records also reveal a suit of 20 April 1838 between Thomas CREIGH, Samuel W. ASTON, and Louisa C., "his wife, formerly Louisa C. ALDERSON," against John JESSEE Jr. and Mary his wife, "formerly Mary ALDERSON, widow of Thomas ALDERSON, deceased," and Thomas C. ALDERSON, "infant son of said Thomas ALDERSON"⁹ (*infant* is a legal term referring to minors under the age of 18; this indicates that Thomas C. was born between 1820 and 1822).

Thomas C. ALDERSON left his will in Russell Co., VA, dated 8 February 1841 and proved 3 March 1841. He lists beneficiaries: Marg. Jane ASTON and Isabella Elvira ASTON "daughters of my sister Louisa C. ASTON." Executor was Samuel W. ASTON, brother-in-law and father of legatees. John JESSEE was named as step-father of Thomas C. Witnesses were James P. CARRELL and Henry D. ASTON.¹⁰ Thomas C. evidently did not marry nor have children.



Since Thomas C. was previously named as son of Thomas ALDERSON, and Louisa C. is here named as sister of Thomas, their identity as children of the Thomas ALDERSON who died in 1822 is established. According to her obituary in 1852, Louisa C. ASTON "died at her residence in Lebanon, Russell Co., VA of Pulmonary consumption. . . consort of Samuel W. ASTON. Sister Aston was born on the 5th of May 1821 and was married in 18-- , joined the Methodist Church about 1841 or 42-- professed religion about '45 and on Friday Morning the 23rd of April left the confines of earth for the felicities of heaven."¹¹

One confusing issue is the identity of Thomas' wife. In a number of records, Thomas' wife has been named as "Mary" and "Mary Jane," but according to Norman Hemphill, about 1925, Margaret Jane (Aston) McCleary told her granddaughter Gladys Virginia (Hemphill) Gilliland that her grandmother's name was "Margaret JESSIE." I have no basis to explain this discrepancy. It is not known when Thomas' widow remarried to John JESSE, Jr. or whether they had additional children.

3. Mary Alderson. Mary Alderson may have been born about 1798 in Greenbrier Co. She married John Wesley TACKETT in Monroe Co., VA, in 1819.¹² Mary and John stayed in Monroe Co. until sometime after 1840, when the family emigrated

7 Russell Co., VA, Will Book 4A, p. 67.

8 Russell Co., VA, Will Book 4A, p. 78.

9 I have not seen the original records pertaining to this suit; an extract of the entry was provided by Norman Hemphill without further citation.

10 Russell Co., VA, Will Book 5, p. 233.

11 Transcript by Norman Hemphill of newspaper clipping of obituary in Louisa's family Bible, in possession of America Gray, Lebanon, VA, 1971.

12 Monroe Co., (W)V Marriages, F3 J1948.

to Missouri. Mary died about 1842, perhaps in Johnson Co., MO.

4. Joseph Alderson. Son Joseph died in Russell Co., VA in 1828 and is thus not mentioned in Davis's will. His estate settlement in Russell Co., VA reads in part:

In Obedience to a decretal order of the County Court of Russell County for that purpose. I have proceeded to state, audit and settle the accounts of Abel ALDERSON and John JESSEE, administrators of Joseph ALDERSON, deceased, and beg leave to submit the following statement from which it will appear that the assets which came into the hands of the administrators amounts to the sum of \$4,218.93½, disbursements to the sum of \$3,455.03, leaving a balance due the estate in the hands of the administrators of \$763.90½

Of which sum Henry D. ASTON in right of his wife Margaret A. ASTON formerly widow of the said Joseph ALDERSON, will be entitled to \$254.63¼ and Catherine, the only heir of the said Joseph ALDERSON, will be entitled to the residue of \$509.37¼. The administrator agrees to release that part of his commissions which would be charged to the child, being ⅔ thereof, which would add to her portion the sum of \$105.86.

All which respectfully submitted, Nov. 16, 1833. (Signed) G. Hopkins¹³

Among the payees from Joseph's estate were: (in 1828) Thomas CREIGH, one half of capital advanced by him for Joseph ALDERSON deceased, as per Rect. No. 1, \$2,500.00; Thomas CREIGH and A. ALDERSON, surviving partners of J. and A. ALDERSON & Co. as per Rect. No. 2, \$147.34; paid for coffin and funeral charges (by E.D. KERNAN), \$17.00; A. ALDERSON & Co. for note executed by Jos. ALDERSON & Co. to John SCOTT, \$16.39; (in 1829) Sheldon THOMPSON for Tombstones, as per rec't no. 9, \$12; John M. PRESTON for Doctor SNEAD for medical services, as per order No. 11, \$47.42.

Joseph's daughter Catherine is evidently the "granddaughter, wife of Christopher FRICK" mentioned in Davis' will. Christopher FRICK died before 1861, when Catherine married David VARCEIL of Illinois.¹⁴ She is listed as a widow, age 33, born Russell Co., VA, daughter of "Joseph and Elizabeth

Alderson." I have no further information on Joseph's wife Margaret to explain this discrepancy. The marriage record may be in error—Catherine's mother-in-law was also named Elizabeth—or Margaret was "Margaret Elizabeth" or "Elizabeth Margaret." It seems unlikely that Joseph married twice, since Catherine, based on her age at remarriage, would have been born about 1827 or 1828 and must have only been a small infant when her father died. Catherine is named as the "only heir," so Joseph had no other surviving children. Margaret's name and birthdate could be cross-checked with the 1850 Russell Co., VA, census, assuming she was still there and still married to Henry D. ASTON.

5. Leah Alderson. Leah is named in her father's will. She was married on 23 October 1833, Washington Co., VA to Rolling R. REDWINE.¹⁵ I have no further information on her family.

6. Abel Alderson. Abel is named in his father's will. According to the 1850 Russell Co., VA census, Abel was born in Kanawha Co., VA, ca. 1803 (age 47). I find no other record indicating a Monroe birth. His wife is listed as Elizabeth D., age 46, born in VA. The family was living in Russell Co. in 1860 as well.¹⁶

Abel died 27 September 1866 in Russell Co. In the Appraisal of Estate of Abel Alderson, dated 17 November 1866, notes owed to the estate were held by C. and G.W. ALDERSON; O.H. FRICK (a relation [nephew?] to the FRICK who married Catherine, daughter of Joseph?); William F. JESSE (a relation to John JESSE Jr., who married Margaret, widow of Thomas ALDERSON?); S.W. ASTON; and ALDERSON & ASTON, among others. The administrators of the estate were J. D. ALDERSON and WJ. DICKENSON.¹⁷

7. Christopher Alderson. Christopher was Davis's first child by his wife Catherine THRASHER STEVER. He was born in Monroe Co. on 15 December 1816 and died 21 July 1889 in Washington Co., VA. His biography was reprinted in the March 1990 issue of the newsletter.

8. John D. Alderson. John [Davis?] Alderson was born about 1819 in Monroe Co., VA. He was married in Washington Co., VA on 4 April 1839 to Martha GRAHAM.¹⁸ In 1860, John and Martha were living in Russell Co., where John died in 1867.

9. George W. Alderson. George was Davis's youngest child, born 7 January 1820 in Monroe

13 Russell Co., VA, Will Book 4A, pp. 655-59.

14 Washington Co., VA Marriages, 28 Feb. 1861. See "Washington Co., VA Marriages, 1785-1912," *AR&B* June 1990, p. 7.

15 Washington Co., VA Marriages.

16 See "1860 Russell Co., VA Census," *AR&B* March 1990, p. 5.

17 Russell Co., VA Will Book 8, pp. 84-89.

18 Washington Co., VA Marriages.

Co., VA, and died 20 April 1893 in Washington Co., VA. His biography also appears in the March 1990 issue of the newsletter.

The early census records for Davis and family appear incomplete. The 1810 Monroe Co., VA census lists one male, ae 10-15 (Thomas, William, or Joseph?), and one ae 26-44 (Davis), with perhaps one female, ae 0-9, (transcript unclear) (Mary or Leah?). In 1820, there are 2 males under 10 (Christopher and John?), 1 male 45 and up (Davis); 1 female under 10 (?), 1 female 16-25 (Leah), 1 female 26-45 (Catherine).

In 1810, the eldest of Davis's sons may have already left Monroe for southwest Virginia; this move may have prompted Davis to leave Monroe in 1823. Missing in 1810 is one of the daughters (Mary didn't marry until 1819), and evidently Leah (Carroll) Alderson had already died.

Alderson Citations and Wills

Susan Sharp of the Alderson Family History Society of England, who alerted me to the biography of the Rev. John Alderson in the 1881 edition of the *Baptist Encyclopedia*,¹⁹ has also written to ask about the following references in Virginia historical journals (as indexed in *Swem's*) concerning the Rev. John Alderson:

- *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, Vol. 6, 1899, p. 163, "An Alphabetical Poll for Frederick County, Taken the 24th Day of July, 1758."

This article presents the list of electors in Frederick Co., VA who voted for Col. George

19 See *AR&B*, June 1991, pp. 7-8.

Technical Note

A number of readers have inquired about the hardware and software I use to create the newsletter and to maintain the Alderson database. I've noticed a growing number of people turning to computers to manage their research, and this now allows additional ways to share results and information. The computer provides a means to manipulate all types of information, easing the process of publication and dissemination. It also can store this information in a much less voluminous manner, facilitating exchange. Nevertheless, not all hardware and software is created the same—different standards and different languages still inhibit computer-to-computer communication.

The basic hardware setup I use is an i486 clone with 8 MB of RAM and a 150 MB hard drive. This is connected to a HP LaserJet III with Postscript option and to a HP Scan Jet Plus. It is also equipped with a 2400 bps modem and a XLI LaserPix greyscale printer board. This allows me to put together the newsletter entirely at a desk without having to fool with the expense of halftoning or manual paste ups. Unfortunately, the weak link in this production line is the final photocopying; Xerox has yet to provide copier quality to even match a laser printer!

For software, I have used Commsoft's Roots III genealogy software for some time. The current

version supports a database of 64,000 individuals—though I'm now only reaching 10,000. I also use Commsoft's Sesame and Rplot software for research and printing work. The basic content of each issue of the newsletter is composed in Word Perfect 5.1, and I use Xerox's Ventura Publisher 3.0 for Windows for page layout. Other software tools include CorelDraw for maps and clip art, HP Scanning Gallery for scanning bitmapped images, Superbase 4 for the membership database, and Quicken for Windows for tracking finances. Some printed material is scanned directly into WordPerfect through OmniPage optical character recognition software.

Roots III supports GEDCOM, the LDS standard for genealogy database conversion. If any of you are using software that supports GEDCOM imports or exports, I would be happy to provide you with a copy of the relevant portions of the Alderson database. Although some information is lost in these conversions (particularly customized fields such as "moved" or "military"), the basic statistics and external fields are fully converted. If you are interested, just drop me a line and let me know of your interest, the software you are using, and the size of diskette your computer uses. Similarly, I would be interested in "grafting" any new branches from other researchers onto the existing database!

Washington in elections to the Virginia House of Burgesses in 1758. Sixth on Washington's list is "Rev. John Alderson." As was allowed by law, John Alderson also cast a second vote for Col. Martin. The original list, found among the Washington papers in the State Department in 1898, was in Washington's own handwriting.

- *William & Mary College Quarterly Historical Magazine* (2nd series), Vol. 3, (year?), p. 38, "French and Indian War Historical Notes."

This article includes the following statement: "A sketch of Rev. John Alderson show that the Baptist Congregation on Linville's Creek was broken up by the Indians in 1757. See Taylor's *Lives of Virginia Baptist Ministers*. The record in the suit of Hogg vs. Bird also shows that a fort was built in this neighborhood (Brock's Gap) to protect against the Indians, and it may therefore be safely stated that this incursion was in the the general neighborhood of Timberville, Rockingham Co., Va."

- *William & Mary College Quarterly Historical Magazine* (2nd series), Vol. 6, (year?), p. 42, "Quaker Pioneers of the Rockingham Area."

This article states: "The marriage record of the Rev. John Alderson, Jr., second pastor of the Linville Creek Baptist Church, now in possession of the Baptist Historical Society at the University of Richmond, Va., recites the marriage."

- *William & Mary College Quarterly Historical Magazine* (2nd series), Vol. 8, 1928, pp. 194-202, "A Book Containing the Marriages by Me, John Alderson."

The transcribed listing is prefaced: "The Rev. John Alderson, Jr., succeeded his father, the Rev. John Alderson, Sr., as pastor of the Linville Creek Baptist Church in Rockingham Co., Shenandoah Valley, Virginia." The article notes that a photostat copy of the book is in the Library of the Pennsylvania Genealogical Society in Philadelphia, a typewritten copy at the Library of Congress, and that the list was also published in the *History of the Greenbrier Baptist Church*. The first marriage recorded in the book is that of James [Sconee?] and Elisabeth Miller, 4 January 1776.

Susan also indicated that she would like to collect copies of the wills of Virginia Aldersons for the Society, as listed in Clayton Torrence, *Virginia Wills and Administrations, 1632-1800, 1972*:

Botetourt Co:

- *James Alderson, 1775, inventory
- *John Alderson, 1780, will

Cumberland Co.:

- *Richard Alderson, 1789, will

Essex Co.:

- James Alderson, 1732, inventory
- Ann Alderson, 1733, inventory

Lancaster Co.:

- *Richard Alderson, 1698/9, will

Princess Ann Co.:

- Worsell Alderson, 1754, will

Richmond Co.:

- Teliff Alderson Jr., 1718, will
- John Alderson, 1751, inventory
- Richard Alderson, 1757, will
- James Alderson, 1785, will
- James Alderson, 1790, will
- William Alderson, 1790, will
- Mary Alderson, 1799, inventory
- Jeremiah Alderson, 1799, inventory

Surry Co.:

- William Alderson, 1683/4, will

Westmoreland Co.:

- *George Alderson, 1714, will
- Jane Alderson, 1729, inventory

Entries marked with a "*" are among those that I already have copies of, but I would like to expand our archives of Alderson and Alderson-related wills. If you have collected family probate records in the course of your research and are willing to make an extra copy, I would be greatly appreciative. I can provide an index of the collection as well as transcriptions for the newsletter. I will also forward a copy of each to Susan Sharp to assist in expanding the records of the British Society.

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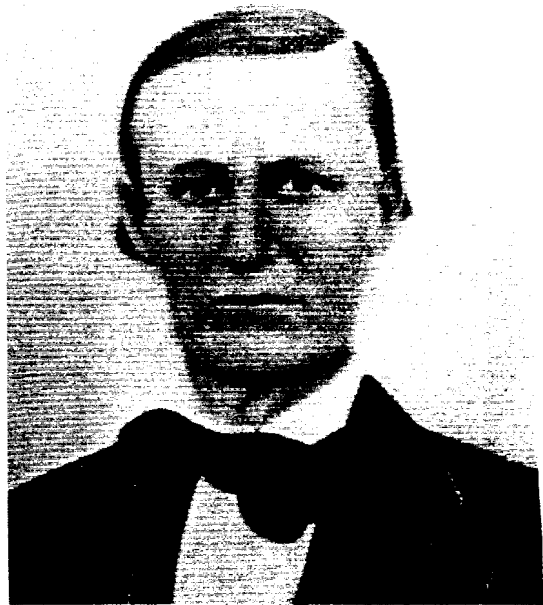
Need information on James Campbell ALDERSON, b. 13 October 1861 in Missouri, married ca. 1889/90 Dora Bell FINN. The family was located in Lawrence Co., MO in 1900. James' is said to have been the 13th child and the son of a minister. In 1900 Lawrence, there is also a Jesse W. ALDERSON, b. Aug. 1820, KY, with wife Vina, b. April 1826, TN. Is this the Rev. J.W. ALDERSON listed in Dade Co., MO records 1863-1872, and is Jesse the father of James Campbell? Bill Zellers, 5530 Via Dos Cerros, Riverside, CA 92507.

Album

Photo

As part of what I hope will become a regular feature in the newsletter, I am introducing a feature where readers can share photographs of their Alderson ancestors and families. As the old adage goes, "A picture is worth a thousand words;" this saying holds especially true for genealogists. Pictures serve to awaken our sense of the humanity and individuality of our ancestry, replacing names, dates, and census entries with a more personal view of the lives that came before us. Photographs are

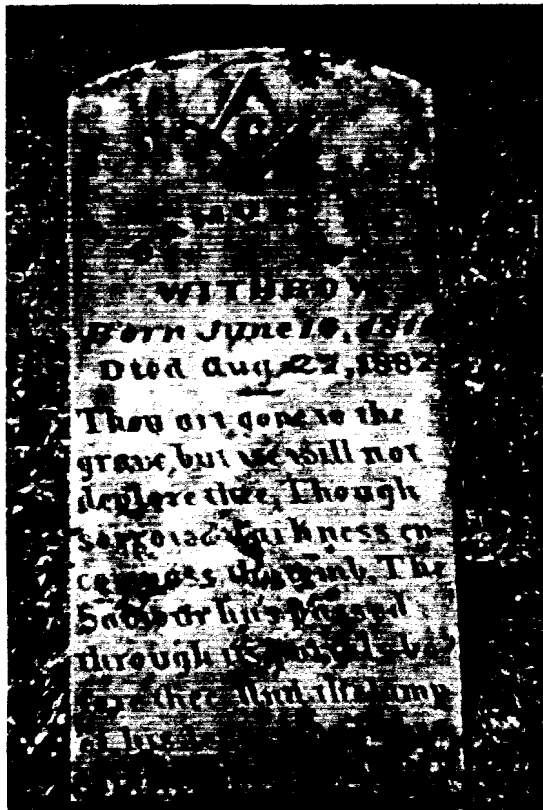
very evocative—who doesn't look at a century-old photograph and wonder what life was really like back then?



Samuel Harrison Withrow

To start off the series, I have included the picture of a portrait of my closest "Alderson" ancestor—Samuel Harrison Withrow, the son of Robert and Jane (Alderson) Withrow. Robert and Jane both were born in 1771 and died in 1860 in Greenbrier Co., VA; Jane was the daughter of Thomas and Hannah (Davis) Alderson. Robert Withrow, who married Jane Alderson in 1789, was—like the Aldersons themselves—originally from the Wolf Creek District of what is now Monroe County. He and Jane settled in the Lick Creek region of western Greenbrier (now Summers) County by 1800, joining other early settlers such as the Duncans, Millers, as well as Curtis Alderson, Jane's half-brother.

Samuel Harrison Withrow was born on Lick Creek on 16 June 1811 and was the youngest child of Robert and Jane. In 1829 he married Sarah Kincaid (there is some question as to her surname), by whom he had 5 children. Sarah died in 1846 and Samuel remarried three years later to Amanda Martha Smith (1832-1924) of Fayette County, daughter of Elijah and Mary Anne (Fink) Smith. Samuel and Amanda had seven children, including my great-great grandmother, Martha Ellen Withrow (1865-1957). Sam died 27 August 1887 at his home on Lick Creek, Summers County and is buried next to his first wife at the Halidon Cemetery atop a beautiful knoll near Green Sulphur Springs.



Tombstone of Samuel H. Withrow

(photo by Gaye Whitehead, Daniels, WV)

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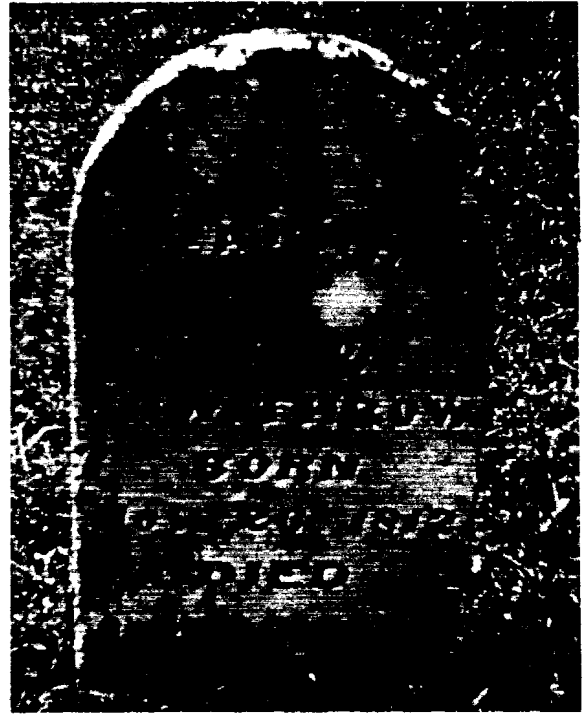
The *History of Summers County* records the following biography of Samuel:

The fifth son [of Robert and Jane (Alderson) Withrow] was Samuel Harrison, born in 1811, and first settled where Elton Postoffice is. He at one time owned the mill at that place, and died at the age of seventy-seven, on the head of Lick Creek, where he built one of the first and ancient mills in that region, known as "Withrow's Mill," first an undershot and later an overshot wheel. The old building is one of the picturesque memories of that section. He was engaged ten years in building it, that being the second one near the same site. His first wife was Sarah Kincaid, daughter of Matthew Kincaid, who died in Missouri. Samuel H. emigrated to Missouri, where he lived six years, and then returned to Lick Creek where he lived until his death. His second wife was Amanda A. Smith, of Fayette County, a daughter of Elijah Smith.

He was noted for his stubbornness and contrariness, and was a man of strong personality. He was a Union man during the war and a Republican after the war, largely in opposition to all of his neighbors and all of his sons. He was a man of ingenuity and a good carpenter and millwright, all of which he learned without teaching.

I acquired this portrait from my great-great aunt Julia (Burdette) Willis, granddaughter of Samuel Withrow, who was about to send it along with several other family portraits to the flea market. Fortunately, I visited her the day she was cleaning house, and the portraits now hang at my sister's house in Maryland. They are among the oldest family pictures in my possession.

I invite all readers to share their family photographs. I can scan either color (into grays) or black-and-white, and can reduce, enlarge, retouch and



Tombstone of Sarah (Kincaid) Withrow

(photo by Gaye Whitehead, Daniels, WV)

prepare for printing. Given the priceless nature of most family photographs, I ask that only duplicates be sent in the mail, each of which will be returned. If you would like to have your photographs returned by registered mail, I would be happy to oblige. Please identify by name, date, and relationship as many of the individuals in the photographs as possible, and a short biography would be a great addition. By getting everyone digging, I hope to round up a good number of family photos to be used in the Alderson History as well!

Happy



New Year!

Maury Co., Tennessee Cemeteries: Identification of Burials

Hunter Cemetery

Isabella J. Alderson	1818-1838	wife of Bathurst Chinn Alderson, b. Richmond Co., VA, d. 1892 Union Co., AR.
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Williamsport Cemetery

Rachel Ruth Alderson	1856-1922	probably wife of Benjamin F. Alderson
Benjamin F. Alderson	1859-1931	probably son of James Frank Alderson. Benjamin F. m. 1875 Rachel Stallings
Mattie O. Alderson	1884-1894	daughter of Thomas Edward Alderson m. Frances Delitha Fitzgerald. Thomas Edward Alderson son of James Frank Alderson

Santa Fe Cemetery

William James Alderson	1852-1927	son of James Frank Alderson m. Sarah Catherine Alderson
Helen Turpin Alderson	1866-1952	second wife of William James Alderson
Lueticia E. Alderson	1861-1926	wife of John B[acon?] Alderson, <i>née</i> Head.
J. Spencer Alderson	1880-1958	son of John B. and Lueticia Alderson
J. B. Alderson, Jr.	1884-1914	son of John B. and Lueticia Alderson
Jesse Burton Alderson	1886-	son of Thomas Edward Alderson
Cleve[land] B. Alderson	1892-1961	son of Thomas Edward Alderson

Alexander Cemetery

Jane Alderson	1768-1835	may be Jane, wife of James Cole Alderson, will probated 1811 Roane Co., TN leaving property in Maury Co.
Margaret [[ane] Alderson	1818-1863	daughter of Benjamin Franklin Alexander. She m. 17 Jan 1838 Samuel S. Alderson son of Robert Alderson and wife Nancy Smith.
Robert F. Alderson	1839-1862	probably son of Samuel and Margaret Alderson
William H. Alderson	1842-1872	Samuel and Margaret had a son William

Greenwood Cemetery

John S. Alderson	1772-1824	son of William Alderson d. 1790 Richmond Co., VA
Sarah Alderson	1768-1854	wife of John S. Alderson, <i>née</i> Estes.
Taswell S. Alderson	1802-1842	son of John S. Alderson
Lucy C. Alderson	1802-1884	wife of Taswell Alderson, <i>née</i> White.
Emmaline B. Alderson	1811-1875	daughter of John S. Alderson
John Bacon Alderson	1841-1843	son of John Bacon Alderson m. Amanda Shelton and grandson of John S. and Sarah Alderson

In the last issue (September 1991) appeared a listing of Alderson burials in Maury Co., Tennessee. Thanks to the efforts of Mrs. Billie Hardy of Arlington, TX, many of these burials have been identified.

1880 US Census Soundex: Aldersons in Wisconsin, Nebraska & Kansas

Name	Sex	Age	Relation	Place of Birth	Location/Notes
1880 Soundex, Wisconsin					
James Alderson	m	28	head	England	Mt. Hope Twp., Grant Co.
Mary Alderson	f	21	wife	Wisconsin	
John Alderson	m	3	son	Wisconsin	
Elizabeth Alderson	f	1	dau	Wisconsin	
1880 Soundex, Nebraska					
James Alderson	m	29	head	Wisconsin	Green Spring Pct., Furnas Co. Son of John (b. 1811, Muker Parish, Yorkshire) and Margaret (Ansforth) Alderson (b. 1814 Marsden, Lancashire). To US in 1840, resided New Diggins, Lafayette Co., WI.
Adeline Alderson	f	28	wife	Wisconsin	
Cora M. Alderson	f	6	dau	Wisconsin	
Agnes J. Alderson	f	5	dau	Wisconsin	
Mary E. Alderson	f	4	dau	Wisconsin	
Elizabeth Alderson	f	2	dau	Wisconsin	
Ada I. Alderson	f	1	dau	Kansas	
(Family information from Kate Alderson, Oshkosh, WI, ca. 1975.)					
John M. Alderson	m	32	head	Wisconsin	Humphrey, Platte Co. John Marr Alderson, son of Edmond (b. ca. 1820, England, d. ca. 1856 in lead mine accident, Highland, Iowa Co., WI) and Sarah Alderson. Edmond to WI ca. 1845.
Josephine Alderson	f	26	wife	Illinois	
George Alderson	m	5	son	Nebraska	
Grace Alderson	f	3	dau	Nebraska	
Jesse Alderson	m	2	son	Nebraska	
Thomas E. Alderson	m	1	son	Nebraska	b. 16 May 1879, d. 22 Sept 1973
(Family of John Alderson, Tempe, AZ. See "Alderson Family History Society," p. 12)					

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1880 Soundex, Nebraska, continued

Thomas Alderson	m	27	head	Wisconsin	Union Creek Pct., Madison Co. Thomas Edmond Alderson, brother of John Marr Alderson, b. 26 Oct 1852.
Amelia Alderson	f	21	wife	New York	
Lizzie Alderson	f	3	dau	Nebraska	
Gussie Alderson	f	2	dau	Nebraska	

1880 Soundex, Kansas

Isaac Alderson	m	26	head	Tennessee	Prairie Twp., Jewell Co.
Eliza Alderson	f	20	wife	Iowa	
Delbert Alderson	m	10/12	son	Kansas	
John Addam	m	13	servant	Iowa	
John A. Alderson	m	49	head	Tennessee	Oxford Twp., Sumner Co.
Matilda Alderson	f	42	wife	Tennessee	
William A. Alderson	m	23	son	Illinois	
Rufus P. Alderson	m	20	son	Illinois	
No_____ Alderson	m	11	son	Illinois	name unclear
John B. Alderson	m	9	son	Illinois	
Charles J. Alderson	m	7	son	Illinois	
Walter L. Alderson	m	5	son	Illinois	
Walter L. Alderson	m	5	son	Illinois	
Goldin Alderson	m	3	son	Illinois	
Louis A. Alderson	m	68	head	W. Virginia	Fifth St., Atchison, Atchison Co. Lewis Allen Alderson, son of Joseph and Mary (Newman) Alderson, b. 5 May 1812, Alderson, Greenbrier Co., VA, d. 9 Jun 1881, Atchison. To Atchison, 1858. Baptist Minister.
Eliza F. Alderson	f	59	wife	Virginia	Eliza Floyd Coleman, 2nd wife, b. 4 Aug 1819, Amherst Spring, Amherst Co., VA, d. 24 Jan 1909, Charleston, Kanawha Co., WV, dau. of John and Sarah (Powell) Coleman.
Cary T. Alderson	m	27	son	W. Virginia	Cary Trimble Alderson, b. 30 Apr 1853, Greenbrier Co., VA, d. 26 Aug 1907, Atchison.
Walter W. Alderson	m	24	son	W. Virginia	Walter Wyatt Alderson, b. 12 Feb 1856, Greenbrier Co., VA, d. 20 Mar 1895, Miles City, Custer Co., MT. Life portrayed in book <i>A Bride Goes West</i> .
Louis Alderson	m	17	son	Kansas	Lewis Allen Alderson, b. 1863, d. 1932, Birney, Rosebud Co., MT.
Mathew Alderson	m	28	head	England	Scranton, Burlington Twp., Osage Co.
Mary Alderson	f	23	wife	England	
Sarah Alderson	f	2	dau	England	
Isabella Alderson	f	4/12	dau	Kansas	

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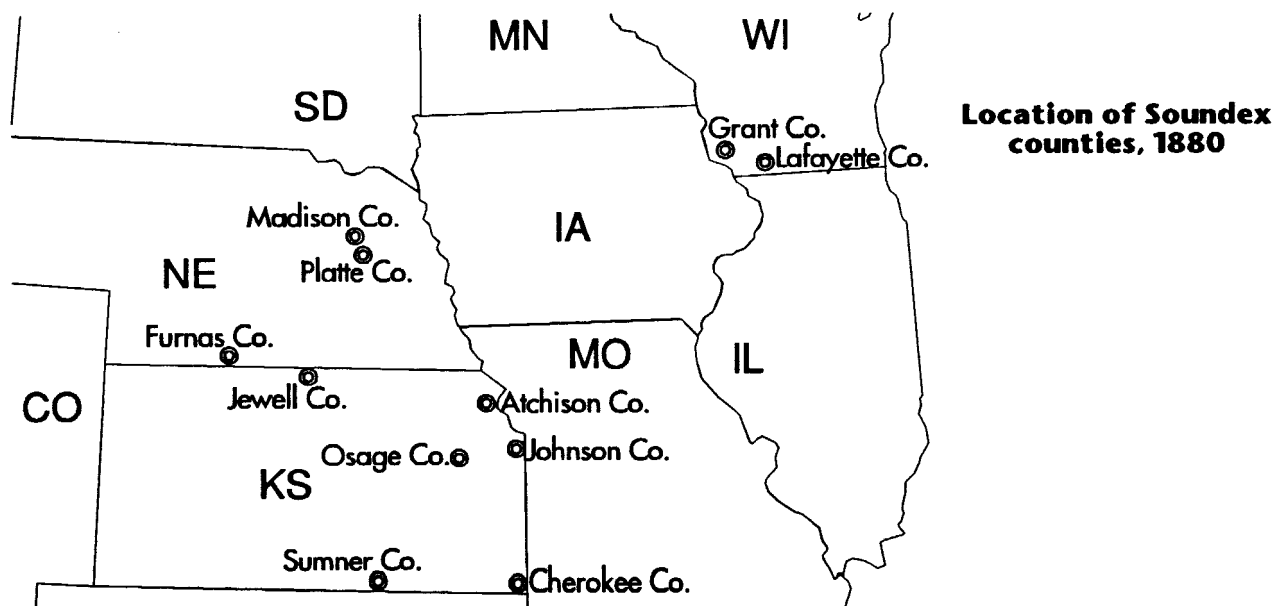
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W.E. Alderson	m	39	head	Illinois	Shawnee Twp., Cherokee Co.
Merina E. Alderson	f	37	wife	Illinois	
Annie L. Alderson	f	11	dau	Kansas	
Ada M. Alderson	f	9	dau	Kansas	
Ollie J.	f	8	dau	Kansas	
Ama B. Alderson	f	6	dau	Kansas	
Elizabeth B. Alderson	f	8/12	dau	Kansas	
Henry S. Mullen	m	19	servant	Indiana	
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William B. Alderson	m	43	head	Kentucky	Aubrey Twp., Johnson Co.
Nancy J. Alderson	f	43	wife	Missouri	
James S. Alderson	m	18	son	Missouri	
Louisa C. Alderson	f	15	dau	Missouri	
John H. Alderson	m	13	son	Missouri	
Charlie E. Alderson	m	9	son	Missouri	
Florence M. Alderson	f	7	dau	Missouri	
Mary E. Alderson	f	4	dau	Kansas	
Derwood B. Alderson	m	2	son	Kansas	

Starting in 1880, each US Census is indexed by an alphanumerical system based on the first letter and consonant sounds of surnames. Each surname is coded by using the initial letter along with three numbers corresponding to the first three consonant sounds of the surname. Since each group of similar consonants (such as *d* and *t*, or *m* and *n*) is coded with the same number, search problems stemming from spelling errors in the original are minimized.

Each state has a microfilmed comprehensive index in which each coded surname is listed in alphanumeric order; this listing is further indexed by the first letter of the head of family's name. To search for "Lewis Alderson," for example, you would go to the Kansas roll containing the surname "Alderson" (coded "A-l-d-r," or A436) and advance to the section listing "L" first names.

Three of the families in the listing above have been positively identified. If anyone can identify the other families, or has further information on the identified families, I would be grateful for the information. Although a number of these families are clearly not descendants of the Rev. John Alderson, others are likely to be so.



Editor's Corner

The saga of the last six months continues! I mentioned in the last two newsletters my plans to relocate to California; my original intention was to leave Paradise in September; that target then got shifted to December, and at present it seems unlikely I will be able to arrange things before early spring. To spare you all the tedium of following this story any more, I'll plan to send a postcard notice of change of address once the process is under way. So, anyone who has held back mailing material owing to uncertainty, please feel free to send it now without worrying whether I'll be here to get it!

This issue has met the usual holiday delays, not to mention an extremely busy work and travel schedule. My correspondence has fallen behind pace, and I apologize to those readers who have written for my delay in getting out timely responses. I hope to improve on my record this year, especially as work on the Alderson History proceeds.

For the next issue, I plan to do a detailed look at the family of George Alderson (1762-1805), son of the Rev. John Alderson, Jr. Although George was a prominent settler of the Kanawha Valley and a noted pioneer, his family has not been well researched. I would like to collect as much biographical material on George and his family as possible, including vital statistics, census records, wills and

probate materials, and family stories; any reader willing to extract pieces of this story for publication in the next issue will be gratefully acknowledged.

The newsletter is here to serve the interests of the readers and researchers and to be an outlet for the sharing of research results and problems. Each of us has done some family research to one degree or another, and I once again invite each reader to contribute some part of their family work for publication—be it in the form of raw information or a researched family group. We have nearly 300 years of Alderson history to report, so I'm sure there's plenty out there to share!

As we begin 1992 and head into a fourth year of publication, I want to again express my heartfelt thanks to those special people who have provided me with so much support over the past year. Both complements and criticism have been received, and I remain open to all suggestions and proposals. If you know someone who might be interested in receiving a complementary copy of the newsletter, please drop me a line; this goes for your local library or genealogical society as well. We have seen steady growth in membership over three years, but with more people involved, the more complete our family history will become. Finally, I extend my very best wishes to each and every one of you for a happy and peaceful 1992!



Alderson Family History Society

The Alderson Family History Society is a British organization devoted to the study of the Alderson family history. Though primarily oriented to family lines in Britain, the membership includes Americans and undertakes research on American and other lines of interest. The Society publishes a newsletter—appearing in February, June, and October—which presents family histories and biographies, research guides and results, organizational news and projects, queries, and other interesting and useful material.

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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*, 817A 18th Ave., Honolulu, HI 96816.

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Thank you, and Happy Hunting!