

Alderson

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Lina Mims Alderson

Lina Mims Alderson, son of Curtis and Susannah (Larew) Alderson, was an early pioneer of the upper Laurel Creek/Lick Creek region of Greenbrier Co., VA (now Summers Co., WV.) His father, son of Thomas Alderson, was originally from Monroe County, but had moved to Greenbrier Co. by 1805, where he settled on upper Lick Creek at the foot of Keeney Knob.¹ Curtis raised a family of at least seven children, among whom only one son, Lina Mims, remained a life-long resident of Summers County. The following is a biographical sketch of Lina Mims Alderson:



L.M. Alderson joined the Lick Creek Missionary Baptist Church in Sept. 1848, baptized by Rev. John Bragg. He has been a deacon in this church for the past 38 and trustee for 35 years. Curtis Alderson, his father, died in Feb., 1837. His mother, *née* Susanna Larue, a member of the Lick Creek Church at its organization, died in Feb., 1854. His wife, Mary B., daughter of Conrad and Clara (Snidow) Peters, joined the Baptist Church at Pe-

terstown, Monroe co., in 1845, and by letter the Lick Creek Church, in 1859. Her parents joined the Baptist Church at Peterstown at its organization, in 1845; her father died in 1849; her mother in 1876. Mr. and Mrs. Alderson had one son, John P., who died in Aug., 1861. Sarah F., their daughter, joined the missionary Baptist Church on Laurel Creek in 1879, baptized by Rev. H.C. Tinsley, and by letter the Lick Creek Church in 1881. She is the wife of T.A. Sheppard, who joined the Laurel Creek Church in Oct., 1885. Mr. Alderson's first wife, Elizabeth Dunsmore, a member of the Baptist Church at Sinks Grove, Monroe co., was transferred to the Lick Creek Church in 1853, and died Aug. 19, 1858. Their children were: Margaret A., member of the Lick Creek Church, died Oct. 27, 1883; James W., and Peter L.²



Some additional biographical information can be found in the *History of Summers County of 1908*:

Lina Mims Alderson was a son of Curtis Alderson, and lived to be an old man at the low gap between Laurel and Lick Creek, where he owned a good mountain plantation, where his daughter, Sally, who married Henry Shepheard, now lives. His first wife was a Dunsmore, of Sink's Grove, in Monroe County, and was an aunt of Prof. J.G. Dunsmore, now conducting the Dunsmore Business College at Staunton, Virginia. His second wife was a Peters, a descendant of Christian Peters, and was a sister of the wife of Columbus Wran Withrow, now living at New Richmond, and a niece of Mrs. Rebecca Pack, the widow of Anderson Pack, now living at Burden, Kansas, ninety-seven years of age. L.M. Alderson left two sons, James W., who married a daughter of Thomas Lewis George, of Greenbrier County, and is now a merchant

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1 James H. Miller, *History of Summers Co., West Virginia*, Hinton, WV, 1908, p. 523.

2 From *Churches and Church Members of Fayette and Summers*, p. 4. Contributed by Gaye Whitehead.

at Foss. Peter L. Alderson, the other son, married a daughter of one Marion Gwinn, and is a prosperous farmer, residing in the State of Kansas.³



Lina Mims Alderson, b. 10 January 1810, Greenbrier Co., VA, d. 10 August 1891, Summers Co., WV. He is buried at the Shephard Cemetery, Ramp, Summers Co., WV.

Lina married first Elizabeth Dunsmore on 17 April 1851 in Monroe Co., VA.⁴ Elizabeth was b. 1814, Monroe Co., VA, d. 19 August 1858, Greenbrier Co., VA. She is also buried at the Shephard Cemetery, Ramp, Summers Co., WV.

Lina marriage second Mary Burke Peters on 11 April 1859 in Monroe Co., VA.⁵ Mary was b. 24 March 1823, Monroe Co., VA, d. 1 Feb. 1907, Summers Co., WV.

Children by Elizabeth Dunsmore:

1. **Margaret A. Alderson**, b. 12 July 1853, Greenbrier Co., VA, d. 27 October 1883, Summers Co., WV. Never married.

2. **James William Alderson**, b. 17 July 1854, Lick Creek, Greenbrier Co., VA, d. 12 Jan 1920, Bellepoint, Summers Co., WV. He married Mary Virginia GEORGE on 17 December 1879, at Green Sulphur Springs, Summers Co., WV. His biography appears in a 1984 history of Summers County:



Lina Mims Alderson was the son of Curtis Alderson who lived at Lick Creek, Summers County, West Virginia.

James William Alderson was the son of Lina Mims Alderson and was born July 17, 1854 at Lick Creek, Summers County. He died January 12, 1920 at his home in Bellepoint, W. Va. He was married to Mary Virginia George, the daughter of Thomas Lewis George of Greenbrier County on December 17, 1879 at Green Sulphur Springs, W. Va. Mary Virginia George Alderson died Jan. 16, 1935 at the age of 83 years. They were the

parents of five children who were all born at Brooks, W. Va. They were Clara Burk Alderson Ayres, Emily Alice Alderson Burks, Elbert Fowler Alderson, Dollie Virginia Grace Alderson Shumate, and James Clarence Alderson who is the last survivor of this line of Aldersons to bear the Alderson name.

James William Alderson, or Jim, as he was affectionately known, served one term in the W. Va. Legislature. He operated a general store at Bellepoint, W. Va. which at the time was called Foss. He served as overseer of the Bellepoint Water System which he was inspecting and thus was thrown from his horse causing his death in 1920. He also contracted cement work and built burial vaults which he conveyed to many adjoining counties.

James Clarence Alderson, son of James William Alderson was married to Daisy Nickell Boude on May 15, 1916. She was the daughter of the late Walter H. Boude and Alice Ford Boude. Walter H. Boude served several terms as clerk of the Circuit Court of Summers County. James Clarence Alderson was born June 20, 1891. He followed in his father's foot-steps becoming a merchant in Hinton W. Va. for many years. He is a lover of baseball having played professionally for a number of years in Columbus, Ohio and still follows the various teams. He worked as an auditor for the State of West Virginia until his retirement. Two daughters were born to this union: Mrs. Dorothy Alderson Farley who lives in Charleston, W. Va., and Mrs. Frances Alderson Neely of Hinton, W. Va. The family home where Mr. Alderson lives was built in 1914 by his father who made the bricks and did much of the construction himself. (Submitted by Frances A. Neely)⁶

3. **Peter Larew Alderson**, b. ca. 1858, Greenbrier Co., VA, d. ?. He married Alice Nora GWINN, daughter of "Squire" Marion Gwinn, on 24 November 1881 at Green Sulphur Springs, Summers Co., WV, and they left West Virginia for Kansas the following day.⁷

3 Miller, *History of Summers County, West Virginia*, p. 525.

4 *Monroe Marriages*, W9, p. 2.

5 *Monroe Marriages*, Book 1, p. 25.

6 *The History of Summers County, West Virginia 1984*, Summers Co. Historical Society, Salem, WV: Don Mills Inc., 1984, p.124.

7 *Border Watchman*, Union, WV, 2 Dec. 1881.

Children by Mary Burke Peters:

4. **John Peters Alderson**, b. 7 February 1860, Greenbrier Co., VA, d. 18 August 1861, Greenbrier Co., VA.⁸

5. **Sarah Frances Alderson**, b. 6 February 1863, Greenbrier Co., VA⁹, d. 1945, Laurel Creek, Summers Co., WV. Her biography also appears in the 1984 Summers Co. history:



Thomas Allen Shepard (1862-1927) from Greenbrier County married Sarah Frances Alderson (1862-1945) who was born in Summers County. They resided their entire lifetime on the headwaters of Laurel Creek, some eight miles east of Sandstone, WV. Mrs. Shepard inherited the land from her father, Lina Mims Alderson (1810- 1891).

Seven children were born of this union. Two died in infancy. The remaining children were: Thomas Alderson, Roy L., Clarice, Grace and Jessie.

Roy married Sallie Dick - no children. Clarice married Carl Allen - one son. Grace married B.A. Roberts - two sons. Jessie is unmarried. The only surviving members are Roy, now 85 years old, and Jessie 83 years old.

Thomas Alderson Shepard (1890-1973) the oldest member of the above family, married Mary Edith Lively (1899-1953), on September 26, 1917. She was a daughter of Leroy A. Lively (1850-1933) and Virginia A. Maddy (1853-1930). They were originally from Monroe County.

The Lively farm was bought by Leroy Lively about 1887. It is also on the headwaters of Laurel Creek and is now in the third generation of Lively descendants.

Leroy and Virginia Lively were the parents of ten children. Clyde and Bessie died at age six months and thirteen years respectively. Their other children, marriages and grandchildren are as follows: W. R. married Hattie Merrix - 6 children; F. B. married Effie Johnson - 9 children; Nora (twice married) William Lewis - 5 children and John Mankin - 3 children; Rose married F. B. Alderson - 1 son; Sallie married Joe Basham - no children;

Mary married Thomas Shepard 2 children; John married Cora Meadows - 2 children; Othor married Lola Mize - 1 son. All children of Leroy and Virginia Lively family are now deceased.

Dempsey Shepard (1922-) and his sister, Callie, (1919-), children of Thomas and Mary Shepard, now own and reside at the Lively homestead. Dempsey is unmarried, is a farmer, raises cattle and horses. He is an avid horseman, enjoys training and riding horses.

Callie, a retired teacher, married James Vines. They have three sons.

Thomas age 38, married Rebecca Ellison, resides in Summersville, WV. Two children, Christalea age 17 and Andrea age 13.

Richard age 36 Richmond, Va. was formerly married to Linda Bartgis. One son, James age 17 years.

Ralph, age 26, married Margaret Toler, resides in Hinton, WV. - two children, Steven age 8 and Sara age 5.

The Lively farm was the site of the first school in the immediate area. The land and logs were furnished by Leroy Lively. He, his sons and neighbors built the school in the late 1800's. It also served as the first church of the community. It was known as the Lively School.

The original building was destroyed by fire in March 1910, which also destroyed the Lively residence. However, other schoolhouses were built at different locations, and maintained the name "Lively School" until it closed permanently by consolidation in 1970. The last teacher was Callie Vines, granddaughter of its founder, Leroy Lively.

The offspring of these two families of early settlers of Summers County have followed many professions and occupations. There are teachers, doctors, pharmacists, nurses, dentists, railroaders, jewelers, policemen, management beauticians, salesmen, farmers, lumbermen, and various other occupations. Some have been County officials: namely sheriff and assessors.

8 *Greenbrier Births; Greenbrier Deaths*, Book 1A, p. 25, line 3, of flux.

9 *Greenbrier Births*.

Many answered the call to service during World War I and World War II. Many branches of the Service were represented. All returned but one, Claude Lively, son of F.B. and Effie Johnson Lively, who gave his life during the invasion of Normandy in World War II. (Submitted by Callie Shepard Vines.)¹⁰

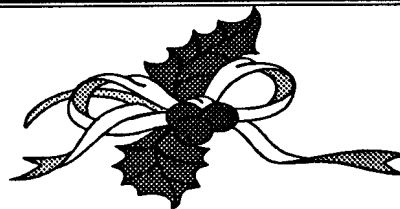
Further on Simon Alderson

In the last issue I summarized what little information is known about Simon Alderson, one of the early settlers of North Carolina, and the earliest ancestor of another distinct line of American Aldersons. Since the issue appeared, additional information has surfaced regard Simon and his family. The following excerpt was taken from *A History of Colonial Bath*, by Herbert R. Paschal, Jr., published by Edwards and Broughton, Raleigh, NC, 1955, and contributed by Mrs. Susan Sharp:

Only a few of the original lot holders in Bath can be ascertained today. About 1705, French Huguenots, evidently discontented members of the French Huguenot community of Mannakintown on the James River in Virginia, migrated into the Pamlico settlements. It appears that a number of these recent arrivals in Bath county planned to make Bath town their home. That the town not be entirely French in complexion is proven by the inclusion as early lot holders of Simon Alderson [*et al*]. The actual record of the transfer of a lot in Bath Town prior to the incorporation of the town was the sale by Simon Alderson, junior, on Feb. 11th, 1705/6 of "a certain lott in Bath Town formerly called Jacob Conrow's Lott lying about the middle of town, a front lott and all the back ground."

Until the arrival of the German and Swiss settlers on the Neuse in 1710, the center of population in Bath county remained un-

¹⁰ *The History of Summers County, West Virginia 1984*, p. 282.



New Members

William Alderson McClung II, 1647 S. Hickory, Bartlesville, OK 74003-5422. Mr. McClung descends from two Alderson lines; his great-grandparents were Dr. Dickinson Carpenter and Sarah (Evans) McClung. Dickinson was the son of James and Mary (Alderson) McClung, and Sarah was the daughter of David and Ruth (Alderson) Evans. The family settled in the Mt. Lookout area of Nicholas Co., (W)Va before 1850.

Adrienne Pappas, 5464 Ladue Lane, Fairfax, VA 22030. Mrs. Pappas is also a descendant of James and Mary (Alderson) McClung. Mary Alderson was the eldest daughter of George Alderson (1762-1805), son of the Rev. John Alderson, Jr.

mistakeably on the Pamlico and its tributaries. One of the centers of this Pamlico Settlement lay along the banks of Old Town Creek (now Bath Creek) where Simon Alderson [*et al*] and many others owned plantations in the years immediately following the turn of the century.

On 8 March 1705/6 (?) Perkins transferred about 600 acres of his property to John Lawson, Joel Martin (Sr.) and Simon Alderson (Sr.). These men then proceeded to lay out a town and probably began to sell or give options on the town lots.



As to the origins of this "fractious and seditious person" we cannot be certain, but we do know of three *possible* contenders, all of whom have Swaledale origins:

- Simon son of Simon, bapt. 19 May 1639 at Muker
- Simon son of Simon, bapt. 29 Nov 1640, of Stonesdale
- Simon son of Simon, bapt. 3 Jan 1646 at Muker

However, the name was very popular, and our early records will not be complete.



Helen Boswell of Moberly, MO, provided the following source material on Simon Alderson and family:

Simon Alderson imported by Isaac Wilson 6 Jan 1705 at Perquimans Court, NC. Also a right was proved for land by Mr. Christopher Boftin, 11 October 1709 for importing a Simon Alderson.

1st Generation: Simon Alderson Sr., wife, Elizabeth ____ (?) one of the founders of Bath, NC 1704. Will dated 9 Jan 1712, named wife, Elizabeth and their children: Elizabeth, Jane who md. Mr. Averidge, and Simon, Jr.

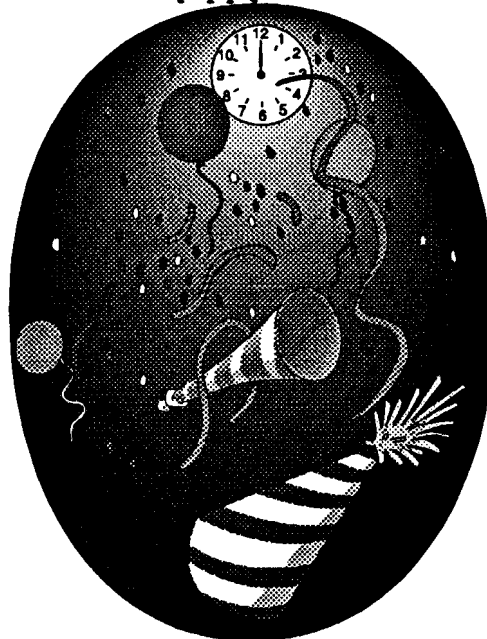
2nd Generation: Elizabeth was connected in some way to the Martin family. Simon Jr. took part in "Cary's Rebellion", fled to Virginia on 24 July 1711. On 8 May 1713, he, as eldest son, petitioned for the estate of his father. He acquired 420 acres of land on 20 Feb 1739. He served as the treasurer of Bath Co. in 1720, 1727, 1732, and 1739. He was Justice of Peace of Bath in 1726, 1730, and 1739 and a member of the Assembly 1731, 1739, and 1740; member of the Grand Jury 1723 and 1727. His Will probated Dec. 1740, named wife, Elizabeth and their children, Levi, eldest son, was clerk of Beaufort Co. Court in June 1750. Son, John, and daughter Sarah. Also daughter Elizabeth, and John Odeon another legatee.

3rd Generation. John Alderson md. Mary _____. He was clerk of Beaufort Co. Court 1749-1750. Will dated 2 Jan 1761.¹¹



The following items, also contributed by Helen Boswell, are taken from *North Carolina Miscellaneous Records*:

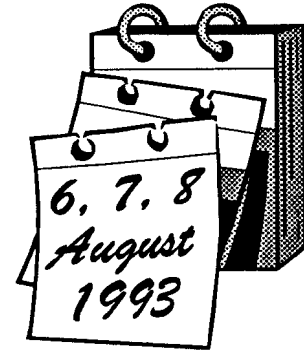
Happy 1993!



- John and Mary Alderson witnessed the Will of William Martin, 23 Aug 1745, St. Thomas Parish, Beaufort Co.
- Simon Alderson, one of the Justices of Beaufort Co., 1735
- Simon Alderson, Executor of the Thomas Boyd estate, April Court 1726, Beaufort Co.
- John Odom (Odeon?), Will, not dated. Levi Alderson one of the Executors. Simon Alderson, Charles Whitehurst and John Alderson, Witnesses.
- Levi Alderson, Executor of Joseph Lockey's Will, March 1746.
- Sarah Alderson named in Thomas Harvey's Will, Jan. 1748 (he was a cousin)
- Mary Lucas, Will, 24 Mar 1761. Probate April Court 1761. Daughters Ann Alderson, Executrix along with James Ellison. Granddaughters: Frances, Sarah, Ann, Mary and Susannah Martin. Grandsons: James Alderson, Joel and Charles Ardison Martin. Witnesses: John Smaw, Sarah Howard.
- Levi Alderson, Will, 1786, Hyde Co. Heirs: John and Simon Alderson
- Ensign Thomas Alderson, 5th NC, Pension. Served 3 May 1776-?.

¹¹ Major Haywood Lawrence Robertson, *Colonial Roots*, 1976, p. 3.

Raw/Alderson Family Reunion



On August 6-8, 1993, the descendants of Thomas Alderson (1788-1851) and Mary Close (1792-1851), and their daughter Mary Ann Alderson (1813-1878) and James Raw (1810-1888) will be gathering in Schullsburg, Wisconsin to meet and exchange information. As part of the reunion activities, tours will also be provided of the area where they settled after leaving England.

ALL Aldersons and Raws (Row-Rowe-Rowe) are warmly welcome to attend this reunion!!

Thomas Alderson (1754-) of Healaugh, Yorkshire, md. Isabella Simpson (1756-)

Peggy Alderson	1781	
William Alderson	1784	
Thomas Alderson	1786	
Thomas Alderson	1788	md. Mary Close (1792-1851)
John Alderson	1789	md Margaret Cooper
Mary Alderson	1793	

Children of Thomas and Mary (Close) Alderson:

James Aldersons	1810	md Elizabeth Ruecroft
Mary Ann Alderson	1813	md James Raw
Ester Alderson	1816	md John Cheery
George Thomas Alderson	1819	md. Harriet Smith
Jane Michelle Alderson	1821	md Cuthbert Craig
Isabella Alderson	1824	
Elizabeth Alderson	1826	md John Alderson
Ann Alderson	1828	md 1) Martin Calvert, 2) Amos Brown
Ruth Alderson	1832	
Thomas Alderson	1836	

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1850 Greenbrier Co., VA Census: Alderson

Fam. No.	Name	Age	Sex	Occupation	POB	RE Val	Notes
12 Aug 1850							
314-314	Lina M. Alderson	40	m	farmer	VA	375	Lina Mims Alderson, s/o Curtis and Susannah (Larew) Alderson, b. 1810, d. 1891, Summers Co., WV
	Susana Alderson	75	f		VA		Susannah Larew, d. Feb. 1854, Greenbrier Co., VA
	Sarah Alderson	44	f		VA		Sarah Frances
	Roena Alderson	38	f		VA		Roena Lina
15 Aug 1850							
376-376	Curtis G. Alderson	35	m	farmer	VA	828	Curtis Gallatin, s/o Curtis and Susannah (Larew) Alderson, b. 20 Aug 1814, Greenbrier Co., VA, d. 9 Sept 1884, Grapevine, Kanawha Co., WV
	Sydney Alderson	36	f		VA		Sydney Elizabeth, d/o James and Elizabeth (Keaton) Alderson, b. 18 Apr 1814, Monroe Co., VA, d. 26 May 1870, Grapevine, Kanawha Co., WV
	Martha Alderson	14	f		VA		Martha Jane, b. 12 Aug 1835, d. 29 Nov 1908, Dawson, Greenbrier Co., WV
	Mary F. Alderson	12	f		VA		b. 27 June 1837, d. 5 April 1875
	James C. Alderson	10	m		VA		b. 15 Feb 1840, d. 30 Oct 1868
	Sarah M. Alderson	7	f		VA		b. 29 Aug 1842, d. 26 Oct 1872
	Thomas D. Alderson	4	m		VA		b. 25 Sept 1844, d. 13 Oct 1866
	Elizabeth S. Alderson	2	f		VA		b. 4 Dec 1846, d. 7 Apr 1875
	Charles L. Alderson	1	m		VA		b. 15 Apr 1849, d. 19 Nov 1893
16 Aug 1850							
377-377	John Alderson	64	m	farmer	VA	8625	John Marcus; s/o George and Sarah (Osborne) Alderson, b. 1 May 1786 Greenbrier Co., VA, d. 3 May 1856, Greenbrier Co.
	Frances Alderson	62	f		VA		d/o Thomas and Sarah (Bond) Alderson, b. 14 Oct 1788 Greenbrier Co., VA, d. 13 Sept 1856 Greenbrier Co., VA
	Thomas G. Alderson	25	m	farmer	VA		Thomas George, b. 27 Dec 1825, d. 2 May 1894 Monroe Co., WV
	Rufus D. Alderson	20	m	farmer	VA		Rufus Davis, b. Oct 1829, Greenbrier Co., d. 14 July 1859 Greenbrier Co.
	John M. Alderson	18	m		VA		John Marcus, b. 1831, d. 19 Nov 1863 Greenbrier Co.
	Elizabeth Athal	54	f		VA		
	John W. Nelson	29	m	clerk	VA		
	William Gray	20	m	tailor	VA		
380-380	J.M. Alderson	36	m	farmer	VA	5750	John Marcus, s/o George and Jeanette Creigh (McCleary) Alderson, b. 16 April 1814, d. 19 Jul 1862 Monroe Co., VA
	Carnelia P. Alderson	32	f		VA		Cornelia P. Coleman, b. 22 Jan 1817, Amherst Co., VA, d. 14 Dec 1880 Greenbrier Co.
	Sarah A. Alderson	5	f		VA		b. 2 March 1845, d. 15 Nov 1896 Greenbrier Co.
	James P. Alderson	3	m		VA		James Powell, b. 16 Dec 1846, d. 27 May 1887 Greenbrier Co.
	Joseph N. Alderson	2	m		VA		Joseph Newman, b. 29 Feb 1848, d. 10 Aug 1891 Greenbrier Co.
	Mildred J. Alderson	4/12	f		VA		Mildred Jane, b. 17 Feb 1850, d. 7 Jul 1883 Greenbrier Co.
382-382	Lewis A. Alderson	38	m	Baptist preacher	VA	1200	Lewis Allen, s/o Joseph and Mary (Newman) Alderson, b. 5 May 1812, d. 9 June 1881, Atcheson, Atcheson Co., KS
	Elisa F. Alderson	29	f		VA		Eliza Floyd Coleman, b. 4 Aug 1819, Amherst Co., VA, d. 24 Jan 1909, Charleston, Kanawha Co., WV
	Joseph C. Alderson	11	m		VA		Joseph Coleman, b. 29 Oct 1839, Amherst Co, VA., d. 28 Nov 1912, Charleston, Kanawha Co., WV
	Floyd P. Alderson	8	m		VA		Floyd Powell, b. 21 Apr 1842, Monroe Co., VA, d. 18 Sept 1857 Greenbrier Co., VA

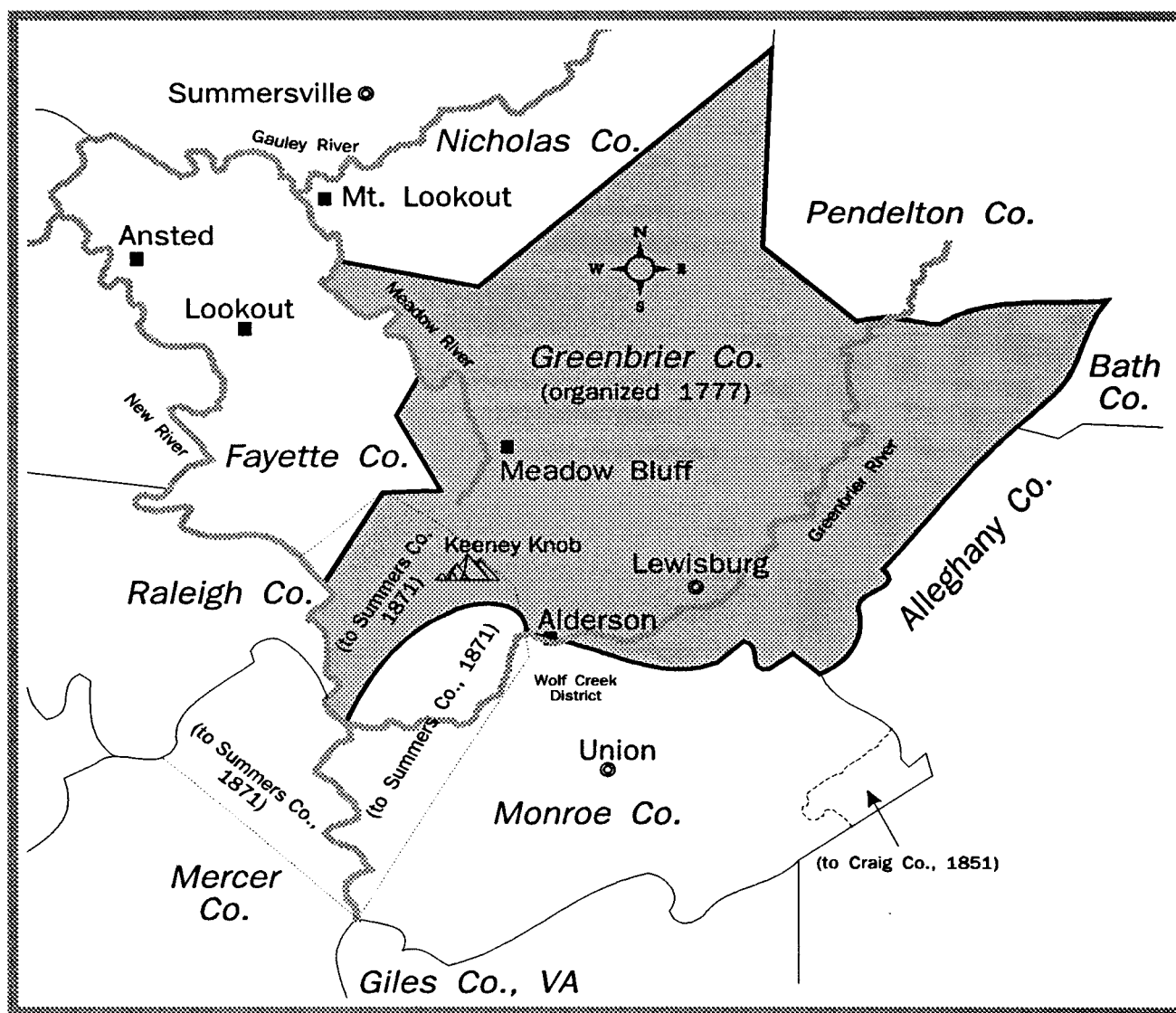
Irving N. Alderson	4	m		VA		Irving Newman, b. 24 July 1845, Amherst Co., VA, d. 4 Dec 1893, Cooke Co., TX
Mary C. Alderson	1	m		VA		Mary Cornelia, b. 19 Oct 1848, Greenbrier Co., VA, d. after 1911, Atcheson Co., KS
Sarah O. Sticker	17	f		VA		
Gibson Johnston	17	m	laborer	VA		
Polly Alderson	81	f		VA		Mary Newman, widow of Joseph Alderson, b. 3 May 1769 Botetourt Co., VA, d. 13 Apr 1857, Greenbrier Co.
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22 Aug 1850						
482-482	William Spotts	62	m	nothing	VA	
	Elizabeth Spotts	66	f		VA	
	Mark S. Spotts	38	m	merchant	VA	
	Sabina Alderson	28	f		VA	née Spotts, wife of Joseph G. Alderson
	James G. Spotts	26	m	clerk	VA	
	J. Alderson	34	m	bookseller	VA	Joseph G. Alderson, s/o John Marcus and Frances (Alderson) Alderson
	Elizabeth E. Fuller	18	f		VA	
	Mary A. Fuller	8	f		VA	
	Margaret Paxton	12	f		VA	
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7 Oct 1850						
911-911	Franklin Alderson	39	m	farmer	VA	200 Franklin Bond, s/o James and Elizabeth (Keaton) Alderson, b. 24 June 1812, Monroe Co., VA, d. 5 Apr 1873, Summers Co., WV
	Susan Alderson	38	f		VA	Susan Rookstool, d. before 1865, Greenbrier Co.
	Mary J. Alderson	3	f		VA	Mary Jane, b. 2 Jan 1848, Greenbrier Co., d. 5 Jan 1927, Summers Co., WV
	Elizabeth F. Alderson	1	f		VA	b. 1849, Greenbrier Co., d. June 1855, Greenbrier Co.
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10 Oct 1850						
942-942	Asha Alderson	44	m	farmer	VA	Asa, s/o Curtis and Susannah (Larew) Alderson
	Susanna Alderson	38	f		VA	Peggy Susannah Zickafoose
	Susan C. Alderson	17	f		VA	
	Lina M. Alderson	15	m		VA	Lina Mims, d. 15 Sept 1861, Greenbrier Co.
	Mary Alderson	13	f		VA	b. 1836, d. 14 May 1876, Summers Co., WV
	Naome Alderson	11	f		VA	Naomi A.
	Sampson Alderson	9	m		VA	Sampson Isaac, b. 20 May 1841, Greenbrier Co., d. 17 May 1916, Alderson, Greenbrier Co.
	George Alderson	4	m		VA	George Washington, b. 7 Aug 1846, Greenbrier Co., d. 28 May 1928, Claremore, Rogers Co., OK
	John Alderson	2	m		VA	
	Jesse Alderson	1/12	m		VA	Jesse Joseph, d. 19 Feb 1942, Tulsa, Tulsa Co., OK
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18 Oct 1850						
1017-1017	Andrew Hedrick	40	m	farmer	VA	
	Sarah Hedrick	36	f		VA	
	Johnston Hedrick	13	m		VA	
	Abigail Hedrick	9	f		VA	
	Hannah Hedrick	12	f		VA	
	Catherine Hedrick	7	f		VA	
	Martha Hedrick	5	f		VA	md. Sampson Isaac Alderson
	Patrick Hedrick	10/12	m		VA	
	Susan Alderson	18	f		VA	[can anyone identify this Alderson?]

Many thanks to Virginia Wilhelm, Salina, KS, who contributed this transcript.

Aldersons of Greenbrier County, West Virginia

Greenbrier county, one of the first counties to be carved out of the vast wilderness of southwestern Virginia west of the Alleghanies, initially encompassed nearly all the present-day counties of southern West Virginia north of the New/Kanawha Rivers to the original Botetourt Co. line. Although early settlements in the 1750s and 60s were disrupted by repeated Indian attacks, the lure of the open transmontane land attracted hundreds of settlers beginning in 1769 after boundaries were settled with the treaties of Fort Stanwix and Hard Labor. Among those with early interest in the region was the Rev. John Alderson, Jr., who visited Greenbrier a number of times before permanently settling there in 1777.

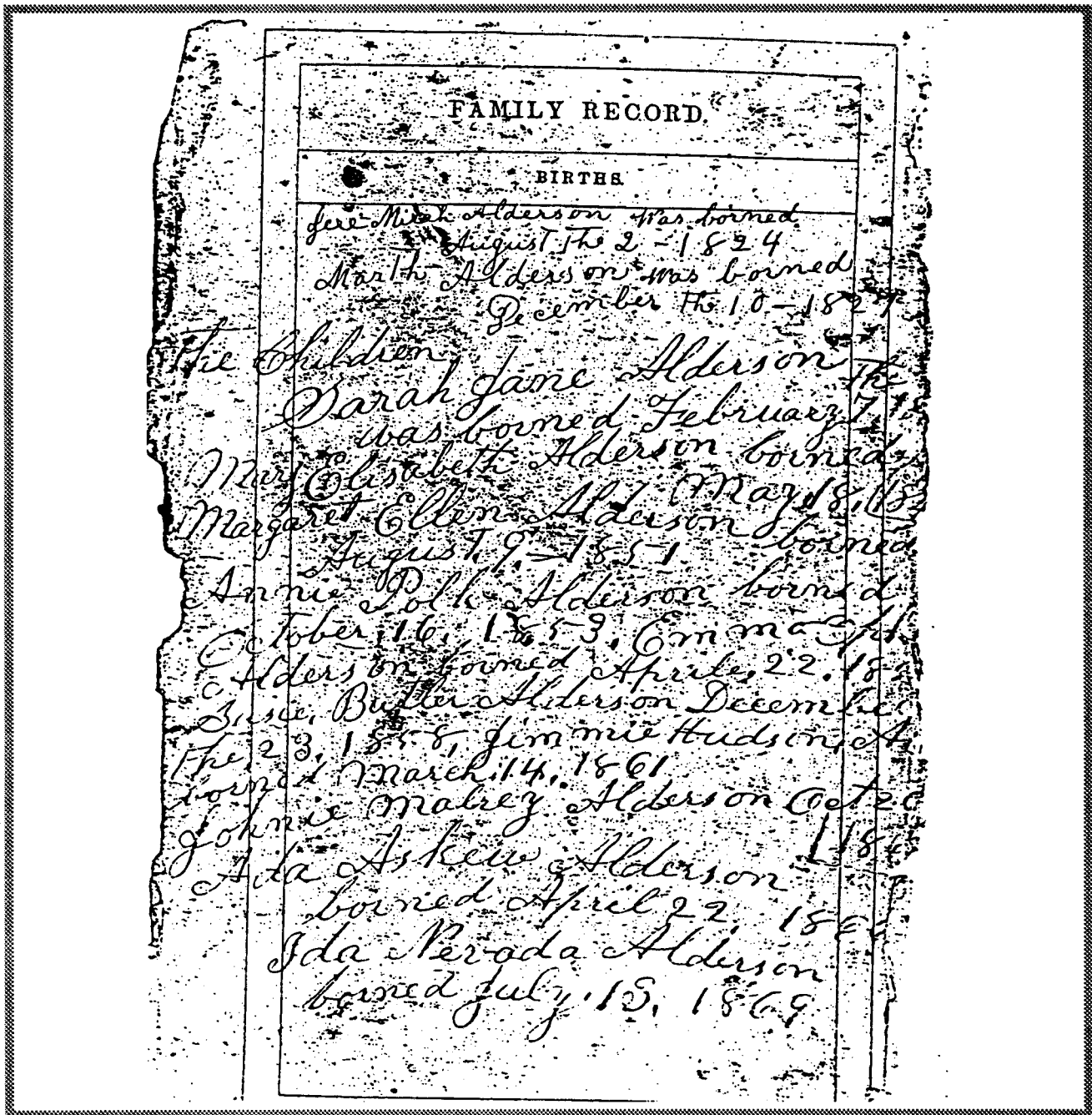
By 1850, few families of the Alderson surname remained in Greenbrier. Among them were descendants of Thomas Alderson's sons Curtis and John Alderson (Asa, Curtis, and Lina Alderson; Joseph G. Alderson), and of John Alderson, Jr.'s sons George and Joseph Alderson (John, John Marcus, and Lewis Allen).

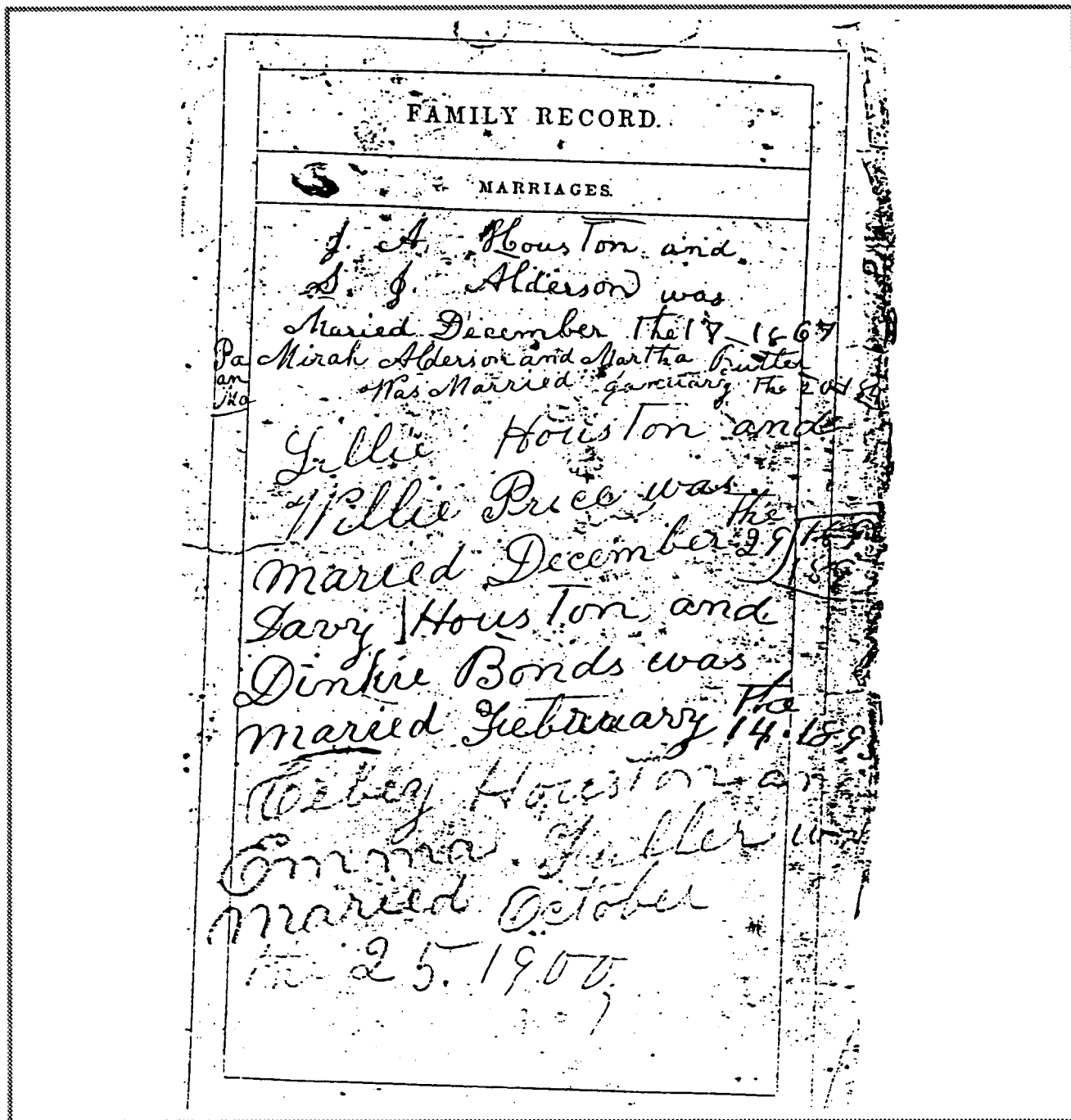


Greenbrier Co., VA 1850. The northern tip of Greenbrier was taken by Webster Co. in 1860, and the southwestern portion became northern Summers Co. in 1871.

Houston Bible Record

The page reproduced below and on the following page are from a family Bible which may have first belonged to Sarah Jane Alderson, daughter of Jeremiah and Martha (Butler) Alderson of Lafayette Co., MS. The first page of births reads: Jere Mirah Alderson was borned August the 2-1824; Marth Alderson was borned December the 10-1827; Sarah Jane Alderson was borned February 7, 18[47]; Mary Elisabeth Alderson borned May 18, 184[9]; Margaret Ellen Alderson borned August 9, 1851; Annie Polk Alderson borned October 16, 1853. Emma Op[all] Alderson borned Aprile 22, 185[6]; Susie Butler Alderson December the 23, 1858; Jimmie Hudson A. borned March 14, 1861; Johnie Mabrey Alderson Oct 20 186[4]; Ada Askew Alderson borned April 22, 1866; Ida Nevada Alderson borned July 13, 1869.





J.A. Houston and S.J. Alderson was married December the 18-1867; Mirah Alderson and Martha Butler was married January the 20 18[46].; Lillie Houston and Willie Price was married December the 29, 1892; David Houston and Dinkie Bonds was married February the 14 1895; Cebe Houston and Emma Fuller was married October the 25 1900.

Contributed by Mrs. Doris Brown, Oxford, MS, who obtained a copy of the entries from Sollie Aaron Houston, grandson of James Aaron and Sarah Jane (Alderson) Houston.



Editor's Corner

The close of another year inevitably prompts a review of the accomplishments (and failures) of the year gone by. In 1992, *Alderson Roots & Branches* continued to expand its readership with new members from the line of the Rev. John Alderson, the Northern Neck Aldersons, and English immigrant lines. I am disappointed that I have not yet succeeded in creating new channels of readership through libraries and genealogical and local history societies, but the pressures of a full-time job, travel, and other commitments has limited the amount of time I can spend in such endeavors. (And I apologize here to those readers whose welcome letters I have yet to respond to!) Now that the newsletter is well established, perhaps one of our readers might wish to make a New Year's resolution to volunteer some research time, postage, and printer ink to correspond with libraries, societies, and other institutions who may be interested in subscribing to the newsletter for their readers, or to follow up some research leads by mail.

This year also witnessed the launch of the effort to compile the history of the Aldersons in America. Helen Boswell's monumental undertaking over the last decade and more to compile a comprehensive listing of Alderson descendants has given the project an enormous head-start in time and labor, but much more remains to be done. I am currently compiling family subgroups (based on the great-grandchildren of the Rev. John Alderson, Sr.), which I would like to send to relevant researchers for cross-checking, documentation, and proof-reading. If you are interested in receiving a copy of the material on your own line, please let me know, and I will forward a copy along with the guidelines that I plan to follow for the entire book.

1992 was also a dramatic year of change throughout the world, the consequences of which will continue to unfold for years to come. We can only hope that 1993 will allow those hopes engendered by the ending of the Cold War to develop and witness a lasting peace around the world. I wish all of you a most joyous holiday season, and much peace and happiness in the new year!

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Thank you, and Happy Hunting!



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