

Teliffe A. Alderson and his Descendents

by Jim Cross

Individuals researching Alderson history in the northern neck of Virginia will find references to Teliffe (also spelled Teleff, Tuliffe and Teiliff) and his descendents. Actually his family name was Alverson, but it was often misspelled in early documents. Mrs. Lillian (Alverson) Etter of El Cajon is a descendent who has spent many years tracing her family history. Much of the information in this account comes from her. It is provided so that other researchers may avoid following false leads. Documents marked (*) show the name as Alderson.

The earliest mention of Teliffe is in court records of Northumberland Co., VA in 1678. His full name is shown as Teliffe Antony Alverson. It cannot be ruled out that he is the Anthony Alderson referred to in other Colonial Documents (AFHS Newsletter 29 October 1993). Teliffe apparently had three sons, Teliffe Jr.,

John and Becknell. The later name is unusual and may have been the maiden name of Teliffe's spouse. It is found in the families of any of his descendents.

Teliffe Jr. died in 1719 testate naming his widow Rebecca Hatton and a daughter Sarah born 5 Apr 1715. The widow married Peter Oldham 17 Feb 1728 in the North Farnham Parish Church, Richmond Co., VA.* Sarah married John S. Weid ca. 1740. The marriage record* calls her Teliffe's only child.

Many years passed before John and Becknell received title to their father's land in Richmond Co., VA. Deeds dated 31 July and 5 Aug 1736 indicate why. Teliffe is named as a foreigner not naturalized. His sons were awarded the land, which could have been forfeited to the crown, because they had been long-time residents of Richmond Co. Mrs. Etter believes Teliffe was of French origin, possibly a Huguenot. Certainly the deeds indicate he was not English. There were Alversons in various areas in Flanders including a line of nobility in Lille, France which died out within the last twenty years.

A descendent Teliffe and Eleanor Starks had a son, Redman C. who was born in Lunenburg Parish, Richmond Co., VA on 3 July 1792.* Teiliff Alderson appears on the tax rolls of Richmond Co., VA in 1783 and 1787 (owner of 4 slaves).* A descendent John Alverson lived in Botetourt County VA (1820 USC p48 and 1830 USC p25). The listings are on the same page as Thomas Alderson, grandson of "Elder John" indicating the families were neighbors. Another descendent Becknell lived in Hampshire Co., VA from 1820-1850. Deed N331 of 13 Dec 1766 by which John Alderson purchased 91 acres on Smith's Creek, Frederick Co., VA may refer to an ancestor of Becknell.¹ The widow Kesiah Alderson listed in Charlotte Co., VA in the 1820 USC may be an Alverson.

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Some Alverson descendents moved to NC and later to AL, but no name confusion has been found there. Others made their way into central Kentucky where families can be found in Garrard, Logan, Lincoln, Call, Mercer, McLean, McCrackin, Breckinridge, Marshall, Grayson, Mbad and Green counties between 1810 and 1870. The 1810 census record for Benjamin Alderson in Garrard Co., KY is probably a Benjamin Alverson. Benjamin is listed there by that name in 1820. Benjamin Alderson and Benjamin Alderson Jr., son and grandson of "Elder John," were in Mercer Co., KY in 1810. A Reuben Alverson migrated to Missouri by 1830. His descendents are found in Monroe and Park counties.

That is Ms. Etter's branch of the family. Thus far no name confusion has been found among the Missouri families.

A Randolph Co., MO Alverson

Mrs. Helen Boswell of Moberly, MO has cleared up one outstanding question of unknown identification of an early Randolph Co., MO marriage listed in the March 1993 issue of the newsletter. In that issue, the following marriage appeared:

- Henry H. Alderson, to Sarah F. Robinson, married 19 January 1864 by S.C. Davis

According to Mrs. Boswell, this should be Henry H. *Alverson*. "They are another old family in Randolph Co., came originally from North Carolina. No relationship has ever been claimed or found. Several marriages between these families have occurred in this county."

Thank you to both Mr. Cross and Mrs. Boswell for clarifying a very confusing family line!

Kansas Territorial Settlers of 1860

On the following page is a listing of the Aldersons found in Kansas in 1860; at that time, only about half of the state was settled, and the centers of population remained along the rivers and near the Missouri border.

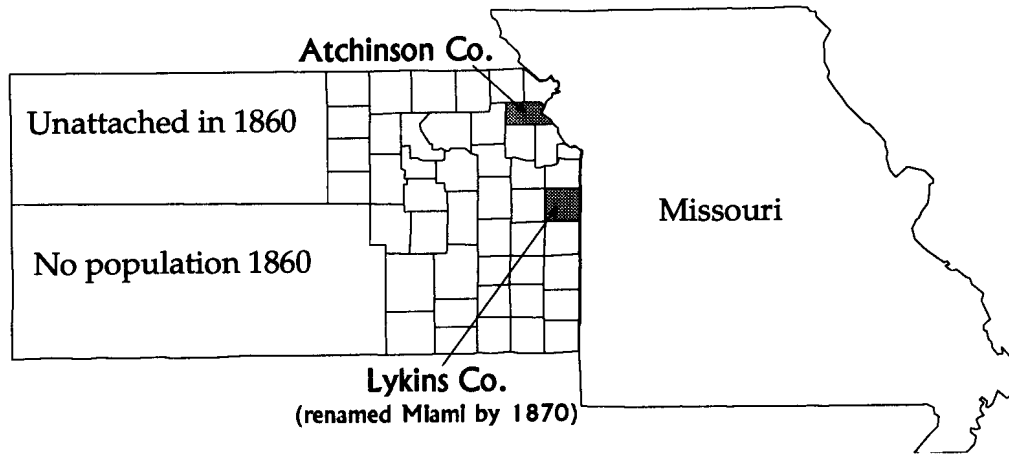
The two families of Virginia origin have been identified. L.A. Alderson is the Rev. Lewis Allen Alderson, son of Joseph and Mary (Newman) Alderson, born in Monroe Co., VA on 5 May 1812, and moved to Atchison, Kansas in 1858 (see *Alderson Roots & Branches*, March 1993, "More on Lewis A. Alderson"). The census index above contains several errors: "Elgin F" Alderson should be "Eliza F[loyd]" Alderson, second wife of the Rev. L.A. Alderson. Also, "Cary F.", listed as female, is "Cary T[rimble]", a son of Lewis and Eliza.

The second family is that of John and Harriet (Johnson) Alderson. John is the son of John "River Jack" Alderson, and thus was a first cousin to the Rev. L.A. Alderson. It had not been previously known that John and family lived in Kansas. By 1868, they had apparently left Atchison Co. and moved to Buchanan Co., MO, where the family is found in the 1880 census. This census listing also throws into question a family grouping listed in the last issue of the newsletter: that of Harris Dewitt and Elizabeth J. (Alderson) Smith. It was assumed that Elizabeth J. was the daughter of John and Harriet Alderson, but since the marriage was recorded in Monroe Co. in March 1859, and then Elizabeth J. (the T. is likely a mistranscription) appears in Atchison Co. as a single woman in 1860, they are unlikely to be the same person. I can find no other Elizabeth Alderson that fits the age of a wife of Harris Smith in 1859; does anyone have an idea of who this may be? There is one rather unlikely possibility that it was indeed the Elizabeth, daughter of John and Harriet, who married Harris Smith, but that Harris and she divorced and she removed to Kansas where her family was located within a year of the marriage. As noted in the last issue, Harris was listed without a wife in the 1870 Monroe census along with son David, age 2; in 1880, Harris' wife was listed as "Araminta", age 29, so Harris evidently remarried at some point after 1870.

A final question on the Virginia families is why three of the children of the Rev. L.A. Alderson are listed twice in the census, though with ages differing from their family listings. Closer examination of the original Kansas census might clear up this point.

1 This deed likely refers to land purchased by either the Rev. John Alderson, Sr., or his son John Alderson, Jr.

Kansas Counties, 1860



Name	County/Twp	Occup.	Age	Sex	Census Vol/Pg
<i>Those Born in Tennessee:</i>					
Alderson, John B.	Lykins, Wea.	Farmer	44	M	8:116
(note: Lykins Co. later changed to Miami Co.)					
<i>Those Born in Virginia</i>					
Alderson, L.A.	Atchison, Ward 3	Clergyman	48	M	1:64
Alderson, Elgin F.	Atchison, Ward 3		39	M	1:64
Alderson, Irwing	Atchison, Ward 3	Student	15	M	1:64
Alderson, Mary Cornelia	Atchison, Ward 3		12	F	1:64
Alderson, Cary F.	Atchison, Ward 3		7	F	1:64
Alderson, Walter W.	Atchison, Ward 3		4	M	1:64
Alderson, John	Atchison, Lancaster	Farmer	48	M	1:113
Alderson, Harriett	Atchison, Lancaster		44	F	1:113
Alderson, Elizabeth T.	Atchison, Lancaster		20	F	1:113
Alderson, Sophrona L.	Atchison, Lancaster		18	F	1:113
Alderson, Ellen F.	Atchison, Lancaster		15	F	1:113
Alderson, Wm. A.	Atchison, Lancaster		14	M	1:113
Alderson, David T.	Atchison, Lancaster		12	M	1:113
Alderson, John A.	Atchison, Lancaster		9	M	1:113
Alderson, Mary C.	Atchison, Lancaster		7	F	1:113
Alderson, Harriet Ann	Atchison, Lancaster		2	F	1:113
Alderson, Irwin	Atchison, Ward 3		17	M	1:55
Alderson, Mary C.	Atchison, Ward 3		10	F	1:55
Alderson, Caisey F.	Atchison, Ward 3		6	M	1:55

The John B. Alderson, b. ca. 1816 in Tennessee has not been identified, nor is it known if he is of the Elder John, Northern Neck or other Alderson lines. Any clues to his origin?

[The census index is taken from Clara Hamlett Robertson, *Kansas Territorial Settlers of 1860 Who Were Born in Tennessee, Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina*, Baltimore: Clearfield Co., contributed by Virginia Wilhelm, Salina, Kansas. The original listing was in alphabetical order by first name; the material here has been rearranged by location and family grouping.]

Atchison County, Kansas Cemetery Listings

Mrs. Helen Boswell sent the following information concerning the Aldersons she found in a book of cemetery readings of Atchison, Kansas, which she located at the Missouri State Historical Society:

- Carey Alderson, b. 1853, d. 26 Aug 1907, buried at the Mt. Vernon Cemetery.
- Mary B. Alderson, b. 1857, d. 12 February 1901, buried at the Mt. Vernon Cemetery

Mrs. Boswell writes: "Is Mary the wife of Carey? I have found no indication that he married. He was single in 1880."

Other Alderson-related listings included:

- Churchill J. White, b. 1846, d. 2 June 1916
- Emma L. White, no bdate, d. 4 Dec 1899
- Margaret White, no bdate, d. 10 May 1887
- George A. White, no bdate, d. 10 Mar 1937

She adds: "Many Whites are listed in Mt. Vernon Cemetery and in others. I am almost certain the two females are daughters of Mary Cornelia (Alderson) and Churchill J. White, and George is probably a son. I did not find Mary C.'s burial nor Rev. Lewis A. Alderson. Did Joseph Coleman Alderson move his father's remains back to West Virginia? He wanted to when his mother died and was buried in West Virginia, according to a newspaper item."

J. Cary Alderson

The following is taken from a biography of J. Cary Alderson, son of George and Virginia (Stevens) Alderson, that appeared in *The History of Logan County, West Virginia*, by G.T. Swain, published 1927.

J. Cary Alderson is the President of the Guyandotte Valley Bank and developed the Guyandotte Valley coal field. John Cary Alderson was born in Alderson, WV on 29 Sept 1868, the son of George and Virginia (Stevens) Alderson. His father George Alderson was born 13 Nov 1833 in Alderson, and his mother, daughter of a Yankee schoolmaster, was born in Monroe Co. in 1842.

His father was an official of the Greenbrier Baptist Church in Alderson, and during the Civil War, he fought for the Confederacy and was a captain on the staff of Gen. William C. Wickham. He was also a Representative of the county in the State Legislature, and was justice of the peace for 40 years. He directed the First National Bank at Alderson. Of George's five sons and one daughter, only J. Cary survives.

Cary went to Hampton-Sidney College in Virginia and obtained his AB in 1887. He then studied law at the University of Virginia, where he received his LLB in 1890. He then became an assistant professor of Latin and Greek in the preparatory department at Hampton-Sidney College.

Later, Cary set up a law practice at Aracoma (now Logan), and he founded the Guyandotte Valley Bank on 1 Jan 1900 (organized on 22 Nov 1899). He is a member of the First Baptist Church of Logan.

On 16 May 1893, Cary married Julia Altizer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S.S. Altizer of Logan. Her father died in Cabell Co., WV in 1907.

William Alderson

The following was taken from a biography originally published in the *History of Alleghany Co., Pennsylvania*, 1889.

William Alderson, of Mt. Lebanon, PA, was born in Mt. Washington, PA in 1837, son of Thomas Alderson, immigrant, from Yorkshire, England, who came to this country in 1831.

Thomas married Jane Parker, and they had 11 children, seven of whom are living. William was their eldest son. Thomas was a miner and hotel keeper.

William married in 1876 to Annie Vero, daughter of Joseph and Pheobe E. Vero, and they had seven children, six of whom are now living: James William, Jane Lizzie, Margaret F., Thomas P., Harry Laurence, Annie (dec'd) and Edith Mable. He lives in Scott Township.

Civil War Compendium (2)

This issue continues and supplements the listing of Civil War soldiers compiled by Jeff Alderson of Wisconsin.

A.T. Alderson

State: Missouri (Union)
Unit: I Co. Greene County Home Guard (Al-
red's Co.)
Rank: Private

Abel Alderson

Unit: Quartermaster Dept. US Volunteers
Rank: Civilian Employee
Marr: Mary J., per pension records
Events: Abel filed pension application
#771899 on 14 October 1902 in Pennsylvania.

Alfred K. Alderson

Unit: Signal Corps US Army
Rank: Private

Events: Alfred filed pension application
#581695 on 3 Aug 1886.

Calaway H. Alderson

State: Tennessee
Unit: B company 11th Cavalry
Rank: Sergeant Major
Marr: Lydia, per pension records

Events: Calaway filed pension applicaton
#133368 on 16 May 1898. His widow filed appli-
cation #1089767 in Kansas.

Charles F. Alderson

State: Mississippi (possibly Minnesota)
Unit: A Co. 13th Infantry

Events: Charles filed pension application
#1353543 on 29 Oct 1906 in Illinois.

Charles H. Alderson

State: Virginia
Unit: B Co. 26th Battallion Infantry
DOB: ca. 1836, Sewell Valley, Greenbrier Co.,
VA

Line: John Sr/Thomas/James/Franklin
Bond (Jane Rambo)

Rank: Private
Separ: 19 Jan 1863, death while in service
Place: Liberty, Bedford Co., VA
Marr: 5 Feb 1856, Monroe Co., VA, to Eliza-
beth H. Evans

Death: 19 Jan 1863
Place: Liberty, Bedford Co., VA

Events: Charles first served in A Co. 166th
VA Militia of Monroe Co. The unit served from
4-11 Aug. and 20 Aug to 11 Oct 1861. The 26th
Battalion was organized 20 May 1862 from mem-
bers of the 59th Virginia Infantry that had es-
caped the capture of Roanoke Island, NC and
from new recruits. Many of the companies con-
sisted of men from Western Virginia. The battal-
ion records list Charles' residence as Monroe or
Greenbrier Co., VA. Charles was listed AWOL
in August 1862 at Broadside, Monroe Co., VA.
He was reported dead on 19 Jan 1863 at Libery,
Bedford Co., VA with no cause given. His
widow is listed as Elizabeth H. (Evans) Alder-
son.

Charles W. Alderson

State: Virginia
Unit: A Co. 16th Cavalry
DOB: 21 June 1846
Line: John Sr./Thomas/Davis/Dr. Christopher
Enlist: 10 Oct 1863
Place: Russell Co., VA
Rank: Private
Date: 10 Oct 1863
Separ: 31 Dec 1864
Marr: 3 Sept 1867, Washington Co., VA, to Sally F. Edmundson

Events: Charles was listed as absent on horse detachment on 31 Dec 1864. His occupation is listed as farmer on the regimental roster. Charles settled in Washington Co., VA after the war where he held various elected school posts.

Christopher Alderson

State: Pennsylvania
Unit: D Co. 79th Infantry
Date: 2 Sept 1861 (mustered in)
Rank: Private

Events: Christopher's original enlistment was for a three-year term. he was reported as absent, sick, from 8 July 1862 on. Do. D was recruited from Washington Co., PA. After his muster, his regiment was ordered to assemble at Camp Wilkins located near Pittsburg and arrived by 11 Oct 1861. The regiment moved south on 17 Dec 1861. The 79th marched on Forts Henry and Donelson but was diverted to Nashville. The regiment would then serve in Kentucky and Tennessee during the first half of 1862. Christopher filed pension application #1131143 on 16 Sept 1892 in Pennsylvania.

Christopher Alderson

State: Virginia
Unit: I Co. 6th Battalion Virginia Reserves
Rank: Private

Events: This battalion was called into service for the war on 3 June 1864.

Christopher C. Alderson

State: Kentucky (Union)
Unit: D Co. 19th Infantry
Enlist: 25 Feb 1862, mustered into federal service the following day
Place: Harrodsburg, KY
Rank: Private
Date: 25 Feb 1862
Separ: 1 Jan 1866
Place: Clinton, LA
Events: Christopher transferred to B Co. 7th KY Veteran Infantry on 24 Dec 1864 at Berwick City, LA. He deserted on 1 Jan 1866 at Clinton, LA. Private George Huff deserted on the same date and location as Christopher C. Alderson.

Curtis Alderson

State: Iowa
Unit: E Co., 17th Infantry
DOB: ca. 1837, born in Ohio
Enlist: 8 Mar 1862, mustered into Federal service on 5 Apr 1862
Rank: Private, promoted to wagoner
Separ: 26 May 1865
Place: Davenport, IA, mustered out with regiment

Events: The 1850 census lists Curtis as a resident of Richland Twp, Shelby Co., Illinois. He was living with a family of the surname Bousa. Curtis is listed on the 1860 Iowa census as a resident of Tray Twp., Monroe Co., IA. Unit records indicate his residence was Ashland, IA. Curtis reenlisted and remustered as a veteran on 22 Apr 1864. He was taken prisoner on 13 Oct 1864 at Tilton, GA. Curtis filed pension application #334680 on 29 Dec 1889.

Davis Alderson

State: Virginia
Unit: F Co. 37th Infantry
Line: John Sr./Thomas/Davis/George W.
Enlist: 10 March 1862
Place: Glade Spring, VA
Rank: Private
Date: 10 March 1862

Separ: Died of disease 17 Sept 1862
Place: Died at Flint Hill, VA
DOD: 17 Sept 1862
Place: Flint Hill, VA

Events: Davis enlisted for a three-year term. He is listed as present on the August 1862 roll. He was twice wounded at Cedar Run near Culpeper Court House, VA. His father, George W., is listed as resident of Washington Co., VA in the 1860 census.

Davis Christopher Alderson

State: Virginia
Unit: A Co. 16th Cavalry
Line: John Sr./Thomas/Davis/John D.
Enlist: 4 March 1864
Place: Russell Co., VA
Rank: Private
Date: 4 March 1864
Separ: 31 Dec 1864

Events: Davis is listed as present on the rolls until 31 Dec 1864. His daughter (Ida Kathleen Alderson Hagan, b. 28 May 1898 in Russell Co., VA) is listed as a member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. She cites her father Davis Christopher. Davis's father, John D., is listed as a resident of Russell Co., VA in the 1860 census.

Eli Davis Alderson

State: Virginia
Unit: Lowry's Battery Virginia Artillery
DOB: 13 June 1843, Monroe Co., VA
Line: John Sr./Thomas/James/Thomas H.
Enlist: 8 June 1861
Place: Indian Creek, VA
Rank: Private
Marr: 10 Jan 1866, Monroe Co., WV, to Henrietta S. Vines
DOD: 27 June 1916
Place: Summers Co., WV; buried at the Talcott Cem., Talcott, Summers Co., WV

Events: This battery was originally formed as C Co. Wise Legion Artillery. The unit was later reorganized as an independent battery or

company on 15 May 1862. Eli Davis was reported as on detail with the Engineering Department on the Feb. 1863 report. He was reported as on detail to work at the New River Bridge on 28 Aug 1863. Eli is listed as present for duty on the final muster roll.

Francis Marion Alderson

State: Missouri
Unit: Militia Home Guard, Huntsville, MO
DOB: 25 Dec 1849
Enlist: 25 Dec 1865
Place: Huntsville, MO
Rank: Private
DOD: 23 Sept 1908
Place: Moberly, Randolph Co., MO

Events: He served at Huntsville, MO Court-house as guard for soldiers who were in protective custody there because they were suffering from smallpox.

Franklin M. Alderson

State: Virginia
Unit: G Co., 29th Infantry, Stevenson's Co. Ferguson's Bn Cav, A Co 16th Cav Bn
DOB: ca. 1844
Line: John/Thomas/Davis/Dr. Christopher
Enlist: 27 Mar 1862
Place: Russell Co., VA
Separ: Absence due to sickness, April 1862

Events: He is listed as "in school" in the 1860 census of Russell Co., VA. Franklin is believed to have joined a cavalry unit after leaving the 29th per a post-war roster. His whereabouts were unknown to unit members in 1888. His enlistment was for three years of service. Franklin was killed in action during the Gettysburg campaign. His father, Christopher, is listed as a resident of Russell Co., VA in the 1860 census.

George Alderson

State: Kentucky (Confederate)
Unit: A Co. 14th Cavalry aka A Co 10th Cavalry
DOB: ca. 1846
Enlist: 12 Sept 1862

Place: Prestonburg, KY

Rank: Private, Sergeant

Events: The unit was formerly known as May's Battalion Kentucky Cavalry and also as the Virginia Mounted Rifles-10th Cavalry Kentucky. A Mrs. William C. (Ida Alderson) Holland born on 25 Jan 1870 at Hansonville, Russell Co., VA cites her father as a member of the 10th Kentucky Cavalry for membership in the DAR.

Marriages of Cumberland Co., VA

Three Alderson marriages appear in the early records of Cumberland Co., VA:

Richard Alderson, marriage bond dated 4 December 1810 to Judith Ballow.

Thomas Alderson, marriage bond dated 29 November 1820, to Martha Oakley. Erasmus Oakley, surety.

Wilkins Alderson, marriage bond dated 12 December 1822 to Elizabeth Thacker. Sam Hudson swears that Elizabeth is over 21 years of age and is a resident of Cumberland Co.

Early New Jersey Aldersons

C.C. Gardner's *Genealogical Dictionary of New Jersey* references hundreds of early NJ lines, compiled from a wide variety of early New Jersey sources; the following are three Alderson citations:

Anna Alderson was paid 5 shillings "for tending at the ffun'll", out of the estate of James McKeen of Penns Neck, according to the accounting of 28 Sept 1738. (NJW:715Q)

Hance Alderson was an apprentice to John Easton of Penns Neck, mentioned in his will of 21 April 1748. (NJW:737Q)

John Alderson joined the Hopewell Baptist Church between 1728 and 1730 and was dismissed prior to 1749. (HoTR:128) [This of course is the Rev. John Alderson, Sr.]

More Nicholas Co., WV Obituaries

Taken from Vol. II of Shirley Grose's *Murder, Mayhem, Hydrophobia*, the following are Alderson-related obituaries from the *Nicholas Chronicle* in the period 1900-1930. A number of obituaries from Volume I appeared in the September 1993 issue of *Alderson Roots & Branches*.

VIRGINIA ALDERSON JANUARY 17 1920

MRS. VIRGINIA M. ALDERSON

Mrs. Virginia M. Alderson, widow of the late Hon. George Alderson, passed away at Alderson Junior College, in Alderson, on Saturday, January 5, 1920, at the age of about 66 years. She was a daughter of J. W. and Marion Gwynn Stevens, was born at Pence Springs October 2, 1842, was married to Mr. Robert Boyd, of Sinks Grove, at the age of 18, who died from wounds received at the battle of Dry Creek in 1863. On Nov. 13, 1867, she married the late George Alderson, who died in 1924 at the age of 91 years. Deceased was the last surviving charter member of the Alderson Presbyterian church. One son, J. Cary Alderson, banker of Logan, W. Va., and a step-daughter, Miss Emma Alderson, with whom she lived, survive, of a family of five sons and one daughter.

Mrs. Virginia (Stevens) (Boyd) Alderson was the wife of the Hon. George Alderson, b. 13 Nov 1833, Alderson, Monroe Co., VA, and died 18 March 1924 at Alderson. He was the son of John "River Jack" and Mrs. Nancy (Robinson) (Mays) Alderson, his second wife. Note that the date in the title is in error; it should read "January 17, 1929".

Mrs. Nellie Pages (Alderson) Evans was the daughter of Lewis Newman and Catherine Cornelia (Bryant) Alderson, b. 15 Jan 1884 in Nicholas Co., WV and died 27 Oct 1923. Her father was the son of George and Eliza Ann (Davis) Alderson. Nellie's husband, John Lewis Evans, was b. 11 Aug 1875 in Nicholas Co., and died 1951 Nicholas Co. He was the son of Alkana and Minerva Catherine (Deitz) Evans (see notes to her obituary, p. 23).

NOVEMBER 1, 1923

MRS. JOHN L. EVANS DEAD

Mrs. John L. Evans, whose illness has been mentioned in these columns, died Saturday in a Huntington hospital where she had been taking treatment the past few weeks. While her condition was very serious the sad news of her death came as a terrible shock to her family and friends. During the week prior to her death she was thought to be improving until the message came announcing her sudden death due to heart failure. Mrs. Evans had been in extremely delicate health since the death of her little son, Louis, who was killed last spring by an automobile at Saint Albans and her death was a result of the terrible shock.

She was a member of the Summersville Baptist Church and lived a christian life. Deceased was 39 years of age. To mourn their loss she leaves her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Alderson, a husband, John L. Evans, three daughters, Grace Lee, Annette, and Katideen, four sisters, Mrs. C. T. Loyd, Mrs. D. W. Dunbar, Mrs. Millard Harold, and Miss Claire Alderson, two brothers, J. Coleman and Frank Alderson and a host of friends.

Funeral services were conducted at the Baptist church by Rev. Lambert of the M. E. Church, South, assisted by Rev. Hutchinson, of the M. E. Church. Mrs. Maggie Grose, Mrs. J. J. Summers and several playmates of her daughter, Grace Lee, acted as flower girls. The floral tributes were many and beautiful. The large audience which attended her funeral was evidence of her wide circle of friends. After funeral services at the Church interment was made in the Groves' Cemetery by the side of her little son.

We extend to the bereaved family our deepest sympathy. She sleeps in peace.

FEBRUARY 19 1914

Mrs. Jane Huffman.

Mrs. Jane Huffman, one of the pioneer citizens of Nicholas county, died at her home at Mt. Nebo on Friday, February 6, 1914. Mrs. Huffman was born at Alderson, Greenbrier county, on March 7, 1824, and was, at the time of her death, aged 89 years, 11 months and 29 days. Her death was due to the infirmities incident to old age.

Mrs. Huffman was married in April, 1858, to Mr. Joseph A. Huffman and to this union were born the children, seven of whom are as follows: Henry, George, Frank, Alex. A., John, William and Mrs. Mary Huffman. Her father, John A. Huffman, was born in M. S. and died in Nicholas Co. Her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Huffman, was born in M. S. and died in Nicholas Co. Her father, John A. Huffman, was born in M. S. and died in Nicholas Co. Her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Huffman, was born in M. S. and died in Nicholas Co.

Mrs. Huffman was a consistent member of the Baptist church. Her grandfather, John A. Huffman, founded the first Baptist church west of the Allegheny mountains, located at Alderson and known as the Greenbrier Baptist church. She united with this church in early girlhood and later moved her membership to the Fowler Knob Baptist church, of which church she was a member at the time of her death.

She is also survived by one brother, Hon. George Alderson, of Alderson, and a sister, Mrs. Grey, of Texas, besides 60 grandchildren and 40 great-grandchildren. She had resided in Nicholas county for more than 60 years.

After the funeral service at the Fowler Knob Baptist church on Sunday following her death, conducted by Rev. A. C. Ruckman, her remains were laid to

rest in the family burying ground, there to await a glorious resurrection.

Mrs. Jane (Alderson) Huffman was the daughter of John "River Jack" and Nancy (Robinson) (Mays) Alderson. Jane married Joseph A. Huffman, and the family moved to Nicholas Co. Her grandfather was not Joseph A. Alderson as stated in the obituary, but the Rev. John Alderson, Jr.

Unfortunately, the original of the obituary is heavily faded in the middle and illegible.

Joseph A. Alderson, son of Joseph Allen and Mary Susannah (Duffy) Alderson, was born 27 Sept 1858 in Nicholas Co., and died 4 March 1916. His father was the son of Geroge and Jeanette Cleary (McCreigh) Alderson. He married Anna Laura Peck, b. 31 August 1835, d. 27 May 1929, Nicholas Co.

MARCH 24 1916

Jos. A. Alderson, Esq.

Joseph A. Alderson passed to rest at his home, one half mile west of town, Saturday morning, March 4 1916. Mr. Alderson has been in failing health for more than two years, and while his friends had almost lost hope of his complete recovery his death was not expected, and came as a surprise to the community.

Mr. Alderson was 57 years of age, a native of Nicholas county, and lived his entire life in the county. On Jan. 9th, 1886, he was married to Miss Laura Peck, daughter of the late John E. Peck.

He served the county as county superintendent of schools, circuit clerk and county clerk, and in each of these positions, he served the public faithfully, with honor to himself and satisfaction to the public.

He was a consistent member of the Baptist church at this place and served as clerk of the Hopewell Baptist Association for twenty-five years.

In his death the community loses a valued member, and the county one of her strongest and most highly esteemed citizens.

His wife and nine children and two brothers survive him, and to them we extend our deepest sympathy in their hour of bereavement.

Interment was on the John E. Peck farm and services were held in the Baptist church. He was buried with Masonic rites by the Summersville Lodge A. F. & A. M. of which he had long been a member and at one time Worshipful Master.

JANUARY 17, 1924

MINERVA CATHERINE EVANS
Minerva Cathrine Evans was born August 14th, 1843 and died December 24th, 1923. She was married to Alkana Evans in 1878. To this union were born four sons and one daughter. Her husband and one son preceded her to the Great Beyond. She was a member of the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church.

Mrs. Minerva Catherine Evans was the daughter of John and Sarah Louisa (McClung) Dietz, b. 14 Aug 1843. Her mother was the daughter of James and Mary (Alderson) McClung; Mary was the daughter of George and Sarah (Osborne) Alderson. Minerva was the second wife of Alkana Evans (also spelled "Elkanah"), whose first wife was Nancy Bare. Alkana was the son of David and Ruth (Alderson) Evans, b. 20 April 1812 in Greenbrier Co., VA, and died May 1894 in Nicholas Co., WV. His mother Ruth was the daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Bond) Alderson.

JANUARY 13, 1927

MRS. W. S. RICHARDSON

Mrs. W. S. Richardson died at her home at Huntington last Friday. Mrs. Richardson was formerly Miss Alice Alderson, being a brother of L. N. Alderson, of Summersville, Geo. H. Alderson, of Enon, and Davis Alderson, of Huntington. Beside the above named brothers she is survived by five daughters, Mrs. Joe Wilson, of Richmond, Va., Mrs. Joseph N. Alderson, of Alderson, Mrs. Donald Hollenback, Mrs. A. B. Woodward and Mrs. Lyslie Austin, of Huntington. She was 78 years old. She was a member of the Huntington Presbyterian church and was a prominent church worker. Funeral services were held Sunday in the Presbyterian church and interment was made in Spring Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Alice Ellis (Alderson) Richardson was the daughter of George and Eliza Ann (Davis) Alderson, b. 15 July 1848 in Lookout, Fayette Co., VA. She married Eugene Norton in 1867, then William S. Richardson in 1884. She was the grandmother of Mrs. Frances Alderson Swope, Alderson Cousins member from Lewisburg, WV.

New Members

Dr. John Shreve, Falckensteinstrasse 4, 10997 Berlin, Germany. Dr. Shreve is a descendant of Benjamin Alderson, through his son Aaron, grandson Hiram, and great-grandson Samuel Williamson Alderson.

James A. Cross, Box 2245, El Cajon, CA 92021. James is a descendant of Joseph A. Alderson, immigrant in the 1840s, who is a descendant of Thomas Alderson of Eskeleth (ca. 1600-1670). He is a serious amateur genealogist, and has been working with Susan Sharp of the Alderson Family History Society in England to identify the 19th century Alderson immigrants to the US and their English ancestry. He has compiled an index listing of all Alderson heads of family from 1790-1850.

Assistance Needed!

Recently I received a call from a gentleman in Chicago who is currently working on an estate settlement case. As part of the settlement process, he is looking for remaining family of Edna Leonard Alderson, b. ca. 1898 in White Sulphur Springs, Greenbrier Co., WV. Edna had a brother Thomas D. Alderson, and their parents were Edward H. and Ellen Alderson. He says he was unable to find an Edward H. in the Greenbrier Co. 1880 Census, and in my search of the Alderson database, I was only able to find a Miles Edward Alderson, b. ca. 1875, in Greenbrier Co., as the closest match to the Edward H. he is looking for.

Edna Leonard Alderson married a man by the surname Setty, and the family moved to Dayton, Ohio in the early 1930s. If anyone has any information on Edna Alderson, or of her parents Edward and Ellen Alderson of Greenbrier Co., please call Mr. Ray Jarema (he asks that you call collect), at (312) 236-8596.

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Contributions in form of articles, photographs, vital records, Bible records, and other Alderson memorabilia are welcome. All material accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope can be returned. Suggestions, contributions, and research queries can be addressed to David Fridley, *Alderson Roots & Branches*, 576 Noe St., San Francisco, CA 94114.

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Thank you, and Happy Hunting!



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