

Aldersons in the 1910 Census: Descendants of Elder John

by Jim Cross

The U.S. Census Bureau did not completely index the 1910 census. The indices are complete for the states of the old South and for Illinois, California, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri. The following listing (see page 3) has been prepared from the indices of those states plus records that have been found in other states by looking in areas where there were Aldersons in 1900 and/or 1920. It includes only entries for male Aldersons who were married before the census was taken. Unmarried Aldersons living alone and entries for children living with grandparents or others are excluded. The 94 listings include 19 families headed by widows. Each entry in the table shows which generation of the descendants of Elder John the head of family belongs to. There are four members of the third generation, 35 members of the fourth generation, 41 members of the fifth generation and four members of the sixth generation. Ten of the entries pertain to individuals whose ancestry has not yet been determined, but who are probably descendants of

Elder John. There are a number of other heads of families that are possibly additional descendants which require further research and are not included in the list. Any readers who have 1910 census information on other heads of families, especially those in the unindexed states are urged to submit it to Jim Cross, Box 2245, El Cajon, CA 92021.

Queries and Uncertainties

(1) In the 1910 census there are two James W. Aldersons in Summers Co., WV. The first, born in 1855 in WV is R5186, son of Lina Mims, married to Mary George. I can't identify the second, born in 1856 in VA, listed as a dry goods merchant in Green Sulphur township. The census record shows him as married in 1885, but no wife is listed. I can't find any James W. in the Virginia/West Virginia families in either the 1860 or 1870 census records. Could the second one be William H, son of Thomas C.M.?

(2) The 1910 census lists a widow, Beulah, born in 1869, in Prairie Twp, Montgomery Co., MO. She is probably the widow of a son of R5190 Louis A, R5191 John M., or R5192 Alfred. Does anyone have information on the name of her husband?

(3) There is a Rutledge H. Alderson in Cleveland OH in 1910. He is listed as born in 1880 in VA. Can anyone identify him?

(4) There is a death date of c1903 for R5197 Thomas K. Alderson. I am not sure of the source of this date, but the 1910 census shows Thomas K. was living in that year.

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Identification of Texas Deaths

by Jim Cross

In the last issue of the newsletter appeared an index of Alderson deaths in Texas from 1905 to 1939. Jim Cross has provided the following tentative identification of some of the listings. Please contact me or Jim Cross directly if you can identify any others in the index.

- **Willie, Bexar, 1905.** This is probably William b1891, son of English immigrant P2491 Edgar. This family lived in Nogales, AZ in 1900 where Edgar was a foreman for the railroad. He died before 1910 and his widow and remaining family lived in San Antonio in 1910 (the only Aldersons in Bexar county).
- **Ruben, Wise, 1905.** Probably Ruben, son of Q5429 William Sydney, born in January 1896. William Sydney was son of Q5077 Elven W. and a 6th generation descendent of Q5001 Richard Jr.
- **William B., Burnet, 1908.** This is Q5231 William B. born 1827 in AL. He was a Civil War veteran and Jeff Alderson has included him in his collection of Alderson Civil War veterans. He disappears from census records between 1850 and 1900.
- **Bessie, Comanche, 1916.** This is probably Bessie, wife of S15044 Samuel C. She was born c1883 in AR and married c1906. She had already lost 2 of 3 children by the 1910 census. Samuel C. was born in 1886 in MS. Thus far I haven't found him in 1900 census. This was the only Alderson family in Comanche Co. in 1910.
- **Nancy E., Dallas, 1922.** This is probably Nancy, widow of Q5468 Thomas E. Jr. of Maury Co., TN. The 1900 census of Maury Co. gives her birth in Mar 1861 in TN, but 1910 census shows c1859 in AL. She was living in Dallas in 1910 and can be identified by her two daughters who are in both censuses. Thomas E. Jr. was a nephew of Q5231 William B.
- **Frank, Brown, 1923.** This is probably S5400 Franklin A., son of S5058 Josiah. He was born in 1848 in TN. He was living in Brown Co. in 1910 with his wife Sophronia and 2 daughters.
- **J. E., Collin, 1925.** This is Q5662 Jeremiah Elic, son of Q5230 James and Clarky (Paul) Alderson and a sixth generation descendent of Q5001 Richard Jr. He was born 11 Aug 1849 in Simp-

son Co., KY and listed in Collin Co., TX in 1900 census and Dallas Co., TX in 1910 census. Rebecca who died 1933 in Collin Co. was his wife.

- The only 1910 Alderson in McLellan Co. in 1910 was C.C. born in England who was a chemist (druggist?). He was listed as married 29 years, but was living alone. The two deaths in the county Nealie 1926 and Newton H. 1933 may be his children. If so, the names of the children may help Susan Sharp identify him.
- **Walter Broadies, Fannin, 1927.** This is probably W15028 Walter B. listed in the 1910 census. He was born c1874 in TX son of W5457 William E. William E. was a Civil War veteran born in GA c1833. Jeff Alderson also has his Civil War records.
- **Minerva A., Fannin, 1928.** Probably widow of Q5661 George L., son of Q5230 James and a sixth generation descendent of Q5001 Richard Jr., born Minerva A. Nelms in Mar 1853 in TX. She married George L. c1898. The 1910 census shows her brother living with family.
- **Thomas Remly, Eastland 1929.** This is probably R5197 Thomas born 1851 in VA, son of R5134 George W. Note you have his name as Thomas K., but census records show middle initial R.
- **J. Wash., Cass, 1929.** This is probably W15023 John W., another son of W5457 William E. He is listed in Cass Co. in 1910 census, born 1870 in TX.
- **C.A., Childress, 1930.** This is probably S5404 Coley A. born 1852 in TN. He was a brother of S5400 Franklin A. of Brown Co. (See above.)
- **Rose Iola, Cooke Co, 1934.** This is probably the wife of R5580 Sam B. She was born c1874 in SC and married Sam B. in 1899. Sam B. was born c1872 in KS son of R5172 Irving N. The 1900 census of Greenville Co., SC shows Joseph Herdson, Sam's brother-in-law, living with family. Family was in Cooke Co., TX in 1910.
- **Jerry A, Fannin, 1934.** This is probably V5453 Jerry A. born c1856 in TX son of V5246 Richard and Mary Nelms. Thus far I have not been able to determine Richard's ancestry, but he was born c1825 in TN. Jerry A was in the 1880, 1900 and 1910 censuses of Fannin Co. Mary Elizabeth who died 1936 Fannin Co may be his widow, Mary E. Lackey.
- **William F., Burnet, 1936.** This is probably Q5667 William F. Born c1851 in TN. He married Griffith Frasier and lived in Hamilton Co TX in

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Gen	St	County	Town/City	E.D	P#	Name	Age	Born	Ancestry
6	AR	ST. FRANCIS	Forrest City	126	15112	JOHN W	33	VA	Thomas M/Thomas C.M./George
4	AR	SEVIER	Red Colony	179	5185	JESSE J	56	VA	Asa/Curtis/Thomas
5	CA	LOS ANGELES	Los Angeles	186	5531	JULIA H	48	VA	(widow of Charles R)/John M
5	CA	SAN FRANC.	San Francisco	177	5579	ANNIE D	53	CA	(widow of Hiram)/William W/Hiram
6	CA	SAN FRANC.	San Francisco	95	15100	HARRY E	32	CA	Hiram/William W/Hiram/Aaron/Benj.
5	IL	MADISON	Alton 3d Ward	20	5552	CANDIS E	52	IN	(widow of Luther A)/William W
6	KS	BOURBON	Fort Scott	46	5534	JOHN F	38	MO	Francis/Mary/Hiram/Aaron/Benj
4	KS	COWLEY	Walnut	66	5546	PETER L	51	VA	Lina/Curtis/Thomas
5	KS	ELK	Liberty	121	15122	LON C	29	KS	?Isaac H/Calaway H/Burzilla/Curtis
5	KS	ELLSWORTH	Wilson	34	5551	JOHN W	47	IL	Moses/Aaron/Aaron/Benjamin
4	KS	ELLSWORTH	Wilson	34	5194	MILES H	68	KY	Aaron/Aaron/Benjamin
5	KS	JEWELL	Randall	68	15101	ANDREW B	29	KS	James C/Calaway/Burzilla/Curtis
4	KS	JEWELL	Randall	68	5545	JAMES C	50	TN	Calaway H/Burzilla/Curtis
5	KS	JEWELL	Vicksburg	55	15103	ROSS	26	KS	Isaac H/Calaway H/Burzilla/Curtis
5	KS	NEOSHO	Erie	201	15102	CHARLES L	28	KS	Isaac H/Calaway H/Burzilla/Curtis
5	KS	NEOSHO	Erie	201	15108	DELBERT L	30	KS	Isaac H/Calaway H/Burzilla/Curtis
3	KS	RICE	Harrison	180	5503	SARAH	76	OH	(widow of Amos)/Moses/Benjamin.
5	KS	SALINE	Salina 3d Ward	136	5547	VIRGIL W	36	IL	Miles H/Aaron/Aaron/Benjamin
5	KY	BELL	Middlesboro	29	15114	JOSEPH T	41	TN	?James/James C/Thomas/Curtis
?	KY	LOGAN	Russellville	49	5563	MADISON E	55	KY	?Benjamin/?
4	MO	ATCHISON	Arkio	29	5508	SAMUEL B	60	MO	Benjamin A/Abel/Thomas
5	MO	AUDRAIN	Mexico	4	5542	JOSEPH	49	VA	Lewis A/James H/James/Thomas
4	MO	GENTRY	Miller	90	5537	WILLIAM	63	VA	John/John/John
4	MO	GRUNDY	Madison	54	5198	MARY E	66	MO	(widow of Samuel W)
4	MO	JACKSON	Kansas City 5th W	63	5541	ROBERT F	47	MO	Benjamin A/Abel/Thomas
?	MO	LINN		75	5577	DORCUS	74	IN	?(widow of William P)/?
4	MO	MONTGOMERY		112	5192	ALFRED	51	VA	James H/James/Thomas
?	MO	MONTGOMERY	Prairie	109	?	BEULAH	44	MO	(widow of ????)
5	MO	MONTGOMERY	Prairie	109	15109	CLAUDE	27	MO	John M/James H/James/Thomas
4	MO	MONTGOMERY	Prairie	109	5191	JOHN M	58	MO	James H/James/Thomas
5	MO	MONTGOMERY		101	5535	JOHN N	47	WV	Lewis A/James H/James/Thomas
4	MO	MONTGOMERY	Montgomery	108	5190	LOUIS A	72	VA	James H/James/Thomas
4	MO	RANDOLPH	Reilly	151	5501	SARAH	70	MO	(widow of James A)
5	MO	RANDOLPH	Hart	152	5505	SARAH	58	MO	(widow of Francis M)
5	OH	PIKE	Piketon	122	5514	HENLEY	40	WV	Eli D/Thomas H/James H/Thomas

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5	OH	RICHLAND	Mansfield 1st W	176	15107	EDWARD M	33	WV	Sampson/Asa/Curtis/Thomas
5	OK	CUSTER		126	5549	CLARA	48	KY	(widow of Aaron)
4	PA	BEAVER	Midland	27	5522	ABEL A	59	MD	Thomas C./Abel/Thomas
?	PA	BEAVER	Rochester	51	15105	WILLIAM B	32	VA	? George/?
5	TN	ANDERSON	Coal Creek	5	5559	GEORGE	37	TN	Thomas J/Curtis L/Thomas/Curtis
4	TN	HAWKINS	Rogersville	114	5528	JOHN	73	TN	James C/Thomas/Curtis
?	TN	JEFFERSON		74	5561	ROBERT	60	TN	Luke L/?
4	TN	MORGAN		51	5158	THOMAS	78	VA	Curtis L/Thomas/Curtis
5	TX	COOKE	Gainesville	51	5550	LOUIS	35	TX	Irving N/Lewis A/Joseph/John Jr.
5	TX	COOKE	Gainesville	51	5580	SAM B	37	KS	Irving N/Lewis A/Joseph/John Jr
5	TX	DALLAM	Precinct 1	68	15113	EDWARD B	34	VA	Albert P/George W/Davis/Thomas
5	TX	DALLAS	Dallas 3d Ward	31	15106	E.R.	27	TX	Eugene W/Albery S/Aaron/Benj.
5	TX	EASTLAND	Ranger	39	15110	NANNIE	24	TX	(widow of Adison R)/Thomas K
4	TX	EASTLAND	Eastland	37	5197	THOMAS K	59	VA	George W/Davis/Thomas
5	TX	HARRIS	Houston	86	15111	ALBERRY D	29	TX	Eugene W/Albery S/Aaron/Benj.
4	TX	KAUFMAN	Terrell	163	5518	EUGENE W	45	KY	Albery S/Aaron/Benjamin
4	TX	ROCKWALL	Royse City	182	5523	JAMES F	61	KY	Albery S/Aaron/Benjamin
5	VA	BOTETOURT		12	15115	KENTON L	31	VA	John T/John H/Thomas/Curtis
4	VA	BOTETOURT		12	5515	MARY	54	VA	(widow of John T)/John H/Thomas+
5	VA	RUSSELL	Lebanon	88	5509	CHARLES C	66	VA	Thomas CM/George/Joseph/Joh
4	VA	RUSSELL	Lebanon	88	5527	EMMA J	49	VA	(widow of William C)/Abel/Davis/+
4	VA	RUSSELL	Lebanon	88	5526	REBECCA	49	VA	(widow of Davis C)/John Davis/+
5	VA	RUSSELL	Lebanon	88	5570	WILLIAM	55	VA	Thomas C.M./George/Joseph/John
5	VA	TAZEWELL	Richlands	96	5572	CHAPMAN	38	VA	Henry C/Christopher/Davis/Thomas
4	VA	TAZEWELL	Tazewell	96	5178	HENRY C	62	VA	Christopher/Davis/Thomas
4	VA	WASHINGTON		98	5177	CHARLES W	64	VA	Christopher/Davis/Thomas
4	VA	WASHINGTON		98	5171	JOSEPH	67	VA	Christopher/Davis/Thomas
5	VA	WISE		100	5511	GEORGE	65	VA	John M/George/Joseph/John Jr.
5	VA	WISE	Gladerville	100	5510	THOMAS M	57	VA	Thomas C.M./George/Joseph/John
5	WV	CABELL	Huntington	6	15119	LEE	30	WV	Overton D/George/Joseph/John Jr.
4	WV	CABELL	Huntington	6	5167	OVERTON D	57	VA	George/Joseph/John Jr.
5	WV	GREENBRIER	Irish Corner	36	5556	GEORGE	53	VA	Joseph A/George/Joseph/John Jr.
5	WV	GREENBRIER	Alderson	29	5554	GRANVILLE	41	WV	Sampson I/Asha/Curtis/Thomas
3	WV	GREENBRIER	Irish Corner	36	5141	HESTER	76	VA	(widow of Thomas H)/James/Thom.
4	WV	GREENBRIER	Alderson	29	5165	JAMES G	78	VA	James O/George/John Jr.
5	WV	GREENBRIER	Alderson	29	5524	JOHN M	56	VA	John M/George/Joseph/John Jr.

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-	WV	GREENBRIER	Ronceverte	35	15118	JOSEPH	26	WV	(son of widow Ollie G)/?
-	WV	GREENBRIER	Irish Corner	36	5558	RUFUS	51	VA	(step-son of Thomas H)
4	WV	GREENBRIER	Blue Sulphur	29	5183	SAMPSON I	68	VA	Asha/Curtis/Thomas
5	WV	KANAWHA	Charleston	75	15121	CHARLES M	41	WV	Sampson I/Asha/Curtis/Thomas
4	WV	KANAWHA	Charleston	71	5171	JOSEPH C	70	VA	Lewis A/Joseph/John Jr.
4	WV	KANAWHA	Charleston	66	5525	WILLIAM L	35	WV	Thomas H/James/Thomas
4	WV	LOGAN	Logan	62	5565	J. CARY	41	WV	George/John/John Jr.
5	WV	MONROE	Alderson	105	5500	ALETTA	62	WV	(widow of Joseph N)
3	WV	MONROE	Wolf Creek	105	5127	GEORGE	76	VA	
?	WV	MONROE	Union	104	5574	LUCY	41	WV	(widow of ?)
3	WV	MONROE	Wolf Creek	108	5162	MARGRET S	80	VA	(widow of Thomas)
4	WV	MONROE	Alderson	105	5175	SADA M	49	VA	(widow of John W)
5	WV	NICHOLAS	Kentucky	32	5514	ALLEN G	54	WV	Joseph G/Levi/George/John Jr.
5	WV	NICHOLAS	Summersville	114	5555	EDWIN L	42	WV	Joseph A/George/Joseph/John Jr.
4	WV	NICHOLAS	Summersville	114	5170	GEORGE H	65	VA	George/Joseph/John Jr.
5	WV	NICHOLAS	Summersville	114	5517	JOHN D	55	VA	Joseph A/George/Joseph/John Jr.
4	WV	NICHOLAS	Summersville	114	5513	LEWIS N	54	VA	George/Joseph/John Jr.
4	WV	SUMMERS	Green Sulphur	133	15116	FRANKLIN B	37	WV	Franklin B/James/Thomas
5	WV	SUMMERS	Glenray	140	5516	JAMES S	51	VA	Joseph G/Levi/George/John Jr.
4	WV	SUMMERS	Greenbrier	129	5186	JAMES W	55	VA	Lina/Curtis/Thomas
?	WV	SUMMERS	Green Sulphur	133	5581	JAMES W	54	VA	?
6	WV	SUMMERS	Glenray	140	15117	JOHN L	21	WV	James L/Joseph G/Levi/George/+
4	WV	SUMMERS	Glenray	140	5164	JOSEPH G	84	VA	Levi/George/John Jr.

1880 and Burnet Co., TX in 1900 and 1910. I haven't been able to determine his ancestry. (Obviously, it might be extremely helpful if someone could look at the death records and the obituaries in Burnet Co.)

- Warner J., Harris, 1939. This may be Q5610 Warner J, son of Q5448 William W and 6th generation descendent of Q5001 Richard Jr. He was born in IL c1864 and was in 1910 census of Waller Co., TX. He is the only Alderson by this name that I have found through 1920.
- E.W. Dallas, 1939. This might be R5518 Eugene W. who was living in Kaufman Co., TX in 1910 where he was listed as a merchant. He was the son of R5145 Albery S.

Aldersons of North Carolina: the 3rd and 4th Generations

by Jim Cross

The history of Simon Alderson and his son Simon Jr. who immigrated to Bath, NC in 1705 appeared in Volume 4, Number 2 of this publication. Additional information on the family and on Levi and John, the two sons of Simon Jr., appeared in the following issue. This article comments on items in these articles and describes what is known about the next two generations of their descendants.

The will of Simon Sr. gives the names of his children as Elizabeth, Jane Averidge and Simon Jr. The will of Thomas Hardy describes Simon Jr's daughter Sarah as his cousin. This suggests that his mother was Elizabeth, unless Simon had another daughter not mentioned in his will.

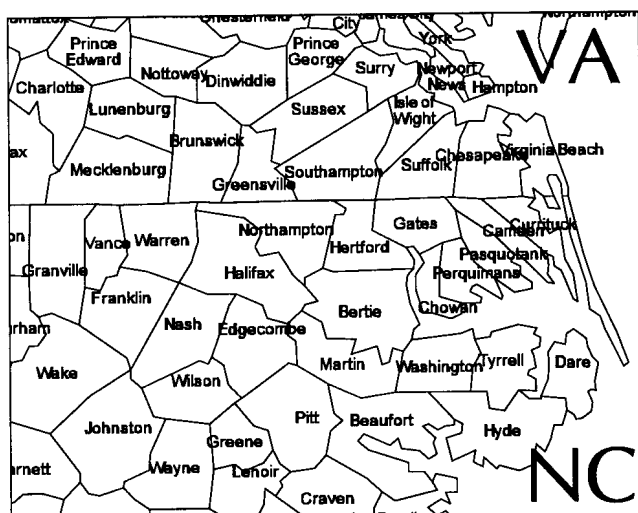
The sons of Simon Alderson, Jr. were T5079 John and T5080 Levi. The 1790 census lists four Aldersons in North Carolina. A widow Ann Alderson, and Thomas Alderson were in Beaufort County, and John and Simon were in Hyde County. The will of Levi indicates that his two sons were John and Simon. Their relationship is confirmed in Simon's Revolutionary War pension file which mentions only a brother John. Therefore, Thomas must have been a son of T5079 John. The earlier articles give entries

about Revolutionary War service. I am inclined to believe that the Capt. Simon of the 5th NC Regt and Sgt. Simon of the 2d NC Regt were two separate individuals. It is possible that Capt. Simon was actually named James Simon and was the son of T5079 John by Ann Lucas. The will of Mary Lucas probated in 1761 indicates that her daughter Ann married an Alderson, who must have been either John or Levi. It only lists a grandson James, suggesting that Ann was a second wife, since known sons of John and Levi would have been alive at that time.

In February 1785 Cassandry Alderson, wife of John conveyed property in Currituck by deed of gift to Sukey Alderson. Cassandra may have been Ann's full name. Ann was listed in the 1790 census of Beaufort Co., NC with a household consisting of 2 males under 16, three other females and 2 slaves. Her location in Beaufort Co. near Thomas suggests she was the second wife of T5079 John. Some of the members of her household might be children of a deceased James. Ann is not found in the 1800 census.

Third Generation

T5081 Thomas, son of T5079 John was born before 1755 according to his 1800 census record. Some military records show him as an ensign in the 5th NC Regt, but these may be incorrect. NC state records indicate he was the Captain of a privateer. On 30 May 1779 he was granted a letter of marque for the Brig Fanny of 120 tons with 10 carriages, 4 swivels and 25 men. The brig was owned by Savage & Westmore. Thomas was elected a member of the NC state assembly in 1781. His name appears in the assembly proceedings on 23 Jun 1781, 18 Apr 1783, April 1784 and October 1784. He was a member of the state constitutional convention in 1788. One of the key acts that was passed while he was an assemblyman was an act to cede NC land located west of the mountains to the federal government, which was later repealed. Thomas was in the minority supporting cession of the land. They made up handbills listing the members who had voted against repeal. The 1790 census lists Thomas with two males under 16, three females and 20 slaves. The 1800 census lists him with a male 10-16, four females under 16 and 9 slaves. The 1810 census records lists him as a widower with 22 slaves. Thomas died in May 1812 in Bath, NC. His obituary appeared in the *Raleigh Register* on 15 May 1812. There is



an 1810 census entry in Beaufort County for Thomas Jr., a single man, who was probably his son.

The family number for Simon, son of Levi is T5083. His 1800 census record shows he was born after 1755. He is listed in Hyde County in 1790 and 1810 and Beaufort County on the same page as Thomas in 1800. He was probably 20 or younger when he entered military service. He served for 84 months, part of which were spent as an English prisoner of war in Charleston, SC. He was awarded 1000 acres of land for his military service. The reference book which lists the land grants does not indicate where the land was located. It was probably west of the mountains in what is now Tennessee as it is unlikely that such large tracts remained in government possession east of the mountains. Simon's 1790 census record shows a male under 16. His 1800 census record shows two males 0-10 and his 1810 census record shows a male 16-26. No further census records are found for him.

T5082 John, son of Levi, is listed in the 1790 and 1800 census in Hyde Co., NC. His 1800 census record shows he was also born after 1755. His 1790 census record shows 2 males under 16, 5 females and 10 slaves. His 1800 census record shows a male under 10, 4 females and 8 slaves. An unmarried male, John Jr., 16-26 is listed on the same page. No further census information is found for John.

James Alderson was paid for duty as court clerk from 1781-1785 and named constable in May 1785 in Hyde Co., NC. No census entries are found for him.

Fourth Generation

There is much less documentation of this generation of Simon's descendents. I have already indicated that T5081 Thomas seems to have had only one surviving son, Thomas Jr. Simon may have had three sons, and John may have had two sons besides John Jr. There were two other males living with the widow Ann in Beaufort Co in 1790 who might be sons of Capt. Simon.

Only one member of this generation remained in North Carolina after 1810. That was T5089 James who was in Beaufort Co. in 1820 and Hyde Co. in 1830 and 1840. Census data about his age is conflicting, but he was probably born about 1790. He had three sons born between 1815 and 1820. Only one was in the household in 1840.

It cannot be ruled out that some members of the third and fourth generations not listed in the 1800 census had left North Carolina after 1790. I have already suggested that the land grant of T5082 Simon was probably in Tennessee. Census records for eastern Tennessee are missing through 1820. It is also possible that some family members moved to southern Virginia. 1790 and 1800 census records of Virginia have been lost. There is evidence that the three families found in Lunenburg Co., VA in the 1810 census were from this family. The heads of these three families were John S., Richard D. and Josiah. John S. owned 2 slaves while Josiah had 9. Richard D. and Josiah were under 26 while the age of John S. was between 26-45. Marriage bonds of the county show John S. married Sarah Z. Estes 15 Jan 1801, Josiah married Salley Estes 11 Jul 1803, Richard married Elizabeth Crafton 27 Jan 1807 and Elizabeth Alderson married Staples Crafton 4 Jan 1800. Who were these three men? The first clue comes from later records of Richard D. He served in the army during the war of 1812. Jeff Alderson found his pension file while doing his Civil War research. It shows that his first wife died in Virginia and he later moved to Tennessee where he married Mary Mullins on 2 Feb 1831 in Rutherford Co. He was living in Hickman Co., TN according to the 1850 census which lists his state of birth as North Carolina.

John S. Alderson appears in the 1820 census in Maury Co., TN where he was granted an innkeeper's license prior to that year. The household of John S. in 1820 is unusual in that it lists nine males, but only one female under 10. His

will indicates his wife was living, but she was not in the household in 1820. Josiah Alderson was granted an auctioneer's license in Maury Co., TN in 1823. He appears in the 1840 census in Henry Co., TN. The widow Mary listed in the 1850 census in that county may be his widow.

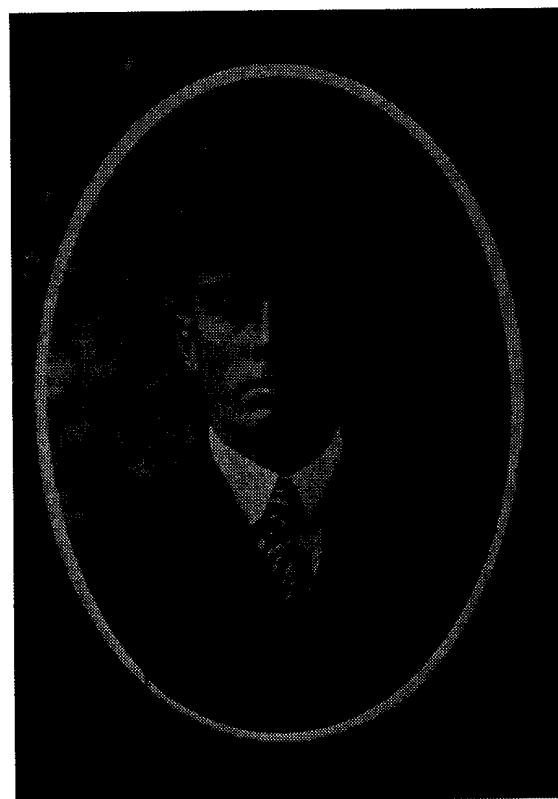
The next clue comes from the will of Taswell S. Alderson, the son of John S., which was probated in Maury Co., TN in 1842. Taswell was a prominent citizen of the county. He appears on the tax list in 1832 with 24 acres of land and 8 slaves, next to his widowed mother Sarah who had ¼ acre and 2 slaves. He was an alderman of Columbia, TN from 1829 to 1842 and chairman of the county court in 1841. His wife was Lucy B. White. His will mentions his widow Lucy and three children, names his mother Sarah and mentions his brother John B. Alderson and sisters Frances A. Dillon, Matilda D. Mackey and Mary E. Shelton, wife of James R. Shelton. The 1850 census record of John B. Alderson in Maury Co., TN shows that he was born in 1805 in North Carolina.

These two clues suggest that the three Aldersons in Lunenburg Co., VA in 1810 who later moved to Tennessee were fourth generation descendants of Simon Alderson of North Carolina. A further clue is the prevalence of the middle initial S. in the names of descendants which may stand for Simon. Since these families were landowners and slaveholders it seems likely that there are deed records in Hyde and Beaufort Cos., NC and Lunenburg Co., VA which would confirm this hypothesis. The 1850 census shows no listings for Aldersons in North Carolina. There were several Aldersons who served in North Carolina units during the Civil War, but these probably came from York Co., SC, just across the state line from Mecklenburg Co., NC.

William Hall Alderson

by Helen Alderson Boswell

William Hall Alderson was a sickly child after a bout of "croup"; nonetheless, he allowed his buddies to persuade him to enlist in the Spanish-American War. He served 93 days in the Coast Guard in California before being given an honorable discharge. However, due to a technicality in



William Hall Alderson
(1876-1927)

the law which stated that 90 days must be served between certain dates, he nor my mother were ever able to obtain a pension.

I found an old newspaper account of two men beating my father up on a Saturday night as he was leaving my mother's home at Renick. This was in 1913 before they were married. When I related this to Aunt Hulen Owen, she said that my father would never fight. If he could not laugh and talk his way out of one, he got beat up. The sheriff accompanied him to the train the next day to prevent further trouble, which was supposed to be from one or more jealous would-be suitors.

William Alderson worked at a Moberly brick plant in the late 1890s when the family first moved to Moberly. This plant was located near the north end of where Rothwell Park Lake is now, according to Aunt Hulen. Later he was a machinist's helper in the Wabash R.R. shops. He quit this job to farm on 80 acres of land the he owned just southwest of Moberly. He was a gardener, selling produce on a regular route in southwest Moberly and to some of local markets and restaurants as well as at the farm. Elsie

Alderson raised chickens for market on the route as well as keeping a large flock of hens to produce eggs for the same market. On this land, was located the old Brick Plant coal mine. The coal was hauled to the plant at the south edge of Moberly by a small "dummy" train. This same train hauled the clay from which the bricks were made to the plant also.

The eldest child, Wilma Josephine Alderson was a very large baby, weighing perhaps 10½ pounds, so it was a difficult delivery. Believing that the baby was already dead, the doctor used forceps and little caution. Her windpipe was pulled loose and she only lived 36 hours. She was never able to cry. Grandma Alderson always said that she was the prettiest baby that she had ever seen. She was buried in a single grave site on the north side of Oakland Cemetery. This was marked by a wooden slab which became illegible, so the site was lost. There is no plat of this part of the cemetery and my mother had only been there twice and after Daddy died, she could not find it either.

[William Hall Alderson, b. 26 Feb 1876, Huntsville, Randolph Co., MO, d. 31 Aug 1927, Moberly, Randolph Co., MO, son of Francis Marion and Sarah Jane (Penn) Alderson.]

Alderson Obituaries

HUGH ALDERSON

Taken by Death

President Of Frederick Pharmacy Succumbs To Lingerin Illness

Hugh D. Alderson, 52 years old, president of the Frederick Pharmacy, died at 9 o'clock last night at the home of his sister, Mrs. C.I. Leftwich and Mr. Leftwich at 2601 Third Avenue.

Victim of a complication of diseases, he had been in failing health four years and for four months had been confined to his bed.

Ten days ago his condition became so critical that his brother, L.I. Alderson, was called from his Gainesville, Texas, home to Huntington. Mr. Alderson showed marked improvement at the close of last week and the brother left for Texas Sunday.

Funeral services for Mr. Alderson will be held at the Leftwich residence at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, with Dr. J. Blanton Belk, former pastor of the First Presbyterian Church here and now pastor of Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church at Richmond, Va., officiating. Burial will be in Ridgelawn.

Mr. Alderson was born at Sulphur Springs, Texas, April 14, 1882. He was the son of Irving Alderson who, a native of Greenbrier county, had lived in Texas since his infancy.

Hugh D. Alderson was reared and educated at Gainesville and as a young man engaged in the drug business there. In 1913 he came to Huntington to be one of the organizers of the Huntington Drug Co., now the McKesson-Huntington Co. In January 1927 he and John A. Greear acquired the Frederick Pharmacy. Though retaining his interest in the business, Mr. Alderson because of declining health, retired from active work in the store four years ago.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Alderson was never married.

Surviving are two sisters, Mr. C.C. Dickinson of Charleston and Mrs. Leftwich of Huntington, and three brothers, S.B. Alderson and L.I. Alderson of Gainesville, Texas, and George P. Alderson of Lewisburg.

[Hugh Alderson, b. 14 Apr 1882, Sulphur Springs, Hopkins Co., TX, d. ca. 1934, Huntington, Cabell Co., WV, son of Irving Newman and Annie Alderson.]

C.C. ALDERSON

Died in Lebanon

Funeral services for Charles C. Alderson, 85 who died at his home early Monday evening were conducted from the Lebanon Baptist church Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock by the Rev. J. Taylor Stinson, pastor, assisted by Rev. E.N. Woodward, pastor of the Lebanon Methodist church.

Mr. Alderson was one of Lebanon's oldest citizens. He was born and reared here and spent sixty years in the mercantile business.

Known and beloved by all who knew him, he was a member of the pioneer families of the section. His father, Colonel T.C.M. Alderson, came to Lebanon at the age of fourteen from Greenbrier county, at one time part of Virginia, but

now West Virginia. Elder John Alderson, who founded the first Baptist church west of the Blue Ridge, immigrated to Greenbrier county in 1777, coming directly from Yorkshire, England. Following him was a succession of leading Baptist ministers.

The town of Alderson, W. Va., received its name from this pioneer family.

Mr. Alderson was twice married, the first time to Miss Mattie Gilmer and the second to Miss Mattie Fugate.

Surviving are the following children; J.E. Alderson and Dr. W.E. Alderson, of Lebanon; Mrs. Ada Daniels, Charlotte, N.C., and W.G. Alderson, of Charleston, W. Va., also one sister, Mrs. John Davis, of Pacific Beach, Calif., and sixteen grandchildren.

Active pall bearers: C.J. Clark, Scott Litton, T.A. Gilmer, Paul Gilmer, Bob Ketront Bragg Hanson, Calvin Grigsby and C.M. Jenks.

Members of the Men's Bible Class of the Lebanon Baptist church served as honorary pall bearers.

[Charles Creigh Alderson, b. 21 Jan 1850, Lebanon, Russell Co., VA, d. 1935, Lebanon, VA, son of Thomas Creigh McCleary and Nancy Jane (Dickenson) Alderson.]

CARY ALDERSON

RITES SET TODAY

Prominent Logan Banker And Civic Leader Succumbs To Long Illness

Funeral services for J. Cary Alderson, 65 years old, prominent banker and business man of Logan, who died at 11 o'clock Sunday night, will be held in the First Baptist Church there at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon. Burial will be in Logan Memorial Park.

Rev. S. Bradshaw, former pastor of the church will officiate. Assisting him will be Rev. Ray Scott, pastor and Dr. A.S. Kelley, of Parkersburg. Services at the cemetery will be in charge of the Masonic lodge of Logan.

The body will lie in state at the church from 11 o'clock this morning until the funeral hour.

During the past two years Mr. Alderson had been retired from the active business because of ill health which eventually led to his death. Since he first went to Logan as a young man he has been considered one of the county's outstanding civic and business leaders.

His illness resulted in an operation at a Huntington hospital more than a year ago. He remained here as a patient more than eight months before he returned to his home in Logan.

Finding a town without a bank changed John Cary Alderson from a promising young lawyer into a banker. As president of the Guyan Valley bank, of Logan, he became an influential banker of West Virginia, and contributed much to the development of the Logan county coal fields.

Completing his law studies, Alderson selected the little town of Aracoma, now Logan, to practice his profession after he had spent a short time conducting a private preparatory school at Greenbrier, near Lewisburg. In that period there were no railroads through the Guyan river valley and Alderson sent his trunk by boat and set out on horseback for his destination 50 miles away.

Reaching Aracoma when but a mere lad and with little means, Alderson found the community handicapped for lack of a bank. He formed the idea of launching a financial institution and interested leading business men in the proposition with the result that on November 22, 1899 the Guyan Valley bank was organized. It opened its doors January 1, 1900 in a little one-room frame structure on the site of the present bank building. The bank was capitalized at \$25,000, of which \$2500 was paid in. Under Alderson's management the institution made rapid progress and development of the coal and other industries in the Guyan valley in later years brought its deposits and resources to several million dollars.

Alderson was born at Alderson, Monroe county, West Virginia, September 29, 1868, son of George and Virginia (Stevens) Alderson. He was a descendant of an old Yorkshire England family. He attended schools in his native county and completed his education in Hampden-Sidney college in 1887 and a bachelor of laws degree from the University of Virginia in 1890.

Before his graduation, Alderson was for a short time assistant professor of Latin and Greek in the preparatory department of Hampden-Sidney college. After completing his studies he opened a private school at Greenbrier and while conducting it reached the decision to cast his fortune with the growing town of Aracoma, now the city of Logan.

For many years he was a member of the First Baptist Church of Logan and was one of its officers. He was a past master of the Logan lodge of Masons, a member of the Logan chapter, R. A. M. and the Knight Templar Commandery at Logan. A Democrat in politics, Alderson served eight years as chairman of the Logan county committee.

On May 16 1893, Mr. Alderson married Miss Julia Altizer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs S.S. Altizer of Logan. Mrs Alderson died three years ago.

Surviving are an adopted daughter, Mrs. Earl Carper, of Logan, and a sister, Miss Emma Alderson of Alderson, W. Va. (Ruth Alderson). [John Cary Alderson, b. 29 Sept 1868, Monroe Co., WV, d. 6 May 1934, Logan, Logan Co., WV, son of George and Virginia (Stevens Boyd) Alderson.]

MRS. J.C. SWAIN

DIES AFTER BRIEF ILLNESS TODAY

Well Known Woman Succumbed As Result of Stroke Of Paralysis

SHE HAD LIVED A NOBLE LIFE

Friends Were Numbered by the Hundred in Huntington — Was Sixty-two Years Old

Mrs. Janette Creigh Swain, wife of Captain J.C. Swain, 529 Twelfth street, died at eight-forty o'clock this morning as the result of a paralytic stroke suffered three hours before. Mrs. Swain retired last night seemingly in her usual health. She had already been warned by her physician of impending paralysis and when she became ill this morning she aroused her family and told them that she feared the end was near.

Medical aid was summoned, but the paralysis was unconquerable and Mrs. Swain sank gradually into unconsciousness and death.

The news of Mrs. Swain's sudden death spreading over the city has fallen like a mantle of gloom on the hearts of her hundreds of friends and heartfelt sympathy is being expressed on all sides for the grief stricken family.

Mrs. Swain was well known by the older residents, by whom she will be remembered as a woman of noble character and rare ability. She was a woman of great simplicity, rare among women of her intellectual ability and was loved and respected by people of all classes.

She was known to all as a woman of sweet disposition and true motherly instincts and her loss

will be heavily felt by those who have benefitted by her presence on earth. Although she lived a quiet simple life, her influence radiated far and her advice on important questions was earnestly sought by all who knew her.

She is known and loved as a mother by practically every employ of the transportation department of the Chesapeake-Ohio railroad and her death will be mourned among them as would the death of a dearest relative. To most of them, her house has at one time been a home and to her kindness and good sound advice many of them owe their present high standing. She will long remain in their memory as a guardian mother and the future railroaders to come will be taught to revere her memory as that of a true and noble woman who spent her life on earth in consideration of others.

Especially was Mrs. Swain noted in this life for her charity to the unfortunates and her concern at the suffering of others. She had probably taken and reared to manhood and womanhood more orphans than any other woman in the state. Not only in this way, but whenever possible she reached out her hand to suffering humanity.

Mrs. Swain was born in Fayette county sixty-two years ago and lived on her father's farm until she reached early womanhood. At the age of eighteen she was married to Mason McClung, a Hinton merchant. To this union two children came and shortly after the birth of the second death came to the husband. For several years thereafter she supported herself and family by maintaining a railroaders boarding house.

A few years later she met and married Captain J.C. Swain and giving up her business came to Huntington to live where Mr. Swain engaged in business. For the past thirty years she has made her home in this city.

Besides her husband and two daughters, Mrs. Eugene King of Richmond, and Mrs. Charles Hatch, of this city, she is survived by five brothers and sisters who are Mrs. Norton, of Summersville, Mrs. W.S. Richardson, of this city, and Newman, James and Albert Alderson of Alderson.

The funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

During many years of her residence there, Mrs. Swain kept a boarding house on Twelfth

street. It was a select establishment and among her boarders at the time of her death were some of the best known and most respected people of Huntington, among them being Mayor and Mrs. Rufus Switzer.

[Jeanette Creigh Alderson, b. 30 July 1868, Fayette Co., WV, d. ca. 1900, Huntington, Cabell Co., WV, daughter of George and Eliza Ann (Davis) Alderson.]

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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*, 127 Topaz Way, San Francisco, CA 94131. Fax: 415/920-9856; email: 71052,3046 (CompuServe), DavidFinSF (AOL) or dgf@slip.net (Internet).

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Thank you, and Happy Hunting!

Editor's Corner

It was with great disappointment that I was unable to attend the Alderson Family Reunion in Alderson on July 2nd. Though I was ready with a plane ticket in hand, a serious family illness kept me at home. I understand from Alberta Fairbanks, one of the organizers of the reunion, that the planned attendance was quite high, which was very gratifying to hear. I would love to be able to print some pictures and stories of the reunion in the next issue of the newsletter, and I look forward to hearing from any member who is willing to share some photographs and stories of meeting friends and relatives in the hometown of the Aldersons. John Alderson should be congratulated and thanked again for his time and effort in getting the clan together!

It has been a protracted "resettlement" in San Francisco after travelling two years to Hong Kong, but I am looking forward to the opportunity to finish up on a number of projects—including the Alderson history, now much delayed—and to focus more effort on the content and distribution of the newsletter. In this issue, Jim Cross has contributed two excellent articles, the result of his ongoing study of the US Census records and the identification of the various "non-Elder John" Alderson lines. Jim has developed a numbering system for the US lines, paralleling the system used by the AFHS. There is not as yet a general agreement on the "official" use of these numbers, but until an arrangement is made to systematize usage across the Atlantic, I will continue with the current numbering system.



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