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Alderson Findings in Salt Lake City

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While in Salt Lake City on a recent business trip, I had the pleasure to patronize the Family History Library operated by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Rather than enjoy a nice evening meal or some other form of entertainment, I chose to spend three evenings and a long lunch hour at the library. Instead of relaxing after a hard day's work, I found myself to be more tense and physically challenged racing to gather all the Alderson references possible before the 10 P.M. closing time. Fighting the microfilm paper copier machines for a legible census listing was particularly stressful. No matter what the trouble, I was satisfied with my catch as I went over it on my flight back home.

Of particular interest is a copy of a letter dated June, 1863 that I located in a miscellaneous Civil War documents file. The letter is written on behalf of Reverend Lewis Allen Alderson by a person who appears to be a colleague in New York City. The author addressed an acquaintance named General Ewing who had ties

to Kansas. His complaint was the rough treatment that Rev. Lewis Allen Alderson received at the hands of an Atchison, Kansas mob inspired by the speech of a man named Jennison. Making a speech with this Jennison was General Blunt. He was the head of Union forces in Kansas and had led a Union army at the Battle of Prairie Grove, Arkansas the previous December that effectively removed Confederate forces from the state of Missouri. I have transcribed the letter as best I could as follows:

41 Vandum St. N. Y. June 25, 1863

Gen. Ewing,

My dear Sir,

Pleasant memories of an imperfect acquaintance with you brought me to write you a line congratulatory, not so much to yourself personally, as to the interests of Kansas generally, of you supercedure of Gen. Blunt. I was in Kansas last month, and thought I never saw so much evil in the air as then. It came very near to me. The very day I arrived in Atchison. Gen. Blunt - Jennison - and Mayor Anthony made speeches in town, in direct consequence of which (for he was personally alluded to by Jennison) my friend Rev. Mr. Alderson, was visited that night by a mob and ordered to leave town. I can prove him to be and to have been as good a union man as lives. Born in Virginia, he has not all my notions of ways & means, but he is unconditionally loyal to the Government, and obedient to all the acts of its administration. He is a man of wealth and a gentleman. I think you know him personally. He is here now on a visit to my house and I doubt if he would ever have returned to K. had it not been that Gen. Pomeroy assures him that your appointment means protection to loyal men, even if born in the South. I would show no

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mercy to an enemy of the Gov't anywhere. I don't care how severely they are handled. But to prosecute men for opinions sake is not republican, not American, not decent. Please regard this note as confidential for I still have some idea of making Kansas my home, and my profession does not warrant me to mix much in matters purely political or military. I will not tax you for a reply, but a confidential not expressive of your regard for Mr. Alderson. I desire to see him preserved from insult if he is truly loyal, would be a great satisfaction to him, though he is in entire ignorance of my writing this.

Very truly yours,

I. S. Halleck

Pastor of the [unintelligible] St. Church

Lewis Allen kept his family in New York for some time. He returned to Atchison prior to October of 1864 when he and his son Irving N. Alderson enlisted briefly in the Kansas Militia to potentially fight off invading Confederate forces. All during this time, Lewis' eldest son, Joseph Coleman Alderson was serving as an officer in the Virginia Cavalry.

Maury Co., Tennessee Circuit Court Minutes

On the lighter side, I located Alderson references in the circuit court minute books of Maury County, Tennessee. A detailed account of the "State versus John D. Alderson" is presented below as well as a more humorous account of the "State versus George Helms, James Stoveall, and John W. Alderson."

State vs John D. Alderson - assault and battery with intent to commit murder. On 12 May 1835, John D. Alderson with a gun worth ten dollars and gunpowder and leaden bullet held upon Clalborne Gee, assaulted Gee. Powhatan Gordon and Isaiah Stuart were material witnesses in this case. "P. Gordon is one of the volunteers from this county who are at this time gone to the Creek nation..." Alderson says that Gee "has been in habit of attacking" Alderson whenever he came across him and often came to his house and attacked him in a rude and violent manner. Gee with one of his brothers and a Mr. Baley came at a late hour in the night to the house of Alderson and commenced violently to abuse affiant and threatened to shoot him if he would come out of his house. Alderson did not go out

of his house (Gordon being at the house and advised him not to go out.) Alderson took gun and went to door and fired off up in the air and remarked to them that was a signal for them not to attack his house in the night. Alderson's statement signed 29 Aug. 1836.

[This John D. Alderson may be John D. Alderson, b. ca. 1792, VA, who married Clarissa and was located in Maury Co., TN in 1830 and 1840. John D. was in Hickman Co, TN in 1850. His parentage is uncertain.]

State vs Geoge Helm, James Stoveall and John W. Alderson - defacing courthouse. On 30 Aug. 1848, broke open door of courthouse and threw horse dung on the carpet.

[This John Alderson may be the unidentified John Alderson, age 20, born in TN, listed in the 1850 Maury Co, TN census.]

Alderson Obituaries

The following obituaries were transcribed and submitted by Marilyn Brown, 17202 SW 79th Place, Miami, Florida 33157. They were taken from a number of Alderson-Huffman-Boley obituaries collected by her great-grandmother, Martha Huffman Boley, daughter of Joseph A. And Jane (Alderson) Huffman. Most are undated and not marked with the source. Marilyn is a descendant of Enos and Jane (George) Huffman, and would like to correspond with others researching this line.

A Good Woman Called

Mrs. Sabina Alderson, wife of Mr. Geo H. Alderson who was a life long citizen of Nicholas County, was born January 18th, 1857, near Fowler Knob, in this county. She was the daughter of William Huffman, a well known and highly respected citizen of our county.

Mrs. Alderson, in her early life, made a profession of religion and was baptized into the fellowship of Fowler Knob Baptist church at the age of about 14 years. She lived [as] a consistent Christian in that Church until the time of her marriage to Geo H. Alderson, January 5th, 1889, he being a member of the Enon Baptist Church,

she transferred her letter to that church. Later they moved to the Summersville Baptist Church of which she remained a very devoted and consistent member until the time of her death.

She was a very quiet, yet useful woman, always ready to assist those in need, was loved by all who knew her, and her influence will live in the hearts of her friends for many years. She was a very careful and devoted wife, a loving mother, a considerate step-mother and friend to all.

Mrs. Alderson departed this life on January the 8th, 1921, after a week's illness. Her death was caused by pneumonia and side pleurisy. Every thing that could be was done to save her life.

Being visited a few hours before her departure by her pastor she made the statement to him that she was perfectly willing and ready for her departure. Funeral services were held on Jan. 9th at 1 PM from the Summersville Baptist Church by her pastor and the sisters of the Eastern Star, of which she was a faithful member.

Her body was laid to rest in the family burial ground at Enon to await the resurrection morn.

She leaves to mourn her loss a husband, one son, three brothers and two sisters and a host of devoted friends.

Her pastor, S. E. Brown

Note: Sabina Huffman, daughter of William G. Huffman, is one of a number of Huffmans who married into the Alderson family in Nicholas and Greenbrier Counties. William G. and Joseph A. (see following obituary) are both sons of Enos and Jane (George) Huffman of Greenbrier County. Joseph A. married Jane Alderson, daughter of John "River Jack" and Nancy (Robinson) (Mays) Alderson. Their brother Enos Edgar Huffman (the "E.E. Huffman" in the following obituary) married Margaret Susan Ellis, daughter of Andrew and Mary (Alderson) Ellis. Mary was also a daughter of John "River Jack" Alderson by his first wife, Jane Walker. The Huffmans and Aldersons all lived in the Mt. Nebo-Fowler's Knob area of southern Nicholas County.

Joseph A. Huffman

Today we pay a tribute of love and respect to the memory of a gentleman whom we held in

high esteem; and from our first acquaintance love and respected. Joseph A. Huffman of the "Wilderness" was born in Greenbrier county. I presume near the residence of Mr. E. E. Huffman on Muddy Creek, Jan. 10, 1824.

On the 18th day of April 1847, he was married to Miss Jane Alderson, which union lasted almost forty-eight years, until God seen fit to call Bro. Huffman up higher. The result of this union was ten children, two boys and eight girls. Two of the girls having "gone before" only eight children survive him. In the fall of 1850 he moved to Nicholas County, I presume to the old homestead in "the Wilderness" where he lived for almost forty five years. He was a useful, honest and honorable citizen. In home, church and state he filled his station well. For eight years he held the office of Deputy Assessor of Nicholas County. He accepted Christ as his savior in the year 1867. The Missionary Baptist Church being his choice, he at once gave himself and his influence to the "Army of the Living God." He was not always a private. He filled the responsible office of Deacon and Clerk of his church with honor to himself and acceptability to his Brethren.

His home was readily opened for the entertainment of Ministers of Christ. It was a pleasure to share his hospitality and hear him tell his joys and triumphs. It was an interesting scene; as the counsel of God was declared from the Sacred Desk, to watch the expression of his beaming face; to hear him plead with God in congregational Prayer, and to listen to his rich Christian experience and admonition. He truly loved the house of God, and when unable to ride, because of Rheumatism, with which he was afflicted for some five years, he would walk to church a mile or more when many wondered how Bro. Huffman got there.

Most of all of his children are explayry christians [sic] and church members, and those who are not have the conviction that they should be. This last sentence is worthy of remark. [*here Martha made a small mark with a pencil*]

I often think what a pity good people grow old. Yet the burden of almost seventy one years, mostly of toil, taking down the forest and making "The Wilderness" blossom as the rose, left its impress on his physical constitution, and for five years he often suffered sorely. For six months he was confined to his bed. As Paul admonished,

he was truly "Patient in tribulation, rejoicing in hope, continuing instant in prayer." He seemed at all time during his last sickness to be sweetly trusting in Jesus" Shortly before his demise he told his friends, "That all is well. There is nothing in my way." Thus he died, so far as mortality could see, trusting in the worlds Redeemer.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. L.J. Huffman on April 5th at 2 o'clock, and all that was mortal of Bro. Huffman was laid to rest in the family burying ground in the presence of a large concourse of sorrowing friends and relations.

I think on the resurrection morn, that old decrepit, crippled body will come forth to newness of life with eyes aglow and form erect and supple; be admitted to the Angelic and blood washed throng to live in perpetual youth through the countless ages.

To wife, children and friends, I would say,
Flow on, "where the wicked cease from troubles
and the weary are at rest."

Written by

C.N. Coffman,

Hominy Falls, W.Va.

April 29, 1895

Mrs. Jane Huffman

"Sunset and evening star

And one clear call for me,

And may there be no moaning of the bar

When I put out to sea."

The clear call came to Mrs. Jane Huffman nee Alderson at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C.W. Rader, of Mr. Nebo, at noon February 6, 1914, and her spirit winged its flight to be with Him whom she had loved and served for seventy seven years. Mrs. Huffman was born where the town of Alderson now stands, March 7th, 1824. She professed faith in Christ when she was thirteen years old and united with the Old Greenbrier Baptist Church, which was instituted by her grandfather, the Rev. John Alderson, the first Baptist minister to cross the Alleghenies. She came from a distinguished family, being the daughter of John and Nancy Alderson. She was united in marriage to Joseph A. Huffman, of Alderson, in 1847. Unto this union was born ten children, eight girls and two boys. She is sur-

vived by one son, Henry Clay, and six daughters, Mrs. Nancy Pancake, of Kenova, W.Va., Mrs. Emman Duncan of Middleport Ohio, Mrs. Mary E. Thomas, of Lansing, W. Va., and Mrs. Martha Boley, Mrs. Malinda Rader, Miss Laura Huffman of Mt. Nebo, W.Va. She also leaves to mourn their loss one brother, Hon. George Alderson and one sister, Mrs. Katie Smith, both of Alderson.

The funeral services were conducted in the presence of a large concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends in the Fowlers Knob Church by the Rev. A.C. Ruckman, after which her body was laid to rest in the cemetery on a beautiful eminence overlooking her old home, there to rest in peace till the morning light of the resurrection shall gleam from the east. It has not been the privilege of the writer to know a more estimable woman than Mother Huffman. She was one of the pillars of her church, and one who spent much of her life ministering to the suffering. She and her husband gave the lot on which the Fowlers Knob Church now stands, were the prominent factors in the erection of the church, and gave also the cemetery which marks her last resting place. She was true to her God and her church, and in her last years she loved to repeat that old hymn, *I LOVE THY KINGDOM LORD*. She was a subscriber of the Baptist Banner since its first issue. Mrs. Huffman was a woman of remarkable intelligence, and she retained her intellectual powers and youthful disposition till the last, having almost lived out four score and ten. She said to those who stood around her that she had no fears of death and like Robert Hall passed away sighing for the everlasting rest repeating that old hymn, *OH LAND OF REST FOR THEE I SIGH*."

*"Mourn not the dead whose lives declare
That they have nobly borne their part,
For victory's golden crown they wear;
They rest with glory wrapped around,
Immortals on the scroll of fame;
Their works their praises shall resound,
Their name-and everlasting name.
Drop the warm tear-for Jesus wept;
Sorrow shall find relief in tears,
But let no secret grief be kept
To waste the soul through nameless years,*

*They rest in hope; their hallowed dust
Is watched, and from the grave shall rise;
Earth shall restore her sacred trust,
Made all immortal for the skies."*
A Friend in Fayette Sun

Genealogy of William A. Alderson of Pittsylvania Co., VA

The following genealogy was compiled by Ann S. Bernard, 2894 Farmbrook Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27103, in 1993. Ann is looking for any additional information on the origin of the Pittsylvania Alderson line.

Death Of Joseph B. Seay

We regret to note the death of Joseph B. Seay, which occurred at his home at Burnwell, Kanawha county, last Saturday. His death was due to injuries received in the mines a few days before. He was working at night, and realized that the roof needed a prop, he was getting ready to put a post in when a stone that would probably weigh two tons came down on him, mashing his hips and legs horribly. He was taken to his home and given the necessary treatment and it was thought for a time that he would recover.

Deceased was raised in this county. He was a son of Mr. M.W. Seay, of Mt. Nebo, who was at his bedside during his sickness. He was about 34 years of age, and was a member of the Baptist church. His honesty and good disposition made him friends wherever he went, and his death is much regretted.

His wife, six children and aged and highly respected father and other relatives have our sympathy. The remains were brought to his old home last Sunday and laid to rest by the side of his mother, who died when Joe was only a small boy.

Note: Joseph B. Seay was the son of Matthew William and Amanda Catherine (Huffman) Seay. Amanda was the oldest daughter of Joseph and Jane (Alderson) Huffman, and died at the age of 30 in 1880. The obituary is undated, but Joseph was probably born shortly after 1870, placing his death around 1904-1906.

First Generation

1. William A. ALDERSON was born ca. 1802 in Pittsylvania Co., VA [S1] died on 8 Sep 1877 in Pittsylvania Co., VA [N1,S2]

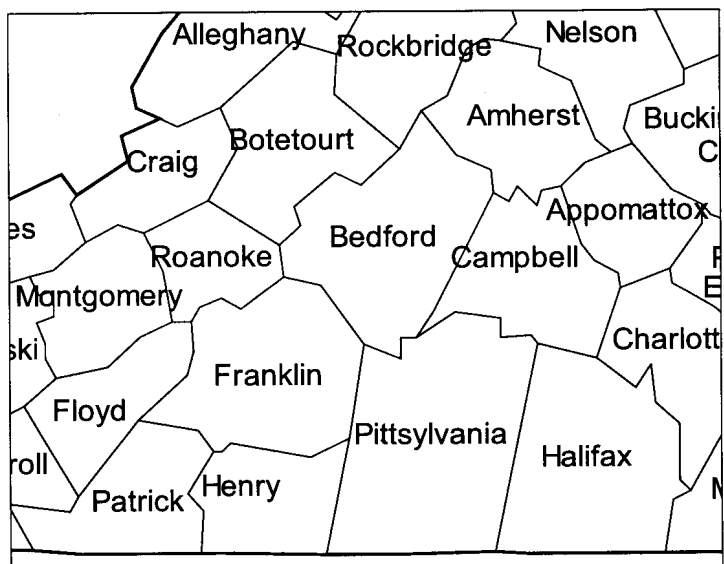
He married Frances M. DANIEL. Frances M. DANIEL was born ca. 1809 in Pittsylvania Co., VA [S3].

They had the following children:

Second Generation

2 i. Burton Wood ALDERSON

3 ii. Joel ALDERSON was born ca. 1832 [S4]; died on 11 Aug 1856 in Pittsylvania Co., VA [N2,S5]



Pittsylvania and surrounding counties in Virginia. Pittsylvania was formed from Halifax county in 1766.

4 iii. Sally **ALDERSON** was born ca. 1834 in Pittsylvania Co., VA [S6].

5 iv. Thomas **ALDERSON** was born ca. 1836 in Pittsylvania Co., VA [S7].

6 v. Mary **ALDERSON** was born ca. 1838 in Pittsylvania Co., VA [S8].

7 vi. William **ALDERSON** was born ca. 1843 in Pittsylvania Co., VA [S9].

8 vii. Hutchins M. **ALDERSON** was born ca. 1854 in Pittsylvania Co., VA [S10]; died on 9 Sep 1875 in Pittsylvania Co., VA [S11].

9 viii. C. H. **ALDERSON**

2. **BURTON WOOD ALDERSON** [N3] was born on 20 Jun 1847 in Pittsylvania Co., VA [N4,S12], died on 8 May 1928 at 1624 N. Main St., Danville, VA [N5,S13]; buried on 9 May 1928 in the family plot on Bradley Road [S14].

He married **VIRGINIA ANNE STRICKLAND** on 29 Feb 1872 in Pittsylvania VA [S15]. **VIRGINIA ANNE STRICKLAND** was born in 1855 in Pittsylvania Co., VA; died in 1927 at 72 years [S16]; buried in Gosney's Farm on Bradley Road [S17].

They had the following children:

Third Generation

10 i. Harriett Emma **ALDERSON**

11 ii. Amanda F. **ALDERSON**

+12 iii. **MARY F. (MOLLIE) ALDERSON**

+13 iv. Bettie J. **ALDERSON**

14 v. Sammie E. **ALDERSON**

+15 vi. Grover Cleveland **ALDERSON**

+16 vii. Frank Bel **ALDERSON**

+17 viii. Claude A. **ALDERSON**

+18 ix. Harry L. **ALDERSON**

19 x. Lizzie P. **ALDERSON**

+20 xi. Raleigh Lynwood **ALDERSON**

12. **MARY P. (MOLLIE) ALDERSON** was born on 5 Aug 1878 in Danville, VA [S18]; died on 27 Jul 1946 in Winston-Salem, NC [S19]; buried in Highland Park, Danville VA; occupation was housewife; residences in Danville, VA; Winston-Salem NC.

She married **WILLIAM PRICE BERNARD** on 26 Dec 1893 in at her home in Danville, VA [S20]. **WILLIAM PRICE BERNARD** [S21] was

born on 15 Aug 1867 in Franklin Co., VA [S22]; died on 23 May 1947 in Winston-Salem, NC [S23]; buried in Highland Park, Danville, VA [S24], occupation as mechanic, carriage & wagon maker; residences in Franklin Co., Pittsylvania Co., Danville, VA.

They had the following children:

Fourth Generation

+21 i. **CHARLES HUGHES BERNARD**

+22 ii. William Price **BERNARD**

13. Bettie J. **ALDERSON** She married Kellies M. **LEWIS** in 1900 in Pelham

15. Grover Cleveland **ALDERSON** [N7,S26]. He married Maude Lillian **BOWEN**.

16. Frank Bel **ALDERSON** [N8,S28]. He married Jewell Lee **CORBIN** on 14 Dec 1910.

17. Claude A. **ALDERSON** [N9,S30]. He married Hattie **IVEY**.

18. Harry L. **ALDERSON** [N10,S32]. He married Daisey Mabel **PERRY**.

20. Raleigh Lynwood **ALDERSON** [S34]. He married Nellie **MEADOWS**

Notes

1. Died of Tumor at age 75.

2. Died at age 23 of consumption.

3. Lived in North Danville, VA for 13 year prior to his death.

4. Lived at 1624 North Main Street. His brother was C. H. Alderson of Paces, VA.

5. from obit: B.W. Alderson was 80 years old when he died. Funeral services were held at his home 1624 N. Main Street. He was buried in the family plot on Bradley road. He was a native of Pittsylvania Co., but had lived in North Danville for the past 13 years. Cause of death rioted as gallstones.

6. Father is John Lewis.

7. Lived in Hopewell, VA

8. Lived in Pittsylvania Co., VA

9. Lived in Hopewell, VA

10. Lived in Danville, VA

Sources

1. City of Danville Death Records. 1850 Pittsylvania Co., VA. Census.

2. Pittsylvania Co. Death Records (William Alderson and Frances Daniel listed as parents on Burton Wood Alderson's death certificate.)

3. City of Danville, VA Death Record; (B. W. Alderson's record). 1850 Pittsylvania Co., VA Census

4. 1850 Pittsylvania Co., VA Census.

5. Pittsylvania Co., VA Death Records.
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10. Pittsylvania Co., VA Death Records.
11. Pittsylvania Co., VA Death Records.
12. City of Danville death certificate.
13. City of Danville Death Records. We found the copy of original certificate.
14. newspaper account
15. Pittsylvania County Marriage Records, page 4.
16. newspaper account
17. newspaper account
18. DAR Records
19. Thomas Kidd Bernard, Sr.
20. Newspaper account
21. Birth certificate of Charles Hughes Bernard
22. DAR records Family Bible
23. newspaper accounts; tombstone photograph
24. tombstone photograph; newspaper accounts
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27. newspaper accounts
28. newspaper accounts
29. newspaper accounts
30. newspaper accounts
31. newspaper accounts
32. newspaper accounts
33. newspaper accounts
34. newspaper accounts

Correspondence and Net Connections

The availability of the genealogy of the Rev. John Alderson on the World Wide Web (<http://www.slip.net/~dggf>) has prompted a number of email exchanges with other researchers. In response to the growing interest in the web-based genealogy, I have changed my home page to reflect the focus on Alderson family genealogy, providing links to the full 10-generation descendancy genealogy of the Rev. John Alderson, information on *Alderson Roots & Branches*, and links to other Alderson and related researchers. If you would like to add your email address along with your research interests to this list, please let me know, and I will add it to the Alderson homepage. This will eventually be the home for the online edition of the newsletter as well. The following are some

of the exchanges and queries I have recently received. I have not edited them for accuracy.

Smithson Family Ties

The Smithson family is closely tied to early Alderson genealogy. Sarah Bond, the second wife of Thomas Alderson, first married Thomas Smithson in Baltimore Co, MD in 1767. They were the parents of Thomas Smithson, who married Margaret Alderson, daughter of the Rev. John Jr. and Mary (Carroll) Alderson. Most of the Smithsons in southern West Virginia descend from this line. The Smithson Association hosts a webpage, providing information on the Smithson newsletter, the Smithson family list-serve, and related family sites (including the Alderson homepage). They are located at : <http://members.aol.com/Rickishay/shp.html>.

Samuel B. Alderson

From: Jenny Page <jpage0@pop.uky.edu>

I am looking for info on my gggg grandfather Samuel B. Alderson, b Nov. 2, 1808 in Virginia. Married Marinda Swope on Sept. 28, 1828 in New Albany, Indiana (Floyd County). Died on Nov. 15, 1886; buried in the Alderson family cemetery in Cairo, Kentucky. I need to know who his parents were.

Note: Samuel B. Alderson is the son of Jeremiah and Katey (Alloway) Alderson.

John Alderson of Hartlepool, Yorkshire

From: K Alderson
<K.Alderson@swansea.ac.uk>

I have just read your page "Decendants of John Alderson". My father is also John Alderson, born in Hartlepool, Yorkshire, England in 1936. Alderson is still a predominantly Yorkshire name although we seem to have spread far and wide. I live in Swansea, Wales, and believe my father was the last male in our branch of the family. I would be interested in any other information you have about our family in the USA.

Aaron Alderson of Kentucky

From: Larry Brown
<lwbrown@occ-uky.campus.mci.net>

I am searching for information on my Alderson family line. The information I have is as follows:

Aaron Alderson m. Ruth?

Son, Aaron Alderson - b.1803 in VA, d.18 Jul 1858 Hart Co., KY m.Mehalu Brooks b.SC d.2 Sep 1852, Hart Co., KY

- America Alderson b.1824
- William Alderson b.1824
- Caroline Alderson b.1826
- Cynthia A. Alderson b.1829
- Maria Frances Alderson b.1831 d.before 1900 m.Radford Douglas Taylor
- Ruth Alderson b.1833 d.28 Sep 1853 in Hart Co., KY
- Martha Alderson b.1836
- Gideon Alderson b.1837, d.28 Sep 1853
- John Alderson b.1839
- Henry Alderson b.1842
- Lourra J. Alderson b.1845

If anyone can expand on this information, I would certainly appreciate it.

Note: Aaron Alderson, who married Ruth Marrs, is the son of Benjamin and Melinda Ann (Fletcher) Alderson. Aaron Jr. was probably born about 1793, not 1803.

Ontario, Canada Aldersons

From: Tammy Alderson Kenneth
<skenneth@mailserv.interhop.net>

My name is Tammy Kenneth née Alderson. My father's name is Thomas Robert Alderson, his father is Joseph Lorne Alderson and his father was Thomas Alderson born in 1862. We are in Ontario Canada. We may be distant relatives of yours, but I'm unsure.

Jonathan Alderson (in census taken Nov. 8 1801) married Sally Dent, 2 Dec 1800. They had 2 sons: George Alderson, christened 22 Oct 1807. Their other son's name was James Alderson, birthdate unknown.

James Alderson married Mary Tuer or (Toer?) on 25 Sept 1824 in Romalldkirk, Yorkshire, England. They had 2 sons:

- Thomas Alderson, b. 24 March 1825 in Dowhill, Lunedale, Yorkshire, d. 7 Sept. 1894.

New Members

Donald Withrow, St. Louis, MO, email: ian@primary.net. Donald is a descendant of Samuel and Hannah (Alderson) Withrow, through his son Thomas. Donald was born in Kanawha Co., WV, but has been in St. Louis, MO since 1973.

Pam Nehls, 45554 Whitcomb Square, Sterling, VA. 20166-3011. PNEHLS@aol.com. Pam is also a descendant of Samuel and Hannah (Alderson) Withrow through their daughter Mary Withrow Hughart.

Family History Library, Salt Lake City, UT. Beginning with vol. 7, the newsletter will now be available at the Family History Library of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Salt Lake City. It will also be microfilmed and made available through the Church's extensive network of family history libraries.

- Christopher, christened 17 Sept 1826.

The records show that Christopher Alderson married a woman named Elizabeth. They had a daughter named Elizabeth, b. 10 May 1877.

Thomas Alderson married Maria Hanson or Hausey(?) 17 March 1858. They had 7 children born in the township of Essa, Simcoe County, Canada. Thomas was a farmer. The children were:

- John
- Elizabeth (Whiteside)
- James
- Mary (McNight)
- Thomas
- Esther Marie who died before 1894 leaving behind 2 infant daughters
- William

Thomas Alderson, b. 12 March 1868, d. 25 Oct. 1940, married Eliza McNight on 12 Sept 1894(?). Eliza died Feb. 1904 or 1905(?). They had 5 children. This part was a little unclear as there were newspaper clippings and a will

Queries

Thomas H. ALDERSON (John¹, Thomas², James³) was married three times. His second wife was Mariah WOODSON, born 1813 in Goochland Co., VA. Mariah (Maria) and Thomas are shown in the 1860 Monroe Co., VA census living in the Rollingsburg District. Thomas married for the third time in 1870. When did his second wife, Mariah (WOODSON) ALDERSON die? Where is she buried? Where is her husband, Thomas H. ALDERSON, buried? Nancy K. Piper, 430 Smith Dr., Colby, KS 67701.

In the Kanawha Co, WV Marriage Registry I (1794-1826) there appears the marriage of William ALDERSON to Elizabeth LEE, recorded in 1813. Is there any additional evidence that this is William, son of Davis ALDERSON? Davis and his first cousin George ALDERSON were both in Kanawha Co. in the 1790s, and William was likely born there ca. 1794. There is no further record of William except for the bequest to the two daughters "of my deceased son William" in the will of Davis ALDERSON in Washington Co, VA in 1851. David Fridley, 127 Topaz Way, San Francisco, CA 94131.

which contained conflicting information. The names from the will were

- Thomas
- Hazel
- Mary Margaret (?)
- Marjory (?)
- Eliza.

The names from the newspaper were

- Dalton (of Uxbridge)
- Mrs. Gordon Skinner (of Detroit)
- Mrs. Percy Boag (of Detroit)
- Mrs. Kenneth Hansler (of Welland)
- Lila (of Toronto)

Thomas later married Isabella Wicklum on Feb. 24 1914. She was born June 15 1880(?) d. 1968. They had 6 children

- Alma (Firth) b. June 3 1915 d. 1995
- Mildred (Snaddan) b.Feb.28 1917 d.1992
- Florence (Shiers) b. Apr.22 1919
- Joseph b. Jan. 4 1922
- Marie b. July 4 1923 d. 1996
- Audrey Sept.25 1926

Joseph Alderson married Winifred Lee b. Jan. 9 1920 d. Apr.27 1988 They had 2 children.

- Terrance b. Aug 12. 1947, married Carlotta Lasatin b. Aug. 24 1943, They have 3 children: Sarah b. Apr. 17, 1975, Teresa b. June 30, 1983, and Joseph b. Aug. 22, 1986.
- Thomas Alderson b. Nov. 30 1950, married Sharon Wilson b. Nov. 14 1951 on Nov. 30 1968. They have 3 children: Tammy b. Jan.16 1969, James b. Oct. 1 1972, and Sherry b. March 5 1980. Tammy Alderson married J. Shane Kenneth b. June 9 1968 on Feb. 10 1990. We have 2 children Danielle b. June 15 1992, and Joshua b. Aug. 20 1994.

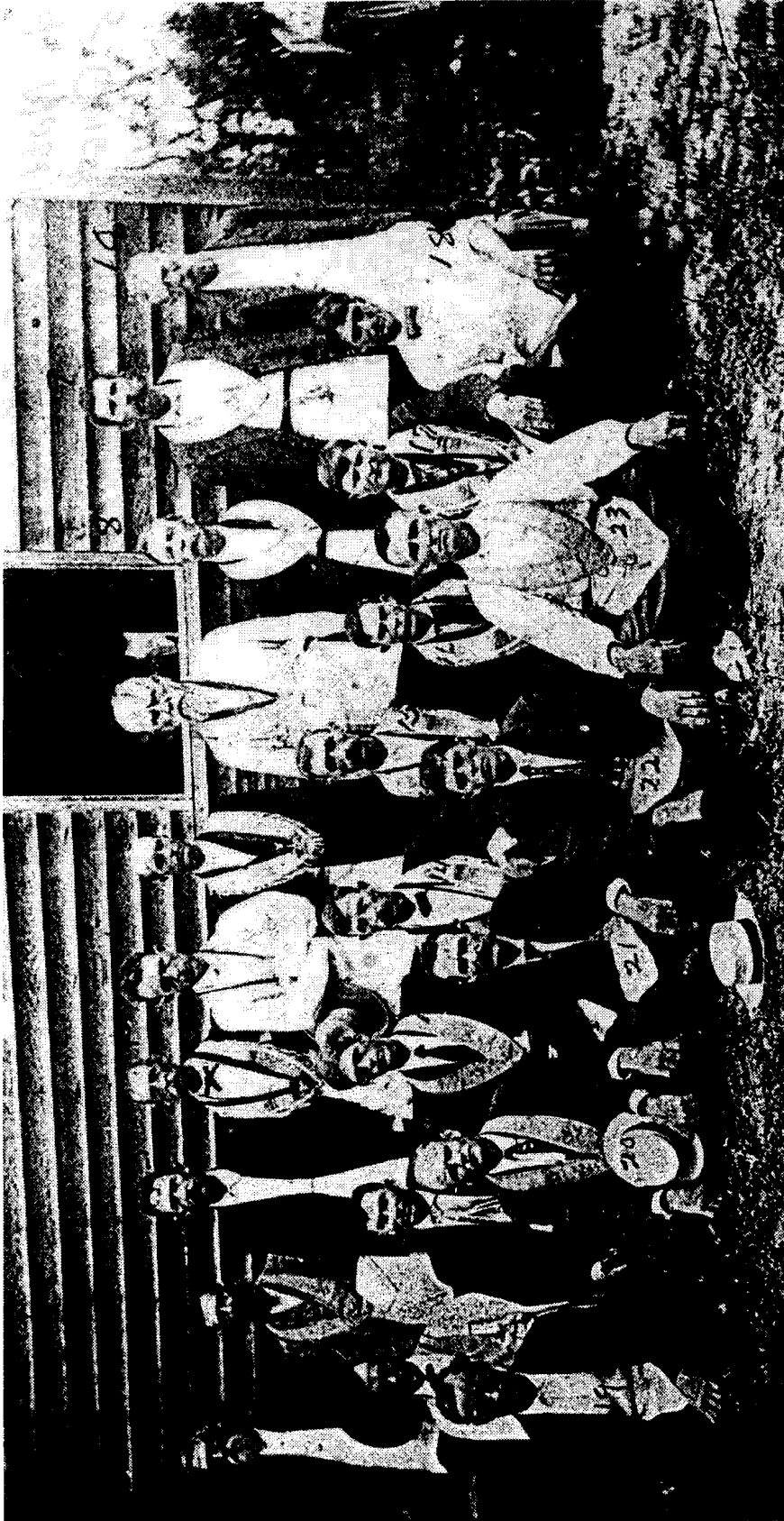
Alderson-Remley Line in Iowa

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I am the great-grandson of Howard Marshall Remley, grandson of James E. Remley, and son of Lucille E. Remley/Williams/Sunleaf.

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My mother's maiden name is Remley. Her grandfather, Milton Remely, once Attorney General of Iowa, was the son of Jane Creigh Alderson and James Remley.



Out of the Past

This photograph was provided by Mrs. Ruby Brower, 12524 E. Cornell Ave, #204, Aurora, CO 80014, and it contains a number of members of her family.

The only identified persons in the picture, which was probably taken around 1908 or 1909 in Lafayette Co, MS are:

1. Frank Gardner
3. John Alderson
4. Matthew Quick
5. Sid Hicky
6. Jim Coffey
7. Bird Phipps
12. Dr. Waites
19. Jim Alderson
21. Bill Alderson

John, Jim and Bill Alderson were brothers, sons of Jeremiah Myers and Harriet (Adams) Alderson. John (John James Alderson) was born 25 June 1869 in Lafayette Co, MS and died there 3 Nov 1910. Bill (William Hawkins Alderson) was born 14 Aug 1874 and died 21 April 1962 in Clarksdale, MS. Jim (James Robert Alderson) was born June 1878/9 and died in 1952. To the right of the building is Carrie Alderson, daughter of John Alderson, born 10 Nov 1896. The family resemblance is striking!

The wedding photo of John and Leona (Littlejohn) Alderson appeared in *Alderson Roots & Branches*, March 1996 issue.

Ruby feels that the photograph could have been a gathering of the Modern Woodman of the World group, to which John Alderson belonged.

The Family of John "Major Jack" and Nancy (Johnson) Alderson

John Alderson, son of Thomas and Sarah (Smithson) (Bond) Alderson, was born 6 September 1779 in Rockingham Co, VA.¹ In 1826 in Monroe Co, VA, he married Nancy Johnson.² John died in Monroe Co. on 16 September 1855.³

John was known during his life as "Major Jack" Alderson, to distinguish him from his first cousin John "River Jack" Alderson (1783-1853), son of the Rev. John Jr. and Mary (Carroll) Alderson. His eponym derived from his military accomplishments; according to George Alderson's (1789-1871) history of the Alderson family, John served as an officer in the War of 1812, "discharged his duty well and received great credit."

John and Nancy had only one child of record, Augusta, who was born in Monroe Co. about 1827. Augusta was enumerated at home with her parents in the 1850 (age 25), 1860 (age 33), and 1870 (age 43) Monroe Co. censuses. Little is known of her, and some researchers have asserted that she was the daughter of Davis Alderson, but she names her relation as "daughter" as informant on the death of her father in 1855.

The Monroe Co., VA census of 1860 shows:

Nancy Alderson	70
Augusta	33
Lucinda F.	4

The Monroe Co., WV census of 1870 shows:

Nancy Alderson	81
Augusta	43
Lucinda F.	13

This was household 144 in Egypt, Monroe Co., WV.

According to Luther Powahatan Graham, son of David and Sarah (Alderson) Graham, b. 28 Sept 1858, Monroe Co, VA, d. 6 Jan 1944, Beckley, Raleigh Co, WV, in a letter to his cousin Betty M. Alderson in 1916, Augusta had a daughter Frances Alderson who married Jehu Shannon Graham. Can the Lucinda F. in the household of Nancy Alderson be identified as Lucinda Frances Alderson, daughter of Augusta?

In the 1870 Monroe Co, WV census, in household 118, Rollinsburg, there appears:

Lanty Graham	54
Sabina	55
Mary E.	23
Eliza A.	19
Jahew S.	21
Thomas C.	14

"Jahew S." must be Jehu Shannon Graham, future husband of Frances Alderson. According to Luther Graham, their children were:

- Clark Graham
- Minne Graham Wickline
- Bertha Graham Smith
- Homer Graham
- Floyd Graham
- Elmer Graham

Jehu and Frances lived in Clayton, Summers Co., WV.

David Graham, father of Luther P. Graham and husband of Sarah Alderson, was a brother of Lanty (Lancelot) Graham. They were the sons of Joseph and Rebecca Graham, who were early settlers of Greenbrier Co. around present-day Lowell and Clayton, at the foot of Keeny's Knob.

1 Monroe Co., VA Deaths, age 76 y, 10 d, b. Rockbridge Co VA (error for Rockingham?)
2 Monroe Co, VA Marriages, F4 J2640
3 Monroe Co, VA Deaths, Bk1, p. 9, l 77, parents: " Thomas and Sarah Alderson"

Editor's Corner

This issue of the newsletter has run into the bane of all computer users — software incompatibility and crashes. The newsletter is composed on Ventura Publisher, originally developed by Xerox and later sold to Corel Corporation. Until this month, Corel had not released a Windows 95 version of the software, and the version I have been using (5.1) ran rather unstable on the Windows 95 platform. After two crashes resulting in total loss of the content of the newsletter, I decided to wait for the release of the 32-bit version of the program this month. The wait was worthwhile, as the software is remarkably improved and runs (so far) without a hitch. I have tried to reconstruct the content of the earlier version, but without the aid of a printout, I probably have missed out on some of the content I originally included.

One very nice feature of this new version of Ventura Publisher is that it allows you to create HTML files directly, without any coding required.

This means that the newsletter can be directly saved in a format to post on the Web, graphics included. It doesn't retain all the formatting of the original, but it's an easy way to get the newsletter (or other material) online.

Hopefully, then, there will be no further software problems in production. I have already begun work on the December issue, so there should not be much delay with it.

The Alderson History (Rev. John Jr. chapter) is also on Ventura, and I have been unable to work on it until the new software arrived. I am also looking to putting out that chapter early in the New Year as well.

Hoping this finds everyone healthy and happy, I wish you a very happy and prosperous 1997!

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Thank you, and Happy Hunting!



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