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## Alderson Reunion Summer of 1997

by Teresa L. Peck

**H**appiness is the coming together of many dear people of all ages in cheerful celebration of our common ancestor, Elder John Alderson. And that pretty much sums up the feelings of the more than seventy persons who participated in the hospitality extended by John and Betty Alderson at their home on Sunset Hill on July 6, 1997.

Before and after our sumptuous meal under the tents, I was able to visit with my Alderson "cousins."

I enjoyed seeing Julia Fletcher again, not only here at the reunion, but earlier at her home and having her show me the lovely corner cabinet that had traveled with Elder John, Jr. by covered wagon on his perilous journey over the Allegheny mountains to here.

John Earl and Doris Alderson and their daughter, Debra Alderson, were also fun to chat with, as were, our host and hostess, John and Betty and their daughter, Sarah, who produced interesting films on Alderson and the surrounding area.

I then talked briefly to Bill and Virginia Swope, who surprised everyone by arriving in a helicopter. Of special interest to me was the chance to meet in person, my long time friend by correspondence, Helen Boswell, who just recently received an award for her excellent work from the Missouri Genealogical Society.

After viewing her book on the Aldersons of America, I'm sure the award was well deserved. She was staying with Gaye Whitehead and I was pleased to meet and talk with her, also.

As I mentioned earlier, it was a special delight to have a gathering of all ages from Emily and John Marshall Alderson VI, the young grandchildren of Betty and John, plus Debra Alderson, the daughter of John Earl and Doris, the Northallertons, from Puerto Rico, to the older generation Aldersons.

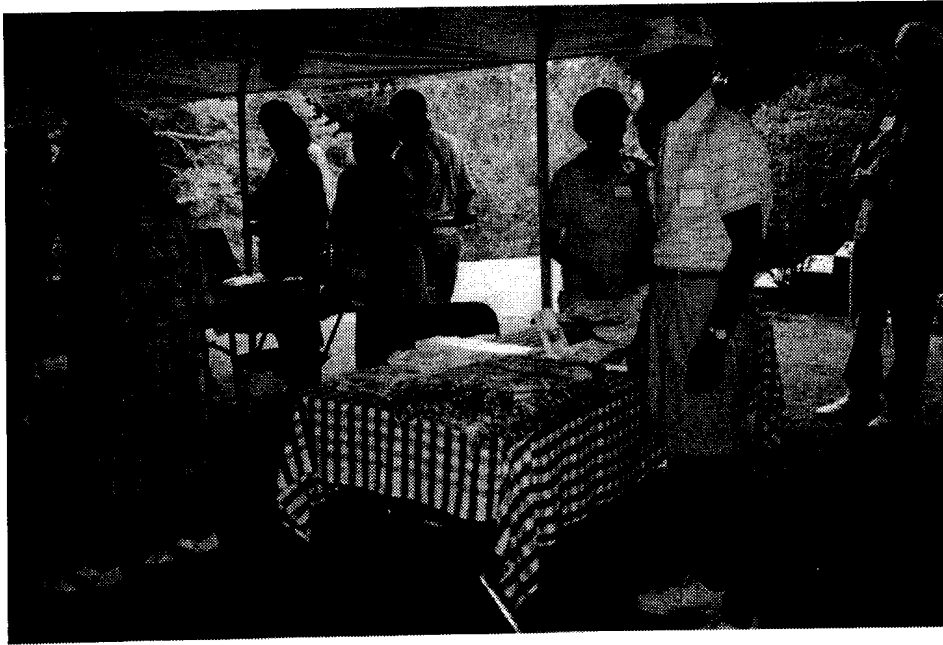
Betty and John set the tone for this occasion with their cheerful spirit. Not only did our gracious host and hostess extend their welcome, but the whole town did, with its flag bedecked bridge and the fun filled Fourth of July Parade.

The Old Greenbrier Baptist Church service, including the hymn "I Call It Home," made us feel "at home." We felt this warmth, not only in Alderson, but in the nearby town of Lewisburg.

Unlike the reunion two years ago, there was no room available during this fourth of July weekend in Alderson, so we stayed in the historic old town of Lewisburg, about twelve miles to the north.

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John Earl Alderson, of Botetourt Co., VA, on whose land lies the grave of the Rev. John Alderson Sr.

*Photo by Teresa Peck*

Because Lewisburg is the county seat of Greenbrier Co., I was able to glean some Alderson information from their courthouse and from the Greenbrier Historical Society and I spent hours going over books with Alderson references in the town library.

I had called John and Betty the morning of our arrival in Lewisburg and arranged to meet at their house in Alderson to go over the final arrangements for the main event on July 6th. While there, I was privileged to view a portion of John's multitude of records. I fear it would take a lifetime to go over all of them. He did give me some useful hints, however, that I put to good use.

After perusing some of his old maps and records, thanks to Betty's invitation, I then took a different journey into the past by viewing her vintage clothes collection at the Alderson Store. What treasures she has unearthed!

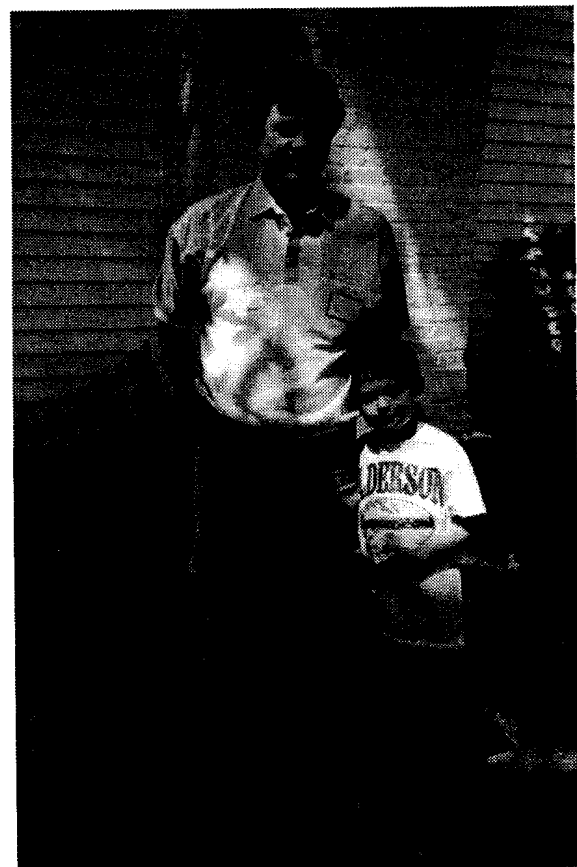
Even though the store's merchandise is quite suited to the needs of the contemporary lady, the store itself is an architectural gem with interior fixtures of solid walnut and small art deco light fixtures.

This store, which Betty now manages, was begun by her husband's ancestor, John Marshall

Alderson, II, back in 1887 and has been in this Alderson family's capable hands ever since.

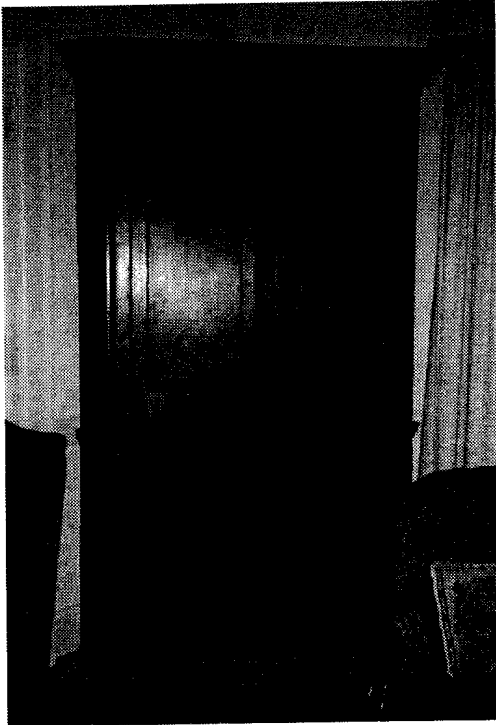
At that early time the store sold all the necessities, from butter to railroad ties. Area farmers were the major suppliers. Mr. Alderson bought everything the farmers had to sell; eggs, butter, potatoes, apples, and chestnuts. He sold the eggs for a dime a dozen.

The 1930's brought disaster as the old store burned to the ground. Within two weeks Mr. Alderson had rented another building and was back in business. Later, a restau-



John Marshall Alderson V, son of the reunion host, and his son John Marshall Alderson VI

*Photo by Teresa Peck*



Corner cupboard brought to Alderson by the Rev. John Alderson, Jr. by wagon, now in possession of Julia Fletcher.

*Photo by Teresa Peck*

rant took over this site. The store then moved into a new art deco building built just for it. Today, this sturdy structure of carved Indiana limestone seems untouched by time.

Eventually, the type of merchandise changed as did the customers' needs and ladies' dresses were added when the general type merchandise items were dropped.

Some fashions came from Baltimore, Washington DC and New York. Samples of these lovely fashions were what I saw in the second story of the lovely, old store that afternoon.

Yes, the reason for coming to this special place of our ancestor's past, is the reunion itself, but judging by the fact-finding and general knowledge of the setting itself, I was grateful for spending a few days prior to the reunion.

With its setting astride the Greenbrier River, the town of Alderson is divided into two counties, Monroe and Greenbrier. Because I have ancestors whose records are in both counties, and I needed to do research in both



Bill and Virginia Swope

*Photo by Teresa Peck*

locations, I was doubly grateful for my early arrival.

The county seat for Monroe Co. is in the town of Union. It was in this town, that I found, thanks to the map at the Historical Society and the helpful attendant there, directions to Dropping Lick Creek, where my ancestor, John Alderson, grandson of Elder John, Jr., had his property.



Alderson Department Store, Alderson, WV, run by Betty Alderson.

*Photo by Teresa Peck*

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It was also in this town that Hugh Tiffany left to join the Confederate Army. Hugh was the first Confederate soldier killed in the war at the battle in Manassas, Va. He was also the father of Nancy Tiffany Alderson, the author of the book *A Bride Goes West*. A must read for any Alderson.

Like this able writer, we too, must go west, beyond the Mississippi, carrying with us memories of another glorious reunion weekend in Alderson, West Virginia.

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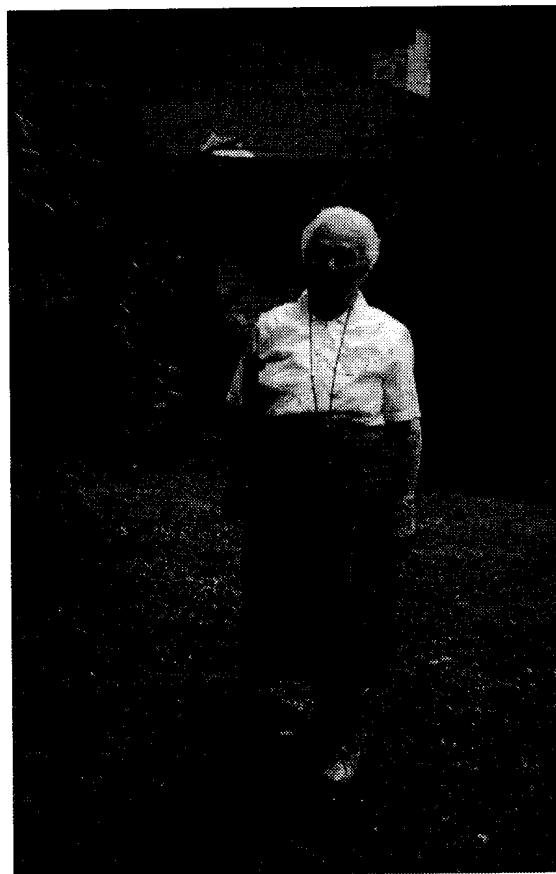
## An Award for Helen Boswell

No one is more deserving of an award for their contribution to genealogy, including Alderson genealogy, than Helen Boswell. As noted in the article by Teresa Peck, Helen was honored on 1 August 1997 by the Missouri Genealogical Society for the noteworthy contributions she has made in her work, both locally and to the state.

Many of us have corresponded with Helen over the years. I believe we first met by letter nearly 20 years ago, and have maintained a steady – if not on my part somewhat sporadic – correspondence over the years. In fact, I remember with fondness that Helen's was the first letter I received after returning home after two years living in China, in 1982. "We have more genealogy to do!"

Helen provided the "backbone and meat" for much of the Alderson genealogy currently posted on the Web, to which I am thoroughly indebted. Through her sleuthful searching and intelligent guesswork, Helen fleshed out many of the descendant lines of John Alderson. She has also contributed much to this newsletter, including an article on her ancestor, Benjamin Alderson, son of the Rev. John Alderson, Sr., and information for many other articles.

Congratulations Helen, and many thanks for a job well done!



Helen Alderson Boswell of Moberly, MO, pictured at the Alderson Family Reunion, Alderson, WV.

*Photo by Teresa Peck*

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## The Letters of Emma Botham Alderson (1806 - 1847)

*by Jeffrey L. Alderson*

My business travels recently took me to a small town twenty miles south of Fort Wayne, Indiana. Many years before, a friend had told me that the Allen County (Fort Wayne) Public Library housed a significant genealogical collection. With that in the back of my mind, I resolved to make an evening of it and investigate my friend's claim. The library is located in the center of town with limited parking. The frustrations of finding a spot to leave my car were well worth the discoveries I soon made.

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The library's collection is for the most part housed on a closed-stacks basis. The card catalog is heavily cross referenced and very complete. I easily found many books of interest despite not having the ability to browse. I expected to find more information on several Alderson soldiers that served in Indiana units during the Civil War. To my surprise, the best find of the night involved an Alderson that manned a frontier outpost in a Dakota Territory cavalry unit. The irony of this is that not one month before, I had traveled to the very town in South Dakota he enlisted from and found nothing.

The book I discovered is *In Their Several Generations* written by Amice MacDonell Lee printed by Interstate Printing Corporation of Plainfield, New Jersey and not dated. The work is an extensive study of several closely related families and includes transcripts of family letters and diary entries. One of the ladies given a twenty-page biography was an Emma Botham who married Harrison Alderson in May of 1833 in Lancashire, England. Emma's biography includes transcripts of several letters she wrote home after she and her husband traveled to America.

Harrison Alderson was, like Emma, a member of the Society of Friends, or Quakers. An account of Harrison reads as follows: "His mother was Reuben Harrison's sister. The Aldersons, like the Harrisons, came of ancient yeoman stock in Dentdale; and like them were amongst the first disciples of George Fox when he preached in the Yorkshire dales. Though quite young, Harrison had been known for some years as a Friend of "weight" and readiness in speaking. He regularly attended Yearly Meeting in Liverpool and occasionally in London. Photographs taken later in life show a type of face not easily forgotten and destined to be transmitted to several descendants, as was his feeling for music. Harrison had naturally a good ear and pleasure in melody. Being a very strict Friend, however, he, like Samuel Botham, considered it a duty to quench this "creaturely affection." His skill in playing on the pipes won applause, and this savouring of vanity, he resolved when young to put temptation behind him. Accordingly, one day, out in the fields, he played through, one by one, each favourite tune, then throwing away his pipes, walked home, never to make music more."

Upon being wed, Harrison and Emma settled in the village of Blackburn until 1837. Harrison was noted as not enjoying village life and was most happy being out and working the land. In 1837, Harrison acted on his desire for country life and moved to the country. Even under good management, Harrison's farm only provided his family with a meager living. By 1842, the family had three children, and one daughter is known to have previously perished during a fever epidemic. Apparently rather suddenly, Harrison decided to move his family to America. Their property was sold and preparations were made to sail during the summer of 1842. Joining the family was Harrison's unwed sister, Elizabeth Alderson, and his nephew Richard Alderson age 14. The journey from the port at Liverpool to Philadelphia began in August of 1842 aboard the "Shenandoah" and lasted one day shy of six weeks.

The family moved on to Brownsville in western Pennsylvania where a house was taken while Harrison journeyed on to Ohio in search of a more permanent home. Based on good reports on Cincinnati noting good land and established Quaker families, Harrison relocated his family to Cincinnati during the summer of 1843. The home with farm buildings and 33 acres of farmland and woods on the Kentucky side of the Ohio River was bought for the sum of \$5,740.00. The village of Warsaw, Kentucky was near by. The family prospered on this land in comparison to its English country life experience. Although money and clothing were sometimes lacking, food was in great abundance.

Emma Botham Alderson passed away on December 8, 1847 due to complications setting in after the birth of a son, Samuel. Samuel later died months later. Harrison's touching letter informing Emma's sister of his loss is included in the volume. The children remained in America growing up to live good lives. Harrison returned to England and is ironically buried a few yards from the house that his wife Emma was born in. No mention is made of the fate of Harrison's nephew, Richard. He had come with the family with the reputation of being a difficult boy requiring strict discipline. Under the more gentle treatment of Harrison and Emma, he responded by becoming useful on the farm and subsequently doing well.

The references about Richard were of great interest to me. Richard was the son of Daniel Al-

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derson (Harrison's brother) and Margaret Speight born in Sedbergh, West Riding, Yorkshire, England in 1828. In some manner, Richard traveled from Ohio after his aunt Emma's death to the edge of civilization in the Dakota Territory by 1862. On February 16, 1862, he enlisted into Company A of the 1st Dakota Cavalry in Yankton, South Dakota. This unit of 100 men is huge in comparison to the Territory's report of only 585 voting age males during 1860. His discharge came in May of 1865 after several years of manning frontier outposts. After leaving the army, Richard settled in Sioux City, Iowa up to 1871, then traveled to Pennsylvania remaining there until 1875. His final home was then established in Wilmot, Wisconsin. Richard took Roda P. Wagner as his wife, date unknown. Based on Roda's being listed as born in Ohio, it seems likely that Richard was introduced to Roda while he lived on Harrison's farm across the river from Cincinnati. The couple had one son, William W. Alderson born circa 1876 in Wisconsin. Richard died on September 24, 1892 in Wilmot. I live 30 minutes from this town and have spent one day searching for his grave with no success.

Previously, I had specifically set out to locate information on Richard while visiting Yankton, South Dakota. I was very disappointed to learn that no materials were in the local library earlier than the mid 1870's. Only weeks later, I was surprised to uncover information on Richard in the unlikely location of Fort Wayne, Indiana. Geography has less to do with genealogical material than I had previously believed. I definitely recommend reading the 20 pages on Emma Botham Alderson within *In Their Several Generations*. It is a very touching and human account of the lives of an Alderson family.

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## William W. Alderson Papers

The Merrill G. Burlingame Special Collections at the Montana State University in Bozeman, Montana contains the diaries of William W. Alderson, early pioneer newspaperman and Indian agent. The following can be found at

<http://www.lib.montana.edu/SPCOLL/0708.html>  
concerning William W. Alderson:

William W. Alderson Diary, 1864-1879

Collection 708

Bozeman, Montana

December 1994

0.2 linear ft.

Typed transcripts of the William W. Alderson diaries were donated to Special Collections by the Museum of the Rockies in the summer of 1969.

The original diaries of William W. Alderson were eventually passed down to his great-grandson, Ted Alderson, who lived in Oregon during the Depression. He was contacted by Merrill G. Burlingame in the summer of 1934 for the purpose of transcribing the diary. Burlingame eventually typed nearly 180 pages from the little volumes, making pencil notations for their eventual publication. Sometime after the transcription, the original diaries were destroyed in a house fire. Burlingame began the preparation of the original transcription for publication and had the manuscript retyped incorporating his pencil notations. The final version of the diary was published in a mimeograph format and the original draft given to the Museum of the Rockies by Dr. Burlingame.

William W. Alderson (1831-1906) was a Bozeman, Montana pioneer newspaperman and Indian agent. Born in England, Alderson came to the United States with his parents and eventually settled in western Illinois near Galena. He married Francis W. Weatherly in 1854 and the couple moved to Montana in 1864 along with Alderson's brother, John. The Aldersons decided to settle in the Gallatin valley and became one of the founding families of the new town of Bozeman. In 1873 Alderson accepted a post as Indian agent at the Milk River agency for the Assiniboin Indians, a position he held until 1876.

In 1877 he became the editor of the Bozeman *Avant Courier*, and in 1886 served a term in the Montana legislature. The Aldersons had nine children, Edward, Matthew, Elizabeth, May, Anna, Margaret, Charles, William, and George. Edward C. Alderson also kept a diary from 1875 through 1879, during which time he assisted his father at the Milk River agency.

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The transcripts are of diary notations from Alderson, 1864-1877, and additional entries by his son, Edward, from 1875 to 1879. Entries include information on the family's trip across the plains to Montana from Jo Daviess County, Illinois. The route followed what was then known as "Jacob's Cut-off" via Wind River, Gray Bull, Clark's Fork, and the Yellowstone Valley. Further entries describe the early settlement of Bozeman, Alderson's experiences as an Indian agent, and the purchase of the *Avant Courier*. The transcripts have been arranged in thirteen folders. Folder one contains a carbon of a second draft Burlingame was preparing from his original transcript and covers the years from 1864 through 1866. Folders two through seven contain the original transcript prepared in 1934 which is missing pages 11-21. These missing pages were the among the ones retyped in the carbon copy in folder one. Folders eight through thirteen contain the mimeograph published version of the diary, probably prepared in the early 1970s.

Contents, Box 1:

- Folder 1. Carbon copy, 1864-1866
- Folder 2. Original copy, 1864-1866
- Folder 3. Original copy, 1867-1868
- Folder 4. Original copy, 1871-1872
- Folder 5. Original copy, 1873-1874
- Folder 6. Original copy, 1875-1877
- Folder 7. Original copy, Edward C. Alderson, 1875-1879
- Folder 8. Mimeograph, 1864-1866
- Folder 9. Mimeograph, 1867-1868
- Folder 10. Mimeograph, 1871-1872
- Folder 11. Mimeograph, 1873-1874
- Folder 12. Mimeograph, 1875-1877
- Folder 13. Mimeograph, Edward C. Alderson, 1875-1879

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According to census records compiled by Jim Cross, William W. Alderson was enumerated in Jo Daviess Co., IL in 1860, and Gallatin Co., MT in 1870, 1880, and 1900. He died in 1906. His parents were William and Margaret (White) Alderson.

## Elija Alderson

Elija Alderson appears on the 1836 Tax List of Itawamba Co., MS. According to the Itawamba Historical Society, the 1836 Tax List "represents the first families in Itawamba County to pay personal property taxes. This tax list supplements the 1840 Federal Census, as the reader will learn that many of the families were in Itawamba County well before 1840. This list can be called the first census of Itawamba County, taken the year Itawamba County was formed."

Who is this Elija Alderson? Itawamba County is located in northeastern Mississippi, on the Alabama border. Elija does not appear in the 1840 census of the county, nor do any Aldersons appear in Marriage books 1-4 or in Deed books 1-2.

The full listing of the 1836 Tax List can be found at:  
<http://www.network-one.com/~ithissoc/taxlist.html>

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## Alderson Web Site Update and Other Online Developments

There have been significant changes made to the Alderson Web Site, located at <http://www.slip.net/~dggf>. Over the past few months, I have added a number of new features, and have reorganized the page, adding index shortcuts to each area of the page.

The first section provides links to the genealogies of the Rev. John Alderson, Sr. (ten generations of descendants), and to the decendant genealogy of Richard Alderson, d. ca. 1698, Lancaster Co., VA, progenitor of the "Northern Neck" line of Aldersons. The latter genealogy is still in development, and is currently lacking numerous lines of descent.

The second section introduces *Alderson Roots & Branches*, and provides subscription information. I have also posted copies of vol. 7, number 1 (March 1996) and vol. 7, number 2 (June 1996) to illustrate the ease of online publishing. The

## Query: Rachel Alderson

**M**ary Bryant Park, 2204 W. 5th, Stillwater, OK 74074-2817, is looking for evidence to positively identify her ancestor Rachel, who married James T. Briant, with Rachel Alderson, daughter of Burzilla Alderson, whose father was Curtis Alderson. She writes:

My ancestor, James T. Briant married a Rachael ? about 1815 (first child born 1817), and I am trying to find Rachael's surname.

I have found where Rachael Alderson, b. 1800, probably Botetourt Co., VA, married James Briant (alias Samuel Bryans) on 6 June 1815 in Botetourt Co., VA. She was daughter of Burzilla "Burr" Alderson and Elizabeth Dawson; and Burr was son of Curtis Alderson and Elizabeth Ramsey. Burzilla and Elizabeth were married in Botetourt Co. on 18 February 1797.

My James T. Briant and wife Rachael named a son Barzil/Barzilla/Burizillia, which could have been for Rachael's father, if indeed he was Burzilla Alderson.

James T. and Rachael left TN (Cannon or Lincoln Co.) about 1830 and went to Wayne then Marion Co., Illinois. The Bryant family was also in Lincoln Co., KY; Jackson Co., AL; then Tennessee, and Illinois. Their oldest son, William Gleason Bryant and wife Nancy Adamson remained in DeKalb Co., TN.

Burr Alderson was in Botetourt Co., VA in 1810; in Lincoln Co., TN in 1831. He died between 1831 & 1840, because widow Elizabeth Alderson was on the 1840 Lincoln Co, TN census (age 50-60) living alone. [Editor note: according to Jim Cross, Burr was living in Jefferson Co., TN in 1830 and 1840. The widow Elizabeth in 1840 Lincoln Co., TN is unidentified.]

Other names connected with my Briant/Bryant family were: Adamson, Dodd, Luttrell, Shelton, Easley. Also there were several Aldersons in Marion County, IL in the mid to late 1800s.

I would appreciate any help in determining for sure that this is MY Rachael Alderson.

layout differs from the paper version of the newsletter, but the online version includes color photographs and a "hyperlinked" table of contents.

The third area, "Alderson Information", is dedicated to online access to Alderson vital information, such as births, death, marriages, and census records. This area is new and still in compilation, and currently contains only the 1850 Fayette Co., VA census listing of Aldersons. Material such as the Ohio Death Records in this issue will be added to the site.

The fourth area is Related Links. This provides one-click access to other Alderson-related home pages and the email addresses of other Alderson researchers. If you would like your contact information, either street address or email address, added to this section, please let me know.

The last section is Other Family Lines. In the course of my research, I have compiled a lot of information on other family lines, and here I have posted a few of my better researched lines. At this writing, genealogies of the Boothes (VA, WV) and Burdettes (Monroe Co., WV area) have been posted.

The purpose of building this web site is to provide open, free, and unconditional access to Alderson resources for those researching their Alderson family lines. For North American lines, it is hoped that any researcher can find at minimum some basic information on his or her Alderson line, additional clues for further research, and contacts to other researchers of the same line. The emphasis, however, is on the descendants of the Rev. John Alderson Sr and of Richard Alderson of the "Northern Neck"; I would like to include more recent Alderson immigrant lines, but will point researchers to contact the UK Alderson Family History Society. Since the information of the UK Society is closed to non-members, researchers will have to join the Society to get any information on their lines.

It is also my pleasure to announce the creation of an Alderson mail list. On the Internet, mail lists are automated mail forwarding programs that receive email and send them back out to all of the mail list subscribers. When an individual emails a question or some information to the mail list address, all subscribers receive it. It's a very effective tool for exchanging information!

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The mail list was established and is managed by Lon Fink, who is a descendant of Benjamin Alderson through his son Aaron. To subscribe to the mail list, send an email with the word *subscribe* written in the body of the message to: ALDERSON-L-request@rootsweb.com. You will be "subscribed" to the newlist and start receiving all the postings by email. Postings on all Alderson-related topics are greatly welcomed!

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## Alderson-Raw Letter

The following is a letter written by a granddaughter (daughter of Edward L. and Mary B. [Alderson] Dougherty) of Anthony and Elizabeth (Raw) Alderson to her first cousin Blanche Hodgson in 1975. Elizabeth Raw, daughter of James and Mary (Alderson) Raw, was born 7 May 1842 in Halfway House, Swaledale, Yorkshire, England. Her parents came to the US in 1850, settling in Lafayette Co., WI.

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Dear Blanche,

You will think I forgot to answer your nice letter. You asked about the name Raw. That was the right but later it was spelled Rawe. I copied this old piece I am sending you came out of an old plat book that was published in 1881. I thought you might be interested in that. Grandmother Alderson was 7 years old when she came to this country. Grandpa was a young man and he saw the ship sail from England that she was on.

I don't think they were any kinship.

I asked my Ruth Husband about Stump Grove. He was raised in White Oak Springs in fact that is a township where they live. Wardsville is just a place where there is a church and a school. It still has church and school yet.

You asked me about the Primitive Methodist Church. In that old Plat book it was what it was first called then it was shouting? up. All though the church in Shullsburg is still called Primitive Methodist.

As far as I know, the Raw are buried at Shullsburg.

It is you know that Grandpa Alderson had twin nieces in England. They were driving a horse with a 2 wheel cart along a river the bank caved in they were both drowned. So the twins go a long way back.

I knew uncle Frank Raw and uncle Jim. Uncle Jim has Grandchildren living west of Harlington on uncle Jim's farm. They had a mine on the farm that made them a lot of money.

I never heard my mother say anything about Thomas that I remember of.

I think those 2 ladies you went to see must have been Nellie Robson and Mrs. Fred Bothlemy they lived together in later years. They were uncle Frank's girls. They are all gone now. They lived in Harlington.

My youngest boy used to like to go with me see Uncle Frank's girls. He liked to hear about the Kin.

My mother never went to Iowa with the rest of the family, she cooked at the Hotel for years. I saw your mother and aunt Cora when my mother was sick. Then I saw Aunt Cora when Aunt Daisy died. So I never was around the family much except Veo. She couldn't have been closer then we were if we had been sisters. I sure miss her. Well I am making a newspaper out of this so I guess I had better call a halt on my chicken scratching. So you excuse the spelling and writing.

Love Edna

Copied from old Plat book published in 1881.

James Raw

Farmer and stock raiser Mr. Raw was a native of Yorkshire, England.

He was born Feb 22, 1810. He came to the U.S. Lafayette County in May 1850 where he first engaged in mining.

Then he began farming in White Oak Springs. He later bought a farm of 385 acres. In 1840 Mr. Raw married Mary Alderson in England. She died Jan 19, 1877.

They had 8 children, Frank, Bessie, Thomas, Mary, Jane, James Jr., Belle, Ruth.

# Ohio Deaths 1911- 1944

The following two pages contain a summary of the Alderson deaths recorded in Ohio from 1911 to 1944.

These data were compiled by Frank N. Malaney, of Pataskala, OH, email [fnmalaney@ix.netcom.com](mailto:fnmalaney@ix.netcom.com), who has agreed to their use here and for posting on the Web. Many thanks to Frank!

Vol	Page	Name	Death	Status	Place	Yrs	Mos	Days	Born	Place	Buried	Place	Cause	Occupation	Father	Place	Mother	Place	Informant
1911	43595	Thomas Alderson	03 Aug 1911	Md.	Sycamore Twp, Hamilton Co., OH	76	4	8	26 Nov? 1844	England	05 Aug 1911	Reading Plot	Carcinoma Liver	farmer	Henry Alderson	England	"don't know"	England	Mrs. Thomas Alderson
1918	64115	Carrie Alderson (black)	21 Oct 1918	Md.	608 Smith, Cincinnati, OH	23	8	27	24 Jan 1895	Virginia	26 Oct 1918	Union Baptist	Pneumonia/Influenza	Cook	Robert Olds	Virginia	Lizzie Burns	VA	Jas. H. Thompson
1922	62316	Elizabeth Anna Alderson	25 Dec 1922	single	Springfield, OH	6	6	9	16 Jun 1916	Springfield, OH	27 Dec 1922	Ferncliff Cem.			A. B. Alderson	Edinburgh, Scotland	Margaret McNeish	Iowa	
1923	9302	Rutledg Alderson	21 Feb 1923	Md.	Cleveland, OH	43	8	14	7 Jun 1879	Virginia	25 Feb 1923	Bendtown, VA		Penn RR Conductor	George Alderson	VA	Elizabeth Beckley	VA	Carrie M. Alderson, wife
1923	24123	James Robert Alderson	11 Apr 1923	single	Springfield, OH	3	1	21	13 Feb 1920	Springfield, OH	13 Apr 1923	Ferncliff Cem.	Heart clot/pneumonia		Alexander Alderson	Scotland	Margaret McKeish	Iowa	
1927	28230	Charles L. Alderson	24 May 1927	Md.	Lake-wood, OH	79	8	13	11 Sept 1847	MA	26 May 1927	Lake View		Steel engraver	"did not know"		"did not know"		John Alderson. Wife: Catherine M. Alderson
1928	48232	Catherine M. Alderson	20 Aug 1928	widow	Lake-wood, OH	82	0	21	29 Jul 1846	OH	22 Aug 1928	Lake View	accidental fall down stairs	housewife	— Dunning		"don't know"		Fred L. Alderson. Husb: Charles L. Alderson

1930	42249	Maude Alderson	03 Jul 1930	Md.	Cincinnati, OH	41			03 Mar 1905	Casey Co, KY	06 Jul 1930	McKinny, KY	para typhoid fever	housewife	unknown	unknown			Allen Alderson, husband
1931	37481	Allen Wm. Alderson	29 Jun 1931	widower	Cincinnati, OH	40			05 Mar 1905	KY	01 Jul 1931	Farmer, KY	heat prostration	carpenter	Harvey Alderson	VA	Rachel	unknown	John Alderson. Wife: Ida Shrodt
1932	49358	Baby Boy Alderson	12 Aug 1932	single	Youngstown, OH			2 hrs	12 Aug 1932	Youngstown, OH	13 Aug 1932	(unreadable)	premature		William E. Alderson	Johnstown, PA	Vera Hepler	Sigelo, PA	
1934	75543	Jessie L. Alderson	29 Dec 1934	Md.	Mansfield, OH	58	4	9	20 Aug 1876	Mifflin, OH	31 Dec 1934	Mansfield, OH	burn 3rd deg. Accidental	housewife	Warren McCready	Richland Co, OH	Elizabeth Lemson	OH	Marion R. Alderson. Husband: Ed M. Alderson
1939	41792	Frank Alderson	22 Jul 1939	divorced	Cleveland, OH	59	8	0	22 Nov 1879	Muncie, IN	25 Jul 1939	Indianapolis, IN		maintenance man	Mose Alderson	unknown	Sarah Campbell	unknown	George Dalton, Buffalo, NY
1943	40488	Nannie M. Alderson	03 Jun 1943	widow	Akron, OH	65	7	2	28 Nov 1877	KY	03 Jul 1943	Murray, KY		housewife	Jacob Taylor	KY	Nannie Taylor	KY	Mrs. Earle Parker, same address
1944	40946	Caroline Morrison Alderson	18 Jun 1944	widow	Akron, OH	83	5	24	24 Dec 1860	Adyville, IN	21 Jun 1944	Ellet Mem Cem			Daniel Van Winkle	IN	Nancy	IN	A. Allyn, same address; husb. John Alderson
1944	63884	Sadie Maude Alderson	24 Oct 1944	Md.	E. Fultonham. Uniontown, Miskin-gum, OH	58	3	12	12 July 1886	Chandlersville, OH	27 Oct 1944	Chandlersville, OH	coronary occlusion	housewife	Thomas T. Hale	Chandlersville, OH	Arthe A. Smith	Claysville, OH	Res: Paragon, IN, in OH 5 days; Husband: Jessie Alderson

# CRASH!

In my twelve years of using a computer, I have never suffered as severe a crash as happened last month. Having installed a new 3.3 GB hard drive to increase storage space, I neglected to make timely backups of my data. Then, one morning, I turned on the computer and heard the sound that strikes fear into all computer users—ka-chunk, ka-chunk—indicating the drive had failed.

I took the drive to a data recovery place but the damage was too severe to recover any data. The loss was worse than I had expected, as I had no backups of any sort within the last year. Problems with my tape drive had made me put off making a complete backup since October 1996. My entire operating system was gone!

Among the data lost were all updates to my subscriber database since that time, including information on renewals and other payments. This month, I will not be sending out renewal reminders, but if you received one with the last issue, please remember to send in your renewal. And if you get a renewal reminder in error, please let me know and I'll update the records!

Also lost were the local copies of the Alderson web pages, the only copies of Vol. 7, numbers 3 and 4, and Vol. 8, number 1 of the newsletter, along with numerous related graphics. Fortunately, my Alderson database was on another drive, so those data were not lost (though I recently had a software error that trashed 6 months of work.)

Anyone with a computer is lectured time and again about the importance of backups—and I'm the first one to give this same lecture to others. In order to avoid the problem again, I have purchased a CD drive that both reads and writes CD-ROMs. This will enormously simplify the task of backing up thousands of megabytes of data. This CD drive will also make it possible, for example, to distribute the entire Alderson web site, along with the Alderson database, on one CD-ROM to those without web access.

I have only recently reconstituted my system, but—knock on wood—it should be smooth sailing from here!

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Thank you, and Happy Hunting!



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