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## Aldersons in British Columbia

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In the December 1996 issue of *Alderson Roots & Branches* I summarized what is known about early Alderson immigrants to Canada. All of those immigrants came to the province of Ontario, although a few descendants moved west to Manitoba. The province of British Columbia has made its death and pre-1915 marriage index available on the Internet. A professional researcher in Victoria has looked up the records for me and as a result I can now present a picture of the Alderson immigrants to that province, most of whom came directly from England to British Columbia.

One of the most interesting immigrants was Frederick Alderson. His story was the subject of a major article in the June issue of the Alderson Family History Society (UK) newsletter. Frederick's family never actually emigrated to Canada. Frederick and his brother were orphaned as young men, but Frederick eventually became a mining engineer. He worked in mines in various parts of the world including a tour of duty in India. He came to Mexico in 1907 with the intention of buying a mine, but the enterprise eventually went bankrupt and he traveled to British Columbia where he found employment with the Hosmer mine near Fernie, BC. In 1912 an explosion in the mine trapped a number of men. Us-

ing newly developed breathing apparatus Frederick entered the mine and saved a number of the trapped miners, but eventually succumbed to the mine gases. Frederick's brother Robert Dunn Alderson emigrated to Canada in 1903 and came to British Columbia in 1912, the year of his brother's death. He was instrumental in erecting a monument in his brother's memory. Robert married Jeannie McKenzie. He moved to Creston, BC in 1925 where he became a fruit farmer. He died in Creston in 1950. His son Douglas McKenzie Alderson was born in Fernie, BC on 29 June 1917. He married Dorothy McGilvry. The couple were later divorced. Douglas died 3 July 1964 in Campbell River, BC in an auto accident and is buried in Courtenay, BC. The informant on his death certificate was a brother Fred Alderson.

Jonathan Alderson was born in England 16 April 1869. He emigrated to British Columbia in 1889, settling in Victoria. He is the first Alderson thus far recorded in the province. He married Margaret James. He was employed as a printer. He died in Victoria, BC on 15 April 1944 and is buried in Royal Oak Burial Park. His widow Margaret died 7 August 1958 in Victoria and is buried in Ross Bay Cemetery.

Arthur Alderson was born in England in 1884. It is not known when he emigrated to Canada. His death certificate shows he was married, but the name of his wife is unknown. In March 1915 he developed mental illness and was committed to a public hospital in New Westminister, BC. He died there on 27 November 1915.

Christopher Alderson, son of Thomas, was born in England on 16 December 1863. He emigrated to Canada in 1889 and moved to Vancouver, BC ca 1911 where he was employed as a janitor. He died on 2 May 1918. Mrs. Ethel Symington, who may have been a married daughter,

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was the informant for completion of his death certificate.

George Collingwood Alderson, son of John Alderson and Anna Shillington, was born in England 13 February 1869. He married Ellen J. Maltby, daughter of John Henry Maltby and Jane Card. Ellen was born in Croyden, England on 9 April 1875. The family emigrated to Canada in 1911 settling in Vancouver, BC where George was employed as an upholsterer. He died in Vancouver on 19 January 1917 and was buried in South Vancouver. His widow died in Saanich, BC on 7 January 1952 and was buried in Mountain View Cemetery in Vancouver. The informant on her death certificate was a daughter, Mrs. E. M. Ward. A son John Maltby Alderson was born in England on 31 October 1902. He married Rose Sylvia Paterson. John was a railway district passenger agent. He died on 5 June 1966 in Vancouver, BC and is buried in the Masonic cemetery in Burnaby, BC. His widow Rose S. died in Vancouver, BC on 19 January 1976. She was born 22 May 1907 in Coleman, Alberta to Adam Paterson and Catherine J. Churchill. The informant on her death certificate was a daughter, Mrs. Patricia Campbell.

Henry Spencer Alderson, son of Frederick Cecil Alderson and Catherine Guest, was born in England on 3 August 1874. He emigrated to Canada in 1911 settling in BC. He married Julia Charlotte W. Moeser. He moved to Duncan, BC ca 1925 where he worked as a civil engineer. He died there 8 March 1948 and is buried in St. Peter's Quamischan.

Ralph Alderson was born in Reeth, North Yorkshire on 16 November 1866. His father's name is not given on his death certificate, but his mother's maiden name was Mary Marrick. He emigrated to Canada in 1881 with his parents, but did not move to British Columbia until ca 1946. He worked as a farmer and as an agent for a farm equipment company. He died in Cranbrook, BC on 29 November 1956 at the age of 90 and was buried in Westlawn Cemetery. The informant on his death certificate was a stepdaughter, Margaret Chorley.

Thomas Alderson was born in England and married Margaret Buxton, daughter of Christopher Buxton (the name is spelled Butson on some records). There is no evidence that Thomas emigrated to Canada, but Margaret emigrated with at least six children in 1912 and settled in

Vancouver, BC. She died there on 15 April 1925 and is buried in Mountain View Cemetery. An unmarried daughter Elizabeth Alice, born 2 January 1880 in England, died in Vancouver on 3 March 1913. An unmarried son Thomas, born 3 August 1870 in England, died 26 July 1930. He had been a conductor on the BC Electric Railway. An unmarried daughter Mary Ann, born 3 September 1861 in England, died 1 February 1934. An unmarried daughter Tamar, born in England 22 March 1868 died 3 September 1948 in Vancouver. Informants on the death certificates included two additional daughters, Amy and Mrs. Margaret Griffin. All of the family members are buried in Mountain View Cemetery.

William Alderson was born in England on 7 February 1858 to John Alderson and Sarah Waters. He emigrated to Canada ca 1883 and moved to BC ca 1920. He died in Vancouver, BC on 17 December 1927 and was buried in Ocean View Burial Park. The informant on his death certificate was a stepson, E. J. Rothwell.

William Henry Alderson was born in County Durham, England on 1 October 1901, son of Jonathan Alderson and Mary Embleton. He emigrated to Canada in 1922 and married Margaret Kozak. He moved to Vancouver, BC ca 1937 and was employed as a building contractor. His wife Margaret committed suicide 3 June 1966. William Henry died 5 December 1972 in Vancouver. The informant on both death certificates was a daughter Mrs. Thelma Ratner.

George Alderson, was born in Ontario on 19 Dec 1862, son of William Alderson and Margaret Pickering. He married Harriett Costello on 2 August 1885 in Halton Co., Ontario. The family moved to British Columbia in 1892. George was a farmer. He died in New Westminster, BC on 18 May 1923 and was buried there.

William Edwin Alderson was born in St. Thomas, Ontario 25 Jun 1887, son of Ralph Alderson and Hanna Wright. He married his first wife, Nine E. McGraw in Oxford Co., Ontario on 26 October 1909. He later married a widow, Harriett Perkins, née Evans. William was a carpenter and moved to Summerland, BC after retiring in 1951. He died in there on 22 May 1958 and is buried in Peach Orchard cemetery. The informant on his death certificate was a son-in-law, Colin Campbell. His widow Harriett died in West Summerland, BC on 14 June 1961 and is

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buried in the same place. The informant on her certificate was a daughter, Margaret Campbell.

Robert Leroy Alderson, was son of Robert Land Alderson and Clarissa Brown. He was born in Ontario on 22 April 1876. He moved to BC ca 1915 and settled in Cariboo, BC where he was a farmer. His wife's name was Nena Violet Alderson. He died in McBride, BC on 23 June 1926 and is buried there.

Jonas Peter Alderson was born in Sweden on 24 October 1856. His father's name is shown on his death certificate as Anderson Abershamson. It is not known when Jonas took the name Alderson. He was married and a retired farmer who emigrated in 1912 and settled in Vancouver, BC, where he died 23 January 1925 and was buried in Mountain View Cemetery. The informant on his death certificate was a son-in-law, Carl Erikson.

There are a number of additional death certificates in the province for immigrants not known to have married and for unidentified widows.

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## Census Records Online

As of August 1998, the Alderson Cousins website<sup>1</sup> contain full transcriptions of the Alderson family census enumerations in the following counties:

### Indiana

Orange Co: 1820, 1850

### Kentucky

Hart Co: 1850

Henderson Co: 1850, 1860

### Mississippi

Lafayette Co: 1850

### Missouri

Randolph Co: 1850

### New York

Orleans Co: 1850

### Tennessee

Sumner Co: 1830

### Virginia

Amherst Co: 1850

Botetourt Co: 1850

Cumberland Co: 1850

Halifax Co: 1850

James City Co: 1850

Northumberland Co: 1860

Pittsylvania Co: 1850

Richmond Co: 1850

Russell Co: 1850, 1860

Washington Co: 1850

### West Virginia (VA before 1863)

Fayette Co: 1850

Greenbrier Co: 1830, 1850

Logan Co: 1850

Monroe Co: 1830, 1850

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## Aldersons Online

### Morgan County, Indiana Original Land Sales from the US Government: Moses Alderson

This site<sup>2</sup> provides an index to the original land sales to early Morgan County settlers from the U.S. Government, sorted by name. It also includes a companion file sorted by location, to allow you to look up the legal description and determine neighbors of the settler.

One early purchaser of Morgan Co. Land was **Moses Alderson**. The index entry for Moses notes the sale was dated 15 November 1822, for 80 acres in 14 1E 26 E half of SE half 80.

Moses also patented land in Morgan and Hendricks Cos., IN in 1824. (See next article.)

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1 <http://www.slip.net/~dgf>

2 <http://www.scican.net/~morglib/genasist/landsal1.html>

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# Alderson Land Patents

The following table contains a full listing of all Alderson land patents available on the web site of the Bureau of Land Management, Eastern States, General Land Office Records. This site provides live database and image access to more than two million federal land title records for the Eastern Public Land States, dating back to 1820, and in some instances earlier. It does not yet include the patents from the eastern public lands states of Iowa and Illinois.

The patent documents identify the range coordinates of the land and size in acres, and the location of the land office from which the patent was issued. They do not indicate the county in which the patented land was located, but the Land Office web site helpfully provides this information in a more detailed index page from which the original document can be accessed.

Prior to the Homestead Act of 1862, which offered millions of acres of federal land for sale to homesteaders, most of the patents were issued for cash sales under "An act making further provision for the sale of Public land" passed by Congress in April 1820. Homestead patent documents did not include the residence of the buyers, so most post-1862 entries do not contain this information. Post-1862 entries with this information were cash-sales patents.

Among the Alderson entries, the earliest was from April 1805, when President Thomas Jefferson personally signed a patent granting 100 acres of land in what was to become Morrow Co, OH, to Simon Alderson, "a soldier in the late army of the United States, in consideration of his military services" (see figure). It is interesting to see that the enabling legislation for granting these lands was a 1796 act "regulating the grants of Land appropriated for Military service, and for the Society of the United Brethren for propagating the gospel among the Heathen."

According to Jim Cross, this Simon is most likely Simon Alderson of NC, born probably around 1756, a sergeant who served seven years in the war and was a prisoner of war taken to England. Simon received a large grant in North Carolina, but this is the first evidence of a grant in Ohio. Simon was enumerated in the censuses of Hyde Co, NC in 1790, 1800, and 1810. Another Simon Alderson also served in the Revolutionary War, but less is known about him. This Simon was much older, served as a Captain for a year and then resigned his commission due to ill health. Jim Cross thinks that Capt. Simon may be the uncle of Sgt. Simon Alderson.

It is not known if Simon Alderson took up residence in Ohio after exercising his land grant, and Sgt. Simon Alderson was recorded in Hyde Co, NC in 1810. Jim Cross records no Alderson families in Ohio in 1820, but two Alderson families appear in 1830. These were the families of Richard Alderson of Ross Co., OH and Solomon Alderson of Montgomery Co., OH, whose ancestries are unidentified. Perhaps they were the sons of Simon?

The recording of the buyer's residence on cash-sales patents helps to pinpoint the time of emigration, as in the case of Benjamin Amos Alderson, who is shown as first buying land in St. Charles Co., MO in September 1838 (see figure). His residence was listed as "Harford Co, MD". Benjamin was the son of Abel Alderson of Harford Co; Abel was the only child of Thomas Alderson who did not accompany him to Greenbrier Co, VA after the Revolutionary War, remaining in Harford Co., MD with his grandfather Benjamin Amos (d. 1815) and great-grandfather, the Rev. John Davis (d. 1809).

Benjamin Amos Alderson doesn't appear to have taken up residence in Missouri at the time of his purchase, as just a few months later in 1838, he was in Adams Co, MS where he was married to Matilda Margaret Farrar "of the state of Mississippi". Benjamin was enumerated in Adams Co., MS in the 1840 census as well. Benjamin patented a total of over 800 acres in St. Charles Co., MO, including 125 acres located on an island in the Mississippi River. Benjamin and Matilda relocated to his Missouri lands sometime after 1840, as Matilda died there on 4 March 1847. Left with a 7 year-old daughter, Benjamin remarried in December 1847 to Mary Lisle Baker, who was born in 1821 in Culpeper Co., VA, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Gamble) Baker. Two years later in December 1849, Benjamin patented an additional 77 acres, this time in Adams Co., MS in

partnership with William Helm. Benjamin and Mary stayed in St. Charles, however, where Mary died in 1893 and Benjamin in 1895.

Other details of historical interest can be found in the files. In August 1849, Bathus Chinn Alderson, of Union Co, AR, patented 120 acres in what was Choctaw land in Arkansas as assignee of a Choctaw Indian (see figure). The Choctaw had agreed to remove to what was to become Arkansas and Oklahoma from their original lands in Mississippi as a result of the Treaty of Dancing Rabbit Creek in 1830. Many were issued certificates for public land, but owing to poverty or other situations, the Choctaw often reassigned these certificates, in the same way that military land warrants were reassigned. Bathus obtained two tracts of land of 120 acres total in this manner.

Bathus Chinn Alderson was born ca 1812 in Richmond Co., VA, son of Capt. William G. and Ann P. (Tapscott) Alderson. William G. moved to Maury Co., TN sometime before 1830, and there Bathus married Isabella J. Craig on 1 October 1835. Bathus was enumerated in Maury Co, TN in 1840, when he married his second wife Sarah J. Vanhook. Bathus was enumerated in Union Co, AR in 1850, 1860, 1870, and 1880. He married his third wife, (Mrs.) Martha J. Stanley on 8 October 1863 in Union Co, AR.

The URL for the Bureau of Land Management is <http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov/>. From this opening page, you are required to enter a zip code "for demographic purposes only" to proceed to the main search page. The main search page prompts you to choose a state, which is required for a surname search; if you have the accession number, it can be searched directly. There is a summary search result page, and the image files of each patent is accessible from the individual pages detailing each patent. The image files are on average 80-100k in size, so download times may be long. They can be either saved to disk or opened in your browser if your browser support .tif viewing.

Patentee	Residence	Date	County of Patent	State of Patent	Acres	Notes	Doc. #	Acces. #
Alderson, John	Tallapoosa Co, AL	10 May 1848	Tallapoosa	Alabama	39.945			AL4360__.278
Alderson, Bathers C.	Union Co, AR	1 Aug 1849	Union	Arkansas	80	Choctaw Land	204C	AR2680__.336
Alderson, Bathus C.	Union Co, AR	1 Sept 1856	Union	Arkansas	40		3419	AR2130__.300
Alderson, Bathus C.	Union Co, AR	1 Aug 1849	Union	Arkansas	40	Choctaw Land	401C	AR2680__.198
Alderson, Bathus C.	Union Co, AR	25 May 1883	Union	Arkansas	240		5717	AR2340__.373
Alderson, Bathus C.	Union Co, AR	1 Nov 1849	Union	Arkansas	40		633	AR2090__.104
Alderson, Bathus C.	Union Co, AR	19 June 1895	Union	Arkansas	80		6872	AR2340__.449
Alderson, Bathus C.	Union Co, AR	1 July 1859	Union	Arkansas	80		6874	AR2200__.051
Alderson, Bathus C.	Union Co, AR	1 July 1859	Union	Arkansas	40		7151	AR2200__.295
Alderson, Bathus C.	Union Co, AR	1 July 1859	Union	Arkansas	80		7153	AR2200__.297
Alderson, Bathus C.	Union Co, AR	1 July 1859	Union	Arkansas	80		7866	AR2210__.430
Alderson, Frank, Jr.		16 Oct 1895	Union	Arkansas	160		7645	AR1620__.099

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Alderson, Irvin		17 Jun 1895	Benton	Arkansas	160		10207	AR2620__.295
Alderson, Jesse		20 Jun 1876	Madison	Arkansas	80		1572	AR2440__.257
Alderson, John T.		21 Mar 1896	Madison	Arkansas	120		10553	AR2630__.139
Alderson, John T.		21 Mar 1893	Madison	Arkansas	40		10554	AR2630__.140
Alderson, Josephus M.	Carroll Co, AR	1 July 1859	Carroll	Arkansas	160		9698	AR1030__.150
Alderson, Malinda		28 Nov 1900	Carroll	Arkansas	160	widow of Armstead	13233	AR2810__.451
Alderson, Newton H.		3 Oct 1892	Madison	Arkansas	162.19		8062	AR2580__.492
Alderson, Samuel M.		22 May 1895	Madison	Arkansas	160.15		10162	AR2620__.107
Alderson, Samuel M. C.	Benton Co, AR	15 Nov 1854	Benton	Arkansas	40		6254	AR0970__.070
Alderson, Samuel M. C.		20 Aug 1875	Madison	Arkansas	120		747	AR2430__.088
Alderson, Walter		16 Oct 1895	Union	Arkansas	120		7644	AR1620__.098
Alderson, William N. B.	Carroll Co, AR	5 Feb 1884	Carroll	Arkansas	160	cancelled	1468	AR2370__.385
Alderson, William N. B.		23 Feb 1888	Carroll	Arkansas	160		4786	AR2510__.243
Alderson, Moses	Morgan Co, IN	10 Feb 1824	Morgan	Indiana	80		1125	IN0890__.113
Alderson, Moses	Morgan Co, IN	1 Apr 1824	Hendricks	Indiana	80		1496	IN0890__.484
Alderson, Moses	Marion Co, IN	20 Apr 1824	Hendricks	Indiana	80		1799	IN0900__.241
Alderson, Moses	Morgan Co, IN	1 May 1824	Hendricks	Indiana	80		1853	IN0900__.295
Alderson, Thomas	Pulaski Co, IN	1 May 1848	Pulaski	Indiana	80		15226	IN1890__.327
Alderson, Duncan	Dickenson Co, MI	22 Apr 1901	Marquette	Michigan	161.28		19341	MI1040__.497
Alderson, Frederick	Missaukee Co, MI	10 May 1873	Missaukee	Michigan	40		5441	MI2450__.349
Alderson, John	Halton Co, Canada West	1 May 1860	Huron	Michigan	155.86		32671	MI0960__.437
Alderson, Ammen B.		30 Nov 1885	Morrison	Minnesota	158.55		5861	MN2010__.344

Patentee	Residence	Date	County of Patent	State of Patent	Acres	Notes	Doc. #	Acces. #
Alderson, Mary		17 Jun 1895	Yellow Medicine	Minnesota	21.28		7461	MN1430__494
Alderson, William	Ramsey Co, MN	1 Aug 1853	Ramsey	Minnesota	80		429	MN2090__339
Alderson, William		25 Feb 1875	Yellow Medicine	Minnesota	120		628	MN1480__044
Alderson, Benjamin Amos	Adams Co, MS	1 Dec 1849	Wilkinson	Mississippi	77	w/ William M. Helm	6071	MS0470__124
Alderson, Albert		9 Feb 1901	Benton	Missouri	80		6632	MO6090__118
Alderson, Benjamin A.	Harford Co, MD	7 Sep 1838	St Charles	Missouri	29.37	island in Mississippi	6412	MO0650__278
Alderson, Benjamin A.	Harford Co, MD	7 Sep 1838	St Charles	Missouri	98.85	island in Mississippi	6413	MO0650__279
Alderson, Benjamin A.	Harford Co, MD	7 Sep 1838	St Charles	Missouri	54.28		6414	MO0650__280
Alderson, Benjamin A.	Harford Co, MD	7 Sep 1838	St Charles	Missouri	226.60		6415	MO0650__281
Alderson, Benjamin A.	Harford Co, MD	7 Sep 1838	St Charles	Missouri	400		6416	MO0650__282
Alderson, Elizabeth	Randolph Co, MO	15 Apr 1853	Randolph	Missouri	50.25		29449	MO3060__225
Alderson, Elizabeth	Randolph Co, MO	15 Jan 1858	Randolph	Missouri	40		35375	MO3170__158
Alderson, Ervin	Van Buren Co, MO	1 Nov 1848	Cass	Missouri	40		27692	MO1540__121
Alderson, Ervin	Cass Co, MO	1 Feb 1851	Cass	Missouri	40		30061	MO1600__337
Alderson, Ervin	Cass Co, MO	15 Apr 1853	Cass	Missouri	40		32776	MO1640__394
Alderson, Hiram	Randolph Co, MO	1 Oct 1845	Randolph	Missouri	48.94		23173	MO2960__057
Alderson, Hiram	Randolph Co, MO	1 Apr 1843	Randolph	Missouri	47.41		23320	MO2940__133
Alderson, James A.	Randolph Co, MO	1 Dec 1857	Chariton	Missouri	150.33		34425	MO3170__054
Alderson, James C.	Van Buren Co, MO	1 Jan 1849	Cass	Missouri	160		27378	MO1550__399
Alderson, James C.	Cass Co, MO	15 Apr 1853	Cass	Missouri	40		33763	MO1660__348
Alderson, James C.	Cass Co, MO	15 Feb 1854	Cass	Missouri	80		36053	MO1710__044
Alderson, James C.	Cass Co, MO	15 Feb 1854	Cass	Missouri	40		36054	MO1710__045

Patentee	Residence	Date	County of Patent	State of Patent	Acres	Notes	Doc. #	Acces. #
Alderson, James C.	Cass Co, MO	15 Jan 1856	Cass	Missouri	80		42670	MO1790__.420
Alderson, James C.	Cass Co, MO	1 Apr 1856	Cass	Missouri	120		44873	MO1820__.413
Alderson, John A.	Jefferson Co, MO	10 Oct 1853	Jefferson, Washington	Missouri	42.5		20981	MO0930__.359
Alderson, John D.	Platte Co, MO	1 Apr 1846	Platte	Missouri	160		925	MO4400__.355
Alderson, Jonathan	Callaway Co, MO	10 Jun 1857	Callaway	Missouri	48.53		25411	MO1060__.056
Alderson, Marvin T.	Greene Co, MO	15 May 1857	Christian	Missouri	80		19389	MO5500__.422
Alderson, Marvin T.	Christian Co, MO	16 May 1892	Christian	Missouri	41.12		32505	MO5790__.197
Alderson, Mary E.	Randolph Co, MO	1 Dec 1857	Chariton	Missouri	152.98		34459	MO3170__.056
Alderson, Michael L.	Callaway Co, MO	1 Oct 1835	Callaway	Missouri	40		3630	MO0080__.107
Alderson, Michael L.	Callaway Co, MO	1 Oct 1840	Callaway	Missouri	40		9147	MO0700__.355
Alderson, Peter H.	Cass Co, MO	15 Jan 1856	Cass	Missouri	40		42669	MO1790__.419
Alderson, Peter H.	Cass Co, MO	1 Apr 1857	Cass	Missouri	120.69		46625	MO1850__.172
Alderson, Reuben	St Louis Co, MO	1 Oct 1860	Ripley	Missouri	120		41853	MO4180__.064
Alderson, Vincent A.	Cass Co, MO	15 Jan 1856	Cass	Missouri	40		42668	MO1790__.418
Alderson, Vincent A.	Cass Co, MO	3 Nov 1857	Cass	Missouri	40		49331	MO1940__.115
Alderson, Vincent A.	Cass Co, MO	3 Nov 1857	Cass	Missouri	41.19		49332	MO1940__.116
Alderson, Vincent A.	Cass Co, MO	1 Jun 1859	Cass	Missouri	85.16		52090	MO2000__.394
Alderson, Simon		26 Apr 1805	Morrow	Ohio	100			OH2110__.251
Alderson, Victor A.	Marathon Co, WI	1 May 1873	Marathon	Wisconsin	40	w/ John R Babcock	14674	WI3480__.062
Alderson, Victor A.	Marathon Co, WI	10 Dec 1885	Lincoln	Wisconsin	40		19875	WI3570__.262



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THOMAS JEFFERSON, President of the United States of America.

To all to whom these presents shall come—GREETING:

KNOW YE, That in pursuance of the Act of Congress passed on the first day of June 1796, entitled "An act regulating the grants of Land appropriated for Military services, and for the society of the United Brethren for propagating the gospel among the Heathen," and of the several acts supplementary thereto passed on the second day of March 1799, and on the eleventh day of February and first of March 1800, there is granted unto *Simon Alderson, a Soldier in the*

*late Army of the United States; in consideration of his Military services* — a certain tract of Land estimated to contain *ONE HUNDRED* — acres being *Lot number thirty eight in the fourth Division of the Seventh Township in the*

*the second Range of the Tract appropriated for Military Services* surveyed and located in pursuance of the acts above recited: To HAVE and to HOLD the said described tract of land, with the appurtenances thereof unto the said *Simon Alderson* and to his heirs and assigns forever, subject to the conditions, restrictions and provisions contained in the said recited acts.

IN WITNESS whereof, the said THOMAS JEFFERSON, President of the United States of America, hath caused the seal of the said United States to be hereunto affixed, and signed the same with his hand, at the City of Washington, the twenty sixth day of April in the year of our Lord 1805; and of the Independence of the United States of America, the twenty fourth

(L. S.)

BY THE PRESIDENT,

*Simon Alderson* Secretary of State.

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**THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.**

CERTIFICATE }  
No. 412 }

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

**WHEREAS** Benjamin A Alderson of Hayford County  
Maryland

has deposited in the **GENERAL LAND OFFICE** of the United States, a Certificate of the REGISTER OF THE LAND  
OFFICE at St Louis

whereby it appears that full payment has been made by the said

Benjamin A Alderson

according to the provisions of

the Act of Congress of the 24th of April, 1820, entitled "An Act making further provision for the sale of the Public Lands," for

the Lot or South West fractional quarter, of Section thirty five (or an  
Island in Mississippi River) in Township forty eight, of Range four  
East, in the District of Lands Subject to Sale at St Louis Missouri  
Containing twenty nine acres, and thirty seven hundredths of an acre.

according to the official plat of the survey of the said Lands, returned to the General Land Office by the **SURVEYOR  
GENERAL**, which said tract has been purchased by the said Benjamin A Alderson

**NOW KNOW YE**, That the

**United States of America**, in consideration of the Premises, and in conformity with the several acts of Congress, in  
such case made and provided, **HAVE GIVEN AND GRANTED**, and by these presents **DO GIVE AND GRANT**, unto  
the said Benjamin A Alderson

and to his heirs, the said tract above described: **TO HAVE AND TO HOLD** the same, together with all the rights,  
privileges, immunities, and appurtenances of whatsoever nature, thereunto belonging, unto the said Benjamin  
A Alderson

and to his heirs and assigns forever.

**In Testimony Whereof**, I, Martin Van Buren

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, have caused these Letters to be made **PATENT**, and the  
**SEAL** of the **GENERAL LAND OFFICE** to be hereunto affixed.

GIVEN under my hand, at the CITY OF WASHINGTON, the Seventh day of September  
in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight and of the  
**INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES** the Sixty third

**BY THE PRESIDENT:**

Martin Van Buren

By

A Van Buren Sec'y.

Wm G Wilson acting

RECORDER of the General Land Office.

ad interim



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**THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,**

CERTIFICATE }  
No. 2046 }

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

**WHEREAS** Bathers C. Alderson, of Union County, Arkansas, Assignee of *Am-nul-les ho-ge, A-no-la-tubbe, Can-cha-to-na, Sans-ho-mubbe, Ta-na-Tubbe, and Sa-na.* Representatives *Ba-ma-ha-ee-ear,*

has deposited in the **GENERAL LAND OFFICE** of the United States, a Certificate of the **REGISTER OF THE LAND OFFICE** at *Champagne, Arkansas* whereby it appears that Choctaw Certificate *204, C* in the name of *Ba-ma-ha,* for *Eighty* acres of land, (issued by the Secretary of War in pursuance of the provisions of the Act of Congress of the 23d of August, 1842, entitled "An Act to provide for the satisfaction of claims arising under the fourteenth and nineteenth Articles of the Treaty of *Dancing Rabbit Creek*, concluded in September, one thousand eight hundred and thirty,"— of the Act of Congress of the 3d of March, 1845, entitled "An Act making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian Department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with the various Indian tribes for the fiscal year, commencing on the 1st day of July, 1845, and ending on the 30th day of June, 1846," and of the Joint Resolution of Congress of the 3d August, 1846, entitled "Joint Resolution to authorize the Secretary of War to adjudicate the claims of the Su-quak-natch-ah and other clans of Choctaw Indians, whose cases were left undetermined by the Commissioners for the want of the Township maps") has been surrendered by the said *Bathers C.*

*Alderson,* in full satisfaction for *the east half of the South West Quarter of Section Twenty Two, in Township Nineteen South, of Range Seventeen West, in the District of Lands subject to sale at Champagne, Arkansas, containing Eighty acres.*

according to the official plat of the survey of the said Lands, returned to the General Land Office by the **SURVEYOR GENERAL**, which said Tract has been located by the said *Bathers C. Alderson*

**NOW, KNOW YE,** That the **United States of America,** in consideration of the premises, and in conformity with the several acts of Congress, in such case made and provided, **HAVE GIVEN AND GRANTED,** and By these presents **DO GIVE AND GRANT,** unto the said *Bathers C. Alderson,*

and to *his* heirs, the said tract above described: **TO HAVE AND TO HOLD** the same, together with all the rights, privileges, immunities and appurtenances, of whatsoever nature thereunto belonging, unto the said

*Bathers C. Alderson*

and to *his* heirs and assigns forever.

**In Testimony Whereof, I,** *Zachary Taylor*

**PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,** have caused these Letters to be made **PATENT,** and the **SEAL** of the **GENERAL LAND OFFICE** to be hereunto affixed.

**GIVEN** under my hand, at the **CITY OF WASHINGTON,** the *First* day of *August,* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *forty nine* and of the

**INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES** the seventy-*fourth*

**BY THE PRESIDENT:** *Z. Taylor*

By *Th. Ewing Jr.* ~~Act. Sec'y.~~

*A. Sargent*

**RECORDER of the General Land Office.**

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## Editor's Corner

This has now become the most erratic year since the newsletter began publication. This issue is now two behind schedule, and I apologize to all those who have been inconvenienced by my slipping schedule. I will continue to compile and publish the newsletter and will attempt to catch up to schedule; I hope the newsletter is useful enough that you will maintain your patience with me. I certainly have enjoyed all the support you have provided over the years!

I have also been putting more effort into the Alderson web site, in hopes of making it a top-class source for Alderson research. I know that many do not have online access, and I will try to accommodate request for information online to those who have no access. For example, in this issue I have posted an index to the land patents available from the Bu-

reau of Land Management. For those without online access to the records, I would be happy to send a copy of up to three patents to those who provide a self-addressed, stamped envelope with the name, date and accession number of the patent.

The next issue of the newsletter will begin volume 9 (Spring 1998). Most subscriptions will come due then. Please don't send payments for the newsletter until notice is sent out for renewal; that makes it easier for me to take care of it all at once.

Thank you for sustaining this newsletter for eight years now, and, as always, I welcome any contributions readers would like to see published.

## Alderson Roots & Branches

is a quarterly newsletter of *Alderson Cousins*, the family association devoted to research and discussion on the history and genealogy of the Alderson family, particularly the families of John Alderson, Sr., born 1699, Yorkshire, England, died 1780, Botetourt Co. VA, and Richard Alderson (d. ca. 1698, Richmond Co., VA. The genealogy can be found at <http://www.slip.net/~dgm/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: 415/642-1007; email: [dgm@slip.net](mailto:dgm@slip.net).

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The Alderson Family History Society is a British organization devoted to the study of the Alderson family history. Though primarily oriented to family lines in Britain, the membership includes Americans and undertakes research on American and other lines of interest. The Society publishes a newsletter—appearing in February, June, and October—which presents family histories and biographies, research guides and results, organizational news and projects, queries, and other interesting and useful material.

For those interested in subscribing to the AFHS newsletter, the annual fee is \$18, payable by check to Mr. John Alderson, 133E Alameda Drive, Tempe, AZ 85282.

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