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Aldersons in Canada

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CAPEX '96, a nine day international philatelic exhibition in Toronto, opened the second weekend in June. A country can only host one sanctioned international show in a decade, and a year ago I decided to exhibit part of my Colombia postal history collection there. The show was open nine days, and my plan was to attend it on the opening and closing weekends and spend the rest of the time on Alderson research in Ontario.

I had little information about Aldersons in Canada. The AFHS has only a few members there and only one who recently joined is descended from Ontario immigrants. The IGI and LDS Ancestral File have entries on only one family, that from Oxford County, Ontario. I had recorded the Alderson entries in the published indices of the 1871 Ontario census. The other

censuses have not been indexed. I knew of a number of Canadian-born immigrants from U.S. census entries, but had been unable to identify their parents. I had also recorded a few marriage records and obituaries from miscellaneous sources. The AFHS had identified only one of the Ontario immigrants and had little information about that family after it left England.

A week before my departure I received information from Joseph Keith Alderson of Ontario who recently joined the AFHS, which identified the descendents of one of the immigrants, but it contained only approximate dates from family sources. I planned to visit the Ontario archives in Toronto and the Toronto LDS family history center and then to drive to several Oxford and Simcoe counties to see what records were available there. I arrived in Toronto Thursday noon and spent the afternoon mounting stamp exhibits including my own. I found the archives, which are in the heart of town near the university and are open from 8:15 A.M. to 10:30 P.M. weekdays and shorter hours on Saturdays.

The archives have microfilm of all Ontario censuses thru 1901, the last census that is available to the public. They also hold marriages records for the entire province from 1858 to 1913, birth records from 1870 to 1898 and death records from 1870 to 1920. Later records are not available to the public. Ontario is divided into counties, which are in turn divided into townships. Starting in 1870 vital records were registered at the township level. At the end of the year registers were forwarded to the provincial government where they were organized by county, numbered and indexed. Microfilm copies of the alphabetical indices are available. The originals are printed registers, probably prepared by a punch card processing forerunner of the modern computer.

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Birth and death records are incomplete, but most marriages were registered after 1870. These key records show the age, place of birth and current residence of the bride and groom as well as the names of their parents. Searches of townships mentioned as residence and birth townships turned up most of the census records for the families. The archives also hold land records, all wills for the province and microfilmed newspapers. After the first visit I realized that it would be unnecessary to visit the counties and decided to spend about ten hours a day in the archives the following week.

I found a reasonably priced motel in Scarborough, an eastern suburb a mile and a half from the end of the subway line. There was a large parking lot at the last subway station where I could park and ride for C\$3 on weekdays and without charge on weekends. The 40 minute subway ride downtown cost C\$1.25 for seniors. I found several good restaurants near the archives including the best Chinese restaurant I have found since I lived in Taiwan years ago.

By the end of the week I had recorded 137 marriages, 133 births, 50 deaths, 159 census entries and two key wills. After compiling the data I have identified 121 Alderson families in Ontario. The heads of families include 37 born in England, 57 born in Ontario who married prior to 1900 and 27 born in Canada who married after 1900. I was able to identify the parents of all but two of the families that later immigrated to the United States.

I estimate that I found about two-thirds of the census records from Ontario for the available years. There was not time to search records of the cities of Toronto and Hamilton. The census findings are summarized in the table on the following page. The first Alderson immigrants settled in Lanark county, but by 1851 all families were living in western Ontario in the strip of land between Toronto and Huron County.

The earliest immigrant to Ontario was John Alderson Jr. born 12 Mar 1780, who immigrated in 1819 and settled in Beckwith Township, Lanark County. He moved to N. Dorchester Township in Middlesex County in 1853 and died there 28 Mar 1864 according to his obituary in *The Christian Guardian*. Unfortunately I found no census records for him and have thus far been unable to identify any descendants.

The next immigrant was Joseph Alderson, immigrant founder of the line of Joseph Keith Alderson. Joseph was born 9 April 1780 in the parish of Dent in West Yorkshire. His parents were Edmond and Mary Alderson. Joseph married Frances Willen in Dent on 13 Apr 1805. The couple had a son and six daughters and then immigrated to Canada where they also settled in Beckwith Township. Two additional sons, Joseph and George were born in Canada. Joseph married Catherine Neelans 4 Apr 1844 in Carleton Township. The couple had three sons and two daughters. Catherine died 23 Aug 1858 according to her obituary in *The Christian Guardian*. Joseph then married Mary Robinson 8 Mar 1859 in Oxford County and had two more sons and four daughters. Joseph's son George married Elizabeth Montgomery. The couple had three sons and two daughters. Six of Joseph's grandsons married and raised families and five of his great-grandsons were married by 1913. This is the most numerous line of the Ontario Aldersons.

James Alderson was born c1794 in England. He married Mary Towers and the couple had three sons born in England c1824, c1826 and c1828. They immigrated to Ontario within the next four years and a son William L. was born there 1 Aug 1832. A marriage of a James Alderson and Mary Toers is recorded in the IGI and the names and approximate birth dates of their three sons should make it possible to identify the family in English records. James' oldest son Thomas married Maria Hausey 17 Mar 1858 in Simcoe County. He was one of two early Alderson settlers there and had three sons who married and started families before 1901. James died 29 Aug 1871 in Chinguacousy Township, Peel County. He left a will (Peel County #198) indicating that two of his sons had died. The will included specific bequests to each of their sons.

The other Simcoe County settler was Frederick Alderson, born 10 Dec 1836 in England, who immigrated in 1868 and married Elizabeth Wheeler. They had four sons. Only one had married by 1901.

John Alderson was born c1797 in England. His wife's name was Ann. The couple had a son George born c1829 and a daughter Fanny born c1832 in England, and a daughter born c1835 in Ontario. They were in York County in 1851. It is not known if they had any other children born in England who had married prior to that time.

Alderson Heads Of Families In Ontario Censuses By County

County	1842	1851	1861	1871	1881	1891	1901
Algoma	0	0	0	0	2	0	3
Bruce	0	0	0	0	1	2	1
Halton	0	0	1	3	3	3	3
Huron	0	0	0	1	1	2	1
Lambton	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Lanark	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Middlesex	0	0	2	1	0	1	3
Muskoka	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Norfolk	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
Oxford	0	0	1	3	5	3	4
Peel	0	1	1	2	2	1	2
Simcoe	0	0	1	2	2	5	4
Waterloo	0	1	0	4	2	2	0
Wellington	0	1	0	1	1	1	1
Wentworth	0	0	2	4	3	4	2
York	0	1	2	3	2	3	2
Total Recorded	1	4	10	26	25	28	27
Expected Total	4	7	17	30	35	42	40

James Alderson was born in 1799 in England. He is listed as living alone in censuses from 1851-1881. He was a shoemaker in Nelson Township, Halton County. In one of the censuses he lists his marital status as widower and he may have had children who married by 1851.

Adam Alderson was born in England prior to 1800. He had at least four children in England, a son James born c1819, a son William born c1820, a daughter Mary born c1823, and a son Isaac born c1824. By 1831, he had immigrated to Ontario, where his son Adam was born in that year. Married sons James and Isaac are found in later census records of Ontario. Daughter Mary married Matthew Brunskill 25 Aug 1844 according to a news item in the *Toronto Globe*.

James Alderson was born in England c1812. His first wife was named Elizabeth. The couple had at least five children born in Ontario: sons

John, Robert L. and Peter, and daughters Anna and Isabella. James was listed in No. Waterloo Township, Waterloo County in the 1851, 1861 and 1871 censuses. On 10 Mar 1859, he married a second wife, Jane Brown. This marriage record gives the name of his parents as William and Elizabeth. James and Jane had two additional sons William and John. The oldest son John married and remained in Waterloo County. The other two sons by the first marriage married and moved to Bruce County in northern Ontario. This seems to be a pattern of migration in Canada – first to the northern Ontario counties and later to the prairie provinces. The third son Peter H. and his wife Anna V. Addis emigrated to the United States in 1911 when they appear in the city directory of Niagara Falls, NY. Peter H. died prior to the 1920 US census, but his widow survived him until 1926.

Another James Alderson born in England in 1820 married Martha ???? and immigrated to Ontario by 1853 when the first of three daughters were born to the couple. James died 8 Mar 1886 in Toronto from a broken neck in a fall from a wagon. His widow Martha immigrated to the U.S. in 1890 and lived with one of her married daughters in Detroit.

John Alderson was born in 1811 and married Jane Veach in 1840 in Westmoreland County. A son Christopher was born there before they immigrated in 1841, settling in Wentworth County.

They had four more sons in Ontario, one of whom died young. Four of their sons had married and founded families by 1913. This is the second largest Ontario immigrant line.

William Alderson was born in England c1816 and married Margaret Pickering in 1843. The couple had at least seven sons and one daughter born in Ontario between 1844 and 1862. Six of the sons are known to have married. The family lived in Halton and Wellington counties.

John M. Alderson married Sophronia Denning and the couple had a son Amos born in England in 1844. They immigrated the following year to Lambton County, Ontario and had four more children. The youngest was a son Erastus born in 1852. Erastus immigrated to Wisconsin in 1877 and later moved to Washington state where he was living in Yakima in 1920.

Isaac Alderson was born in Yorkshire c1821, the son of Thomas Alderson and Isabella Metcalf. His wife's name was Mary and she was born in England. The couple's first son was born in Canada in 1851. The family lived in York County (Toronto). Isaac had died by 1871, but his widow and four children are listed in the census.

James Alderson, son of Adam listed above, was born in England c1819. His wife's name was Caroline. The couple had seven children including four sons. They lived in Peel County where James died intestate 7 Jul 1893. His estate papers, (Peel County Case #1359) describe a dispersed family. Only the oldest son William M., married to Mary Jane Ivey, was living in Canada. Sons Victor A. and Nathan L. had immigrated to Wisconsin by 1880. Nathan L. married

Ann Ivey, possible the sister of Mary Jane. Victor, whose wife's name was Ida L., lived in Marathon County, WI and eventually became the mayor of the city of Wausau. The other son Thomas S. immigrated to the U.S. and married Margaret Tannehill in Louisville, KY in 1884. The couple settled in Hot Springs County, AR where Thomas died in 1908. His widow was recorded in Los Angeles, CA in the 1920 census.

Anyone desiring further details about these Ontario families should write to me at Box 2245, El Cajon CA 92021.

Family of Levi and Clemency (Alderson) Alderson

A number of the early Aldersons married cousins, including two sons of George and Sarah (Osborne) Alderson, John and Levi. Levi was born about 1795 in Kanawha Co., VA, where his father was an early developer of the salt wells (see "George Alderson: Pioneer Kanawha Co., VA Settler", *Alderson Roots & Branches*, vol. 3, no. 4, March 1992). After George's death in 1805, Sarah Alderson brought her family back to Monroe Co., and here Levi married Clemency (Clementine) Alderson on 19 February 1820.¹

Clemency Alderson was born about 1795 in Greenbrier Co., daughter of Levi's great-uncle Thomas and Sarah (Bond) (Smithson) Alderson, and sister of brother John's wife Frances Alderson.

Levi and Clemency had five children of record, and all died without children except for son Joseph G. Alderson.

- **George Alderson.** George was born between 1820 and 1825, probably around 1822, in Monroe Co., VA. According to Luther P. Graham, George died in youth.
- **Joseph G. Alderson.** Joseph was born in June 1825, Monroe Co., VA, and died in September 1912, Summers Co., WV. Jo-

¹ Monroe County marriages, F3 J2046.

seph married Sarah Jane Strickler on 19 February 1852, in Greenbrier Co., VA. The presiding minister was the Rev. Lewis Allen Alderson. Sarah was born 6 April 1837 in Virginia, and died before 1910, probably in Summers Co., WV. She was living in Talcott Dist., Summers Co., WV, in 1900, but Joseph was not enumerated with her; Joseph was boarding with William W. Walton. They had six children, of which 2 were living in 1900.

- **Margaret "Peggy" S. Alderson.** Peggy was born about 1829, Monroe Co., VA, and died in 1861, Monroe Co., VA, unmarried.
- **Sarah S. Alderson.** Sarah was born about 1831, Monroe Co., VA, and died, according to Luther Graham, in October 1912, Summers Co., WV. There is a Sallie Alderson, age 65, living in Talcott Dist., Summers Co., WV in 1900, b. January 1835, and single.
- **Clemency Adaline Alderson.** Clemency was born about 1833, Monroe Co., VA, and died in 1900, in WV. She was unmarried.

Levi and Clemency appeared in US Censuses from 1850 to 1870 in Monroe Co., WV.

1850 Monroe Co., VA		
Name	Age	Born
Levi Alderson	55	VA
Clemency	55	VA
Joseph G.	25	VA
Margaret	21	VA
Sarah	19	VA
Clemency	16	VA

1860 Monroe Co., VA		
Name	Age	Born
Levi Alderson	62	VA
Clement	65	VA
Margaret	30	VA
Sally	27	VA
Clemency A.	24	VA

1870 Monroe Co., VA		
Name	Age	Born
Levi Alderson	74	VA
Clemency	78	VA
Sarah S.	38	VA
Clemency	37	VA

According to Luther Graham, Levi Alderson died in 1872 and Clemency died in 1876. Neither grave has been located.

Alderson-Robinson-Crews Connections

John "River Jack" Alderson married three times and left many descendants from his first two wives. Descendants of John "River Jack" Alderson may be interested in some further information on the family of Nancy Robinson Mays, his second wife. Marilyn Brown, of Miami, FL, and Shirley Gilkeson, of Charleston, WV, contributed to the information presented in this article. Much of it appeared in a short history of the Robinson family written by Guy Dowdy, an Alderson family genealogy, about 1966. The information in the article is not referenced. A copy of this history was contributed by Frances Swope, of Lewisburg, WV.

Nancy's parents were Robert and Nancy (Hill) Robinson, who lived in Amherst Co., VA. Robert Hill, of Charlotte Co., VA, appears in the land records of Albemarle Co., VA as grantor to Benjamin Wilson in 1797. On 22 November 1797, Robert married Nancy Hill, in Amherst Co., VA, and here their children were born:

- Elizabeth Robinson, md. Thomas Hutchinson
- Lucy Robinson, md. Barnett Edwards
- Polly Robinson, md. David Evans
- Nancy Robinson, b. ca. 1803, d. 9 Feb 1836, Monroe Co., VA, bur. Greenbrier Baptist Church, Alderson, Greenbrier Co., VA; md. 1) Pierce W. (?) Mays; md. 2) 24 January 1824, Monroe Co, VA, John ALDERSON

Robert Robinson apparently died by 1807; on 7 April 1807, Nancy remarried to Arch Crews in Amherst Co. Arch and Nancy had seven children of record:

- Archelaus (or Archibald) Crews
- Thomas Delaware Crews, b. ca. 1810, Amherst Co., VA, d. 19 October 1865, Dropping Lick, Monroe Co., WV; md. 1834, Monroe Co., VA, Evaline ALDERSON, daughter of John "River Jack" and Jane (Walker) ALDERSON.
- Sedley C. Crews, md Evaline Smith.
- Elmira R. Crews, b. 12 March 1814, Amherst Co., VA, d. 7 May 1898, Summers Co, WV, bur. Halidan Cemetery, Green Sulphur Springs, Summers Co., WV; md. Nathan L. Duncan, b. 29 July 1813, VA, d. 1 June 1890, Summers Co, WV, bur. Halidan Cemetery, Green Sulphur Springs, Summers Co., WV. Nathan was the son of John and Elizabeth (Patterson) Duncan.
- Amanda Crews, d. bef. 1870, Monroe Co., WV; md. George W. Dunsmore. George remarried by 1870 to Ellen (), and was enumerated in the 1870 Monroe Co., WV census with his two children by Amanda, James and Mary Dunsmore.
- Indiana Limner Crews, b. 13 January 1817, Amherst Co., VA, d. 22 January 1891, Wolf Creek, Monroe Co., WV; md 26 February 1833, Monroe Co., VA, James Madison Burdette, son of Isham and Nancy (Shumate) Burdette, b. 14 August 1806, Monroe Co., VA, d. 11 November 1881, Wolf Creek, Monroe Co., WV.
- Frances "Fanny" Crews, md. William Eades

It is not known when Arch and Nancy Crews brought their children to Monroe Co., but it was probably around 1820. At her death in 1891, daughter Indiana Crews Burdette was listed as having been born in Amherst Co. Arch appears to have died before 1840, when Nancy Crews was listed as head of household in the 1840 Greenbrier Co. census, as was son Sedley Crews.

The identity of the first husband of Nancy Robinson is not clear. There are numerous Mays families in Amherst Co. as well as in Monroe

More on Augusta Alderson

In the last issue, an article appeared on the family of John "Major Jack" and Nancy (Johnson) Alderson of Monroe Co., VA. John and Nancy had only one child, Augusta, who appeared in the 1860 and 1870 Monroe censuses with a daughter "Lucinda F." Alderson, born out of wedlock. According to Luther P. Graham's notes of 1916, this was "Frances", who later married Jehu Shannon Graham.

I recently found a marriage record in Fayette Co., WV that throws additional light on this family. According Larry Shuck's compilation of Fayette Co. marriages (*Fayette Co., [W]Virginia Marriages, 1831-1853, 1865-1903*, Apollo, PA: Closson Press, 1995), a "John SHANNON" married Fannie ALDERSON on 26 January 1877. John's parents were listed as Lanty and Sabina, and Augusta's parents as "Jackson and Augusta." The "John SHANNON" transcribed here is an obvious error for "Jehu Shannon GRAHAM", who was the son of Lanty (Lancelot) and Sabina (ELLIS) GRAHAM of Monroe Co., and whom Luther P. Graham identified as the husband of Augusta's daughter Frances. This would appear to confirm that the "Lucinda F." listed in the 1860 and 1870 Monroe Co. censuses is indeed "Lucinda Frances" Alderson. It is interesting to note as well that the Fayette Co. marriages identify Fannie's parents as "Jackson and Augusta." In research to date, no "Jackson Alderson" has been identified, but it is likely that Jackson was indeed the first name of Augusta's father.

Co., but the record of Nancy's first marriage has not yet been found. One likely candidate is Pierce W. Mays, whose estate was inventoried in March 1824 in Monroe Co., VA. This would indicate that Pierce probably died in 1823, prior to Nancy's remarriage to "River Jack" in January 1824. Nancy may have married in Amherst Co., VA about 1820, coming to Monroe Co. along with her husband, mother and step-father.

In Memoriam

Bertha R. Alderson 1909-1996

The following is the obituary from the Concordia, Kansas *Blade Empire*, of Bertha R. Alderson, a long-time subscriber and mother of member Clay Alderson, who passed away in Concordia, Kansas last November.

CONCORDIA -- Bertha R. Alderson, 87, Concordia, died Sunday, Nov. 24, 1996, at the Sunset Nursing Center, Concordia.

She was born Jan. 17, 1909, at Topeka to A. E. "Ed" and Emily Glenville Houghton Harrison. She graduated from Washburn Rural High School in Topeka in 1927. She married John Fred Alderson May 26, 1930, in Topeka. He died Aug. 12, 1963. The Aldersons moved to Concordia from Topeka in 1944. In 1947, Mrs. Alderson opened a floral shop in conjunction with the Riley Market and Nursery in Concordia. She continued running the business until 1973. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, Women of the Moose, Leah Chapter Order of the Eastern Star and Senior Citizens, all of Concordia.

Survivors include a son, Clay Alderson of Skagway, Alaska; three grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by two stepsons, Roy and Don Alderson, her parents, two brothers and one sister.

The funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the First Presbyterian Church, Concordia, the Rev. Marlene J. Yanik officiating. A memorial service will be at 3:30 p.m. Friday at Mount Hope Chapel, Topeka, the Rev. Michael Obenauer officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Topeka.

Memorials may be made to Cloud County Historical Museum. Friend may call 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday at Chaput-Bouy Funeral Home in Concordia.

Nancy had one daughter by this marriage, Mary A. Mays, b. ca. 1821, VA², who later married Addison Perry, b. ca. 1809, VA, and lived at Rocky Point, Monroe Co., WV. I have not found it unusual in the case of young widowed mothers that remarriage takes place shortly after the death of a husband.

Nancy found herself in an unusual position in 1834 at the marriage of Thomas Delaware Crews. On his marriage to Evaline ALDERSON, Thomas was not only Nancy's half-brother, but also her step-son-in-law!

Another John: The Family of John and Harriet (John- son) Alderson

John Alderson, son of John "River Jack" and Jane Walker Alderson, was born in Monroe Co., VA on 31 December 1812.³

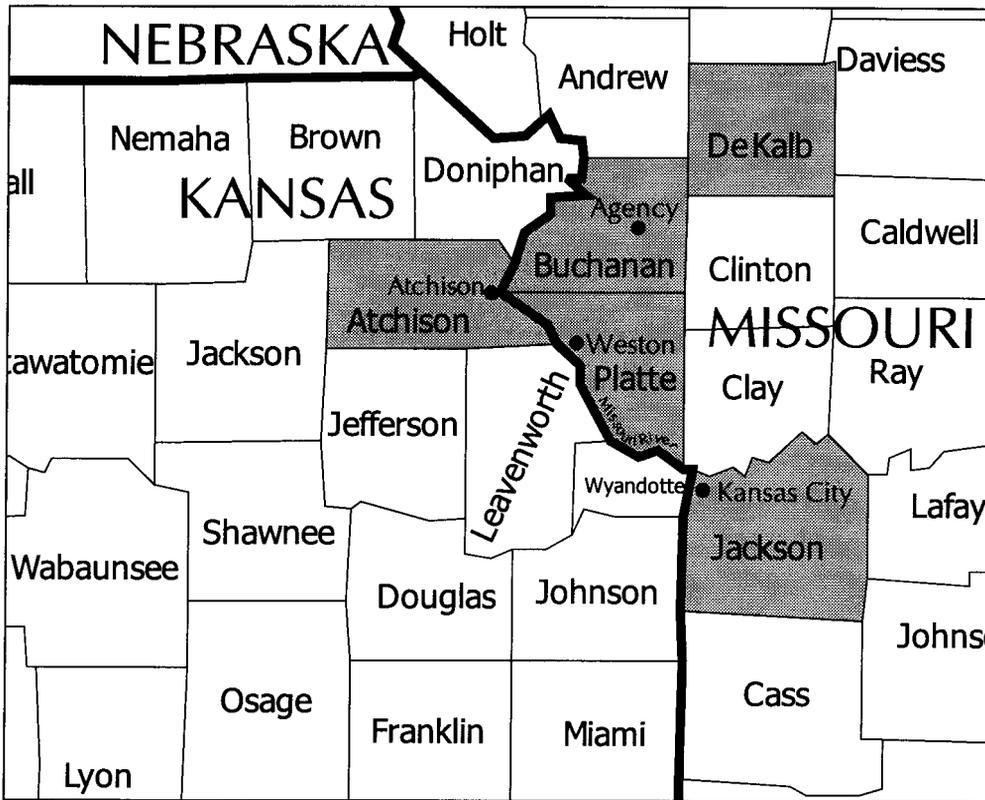
John grew up in Monroe Co., and on 4 April 1839, he married Harriet E. Johnson.⁴ John and Harriet lived on Dropping Creek, Monroe Co., and were enumerated in the 1850 Monroe Co., VA census. In 1860, they left Monroe Co. and moved to Lancaster Township, Atchison Co., Kansas, just west of the town of Atchison, where John's first cousin, the Rev. Lewis Allen Alderson, had settled two years previously.

The family was enumerated in Atchison County in 1860 (see *AR&B*, December 1993). A question arises from the listing of daughters Elizabeth and Sophrona in the census, both of whom were married in Monroe Co., VA before 1860. According to Teresa Peck, her father's notes stated that the entire family went to Kansas except for Elizabeth, who stayed behind, while other sources have said that the entire family relocated, with Elizabeth and Sophrona returning to Monroe Co., VA later to marry.

² 1870 Monroe Co., WV Census, Second Creek Township, Town of Rocky Point. Addison Perry, age 61, Mary A. Perry, age 49.

³ Teresa Peck, based on her father's notes, taken from Family Bible of Robert Morton Bigham. John gave his age as 36 in the 1850 Monroe Co., VA census; 48 in the 1860 Atchison Co., KS census; and 59 in the 1870 Platte Co., MO census.

⁴ Monroe Co., VA Marriages, F6, J3906



Northeast Kansas and western Missouri counties, homes to the family of John Alderson, Jr.

In 1862, John and Harriet left Atchison County and moved across the Missouri River to Platte Co., Missouri, near the town of Weston (Township 54, Range 36), where they were enumerated in the census of 1870. John died before 1880; in that year, Harriet was enumerated in Buchanan Co., MO as a widow, living with her daughter Mary Alderson Webb. Harriet's date of death is also unknown.

John and Harriet had ten children.

- **Elizabeth J. Alderson**, b. 11 January 1840, Monroe Co., VA, died 1906 in West Virginia. She married

Harris DeWitt Smith, b. 3 June 1839, Monroe Co., VA, in Monroe Co., VA on 28 March 1859.⁶

- **Sophrona Lucretia Alderson**, b. 27 January 1843, Monroe Co., VA. She married Christopher Ballard on 22 July 1858 at Springfield, Monroe Co., VA.⁷ Christopher has not been located in 1860.
- **Ellen F. Alderson**, b. 7 May 1844 in Monroe Co., VA. She married William Bigham in 1864 in Platte Co., MO. William was born in Feb 1847 in Johnson Co., MO. Ellen died on 10 Feb 1915, and is buried with William at the Elder Cemetery at Agency, Buchanan Co., MO.
- **William A. Alderson**, b. Feb 1847, Monroe Co., VA. He married Viola Filer, b. ca. 1869, around 1889 in Platte Co., MO. William and Viola lived in Dekalb Co., MO in 1900, but were living in Miller, Gentry

However, it seems possible that the married daughters also accompanied the family and only later returned to WV. In the 1860 Kansas census, a DeWitt Smith, age 24, b. VA, is found in California Gulch, "Arapahoe". At that time, Kansas was largely unorganized territory, and included the eastern part of present-day Colorado, and in the 1860 census "Arapahoe" was the name given to this region covering the area between the crest of the Rockies to the present Kansas border.⁵ California Gulch was located on the upper reaches of the Arkansas River, beyond the point where the Santa Fe Trail leaves the Arkansas River and turns south into New Mexico. Perhaps DeWitt and Elizabeth accompanied John and Harriet to Kansas, and DeWitt headed further west to assess moving his family there. It may have ended in disappointment, and the family returned to Monroe Co., WV; their son David Smith was born there in 1868.

⁵ See discussion and maps in Clara Hamlett Robertson, *Kansas Territorial Settlers of 1860*, Baltimore: Clearfield Co., 1990 (reprint).

⁶ Monroe Co., VA Marriages, Bk. 1, p. 24, line 11.

⁷ Monroe Co., VA Marriages, Bk 1, p. 22.

Queries

William "Buck" Alderson

William "Buck" Alderson was born about 1794 or 19 December 1795 in South Carolina and died 10

September 1861 in Cass Co., Missouri. He moved to Tennessee along with the BOREN family around 1812-1817 and married Margaret BOREN, perhaps in Tennessee, in 1817.

They had nine children:

- John B. Alderson
- Nancy P. Alderson, md. HENDRICKS of Louisiana
- James C. Alderson
- Elwin (Erwin?) Alderson
- Benedict Alderson
- David H. Alderson
- Peter Hendrix Alderson
- Jane Alderson, md. BRADY
- Vincent Alderson

William and Margaret moved to Missouri around 1842.

There is a write up of Peter Hendrix Alderson in the *History of Cass and Bates*

Counties (Missouri) that was published in 1883.

I think that there were twin brother/sister to William named Mary Orr Alderson and James Orr Alderson.

My family, for the most part have remained in Tennessee and South Central Kentucky. The family of William "Buck" Alderson settled in an area known as New Roe, Kentucky. In the early 1830-1850's, New Roe was a settlement with four or five businesses and was being considered for a rail stop. However, Bowling Green, Kentucky won the railroad and there is no trace of New Roe. It is just a crossroad region in Allen County, Kentucky.

I have traced my surname from Everett, Robert Burton, John E., Elwin, and William "Buck" Alderson. I have been stopped at William "Buck" for a couple of years.

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Does anyone have evidence that this is a member of the Benedict Alderson line that was in York Co., SC in the 1790s? I currently do not have Max's mailing address, but will be glad to forward any replies to him and pass the address on when I have it.

Co., MO in 1910⁸. In 1920 William was enumerated back in Dekalb Co.

- **David J. Alderson**, b. 14 March 1849 in Monroe Co., VA. In 1868, David moved from Platte to Buchanan Co., MO, but he was enumerated in Platte Co. in 1870. In 1880, David was found in Sherman Twp., Dekalb Co., MO.
- **John A. Alderson**, b. 12 May 1851 in Monroe Co., VA. John never married. He is buried in Gower, Clinton Co., MO.
- **Mary C. Alderson**, b. 18 Sept 1853 in Monroe Co., VA. She first married Thomas M. Tadlock on 19 Nov 1871 in Bucha-

nan Co., MO. Thomas must have died before 1880, as Mary was married to her second husband Mr. Webb at the time of the 1880 census. Her widowed mother Harriet was living with her at that time. Mary later married a third time to a Mr. Moore.

- **Rosy Alderson**, b. 27 January 1856, in Monroe Co., Virginia. Rosy died in Monroe Co., Virginia. Rosy died in infancy, and she was not enumerated in the 1860 Monroe Co., VA census.
- **Harriet Alderson**, b. 13 March 1858 in Monroe Co., VA. She married David

8 The IGI lists the marriage of William A. Alderson and Viola Fowler on 4 Mar 1891, in MO. However, their first children were born in Nov 1889 (Ethel) and March 1891 (Thomas W.). According to the great-aunt of Teresa Peck, now age 98 and who knew Viola well, her surname was Filer.

Vance Bigham (1849-1931) on 2 Oct 1873 in Buchanan Co., MO at the home of her sister and brother-in-law William and Ellen Bigham. Harriet died 5 Oct 1930, and is buried at the Mt. Moriah Cemetery in Kansas City, Jackson Co., MO. Harriet and David had eight children.

- **Perry Alderson**, b. 13 Sept 1859 in Monroe Co., VA.

Much of the information in this article is based on a family history of John Alderson, Jr. prepared by Teresa Peck, 7715 W. 101st St., Overland Park, KS 66212; email tlpwrite@juno.com. Some of her information is based on notes from her father, and believes that some of the dates were taken from a family bible of the grandson of Ellen Alderson Bigham. Teresa would like to correspond with other descendants of John Alderson, Jr.

This article also updates the information currently posted on the Alderson web site. The web site will be updated within the next few months with new and corrected information gathered over the last year.

Atchison's Alderson Cemetery

Atchison, Kansas, destination for both the Rev. Lewis Allen Alderson and John Alderson Jr. is home to an Alderson Cemetery. According to the book *Early Kansas Cemeteries*:

"The Alderson Cemetery is located about 6 miles N.W. of the city of Atchison in SE 1/4, 24-5-19 of Lancaster Twp. The Good Intent Cemetery Association purchased 1 acre of land from the L.A. Alderson farm in 1871. There were a number of graves on this farm but no Aldersons are buried in this cemetery. At the beginning of the Civil War there was a cemetery near Eden on the Francis Schletzbaum farm. After 30 years many of the bodies at Eden were moved to the Alderson Grove Cemetery. in the early 1880s several transients were also buried there but there were no records. The cemetery was platted in 1880. First person recorded was James Stickler's son in 1883. The deed to the property was

GOLD RUSH!

On 17 July 1897, the ship *Portland* arrived in Seattle carrying 68 prospectors and bags of gold discovered from a new gold-bearing region in the Yukon. This sparked the famous Klondike Gold Rush, and this year and 1998 will feature the centennial celebration of the event. As part of the celebration, a database is being developed of persons who participated in the stampede to the Klondike. Clay Alderson, Superintendent of the Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park in Skagway, Alaska, would like to find out more about any Aldersons who participated in the Rush. He has found record of a Thomas Alderson who came to the Klondike via Dyea, Alaska and the Chilkoot Trail and staked a claim in the Yukon Territory in 1898. More information on Thomas, or other Aldersons who participated in the Gold Rush, would be greatly appreciated. Clay's address is P.O. Box 603, Skagway, Alaska 99840. Clay is a descendant of the Rev. John Alderson's son Benjamin.

recorded May 10, 1890. On April 6, 1917, a new organization proposed a new plat. The annual meeting is held each year on May 30."

Submitted by Teresa Peck.

Tennessee Mortality Schedules

In addition to the decennial censuses of each state taken by the US Census Bureau, there are also lesser-known mortality schedules for 1850, 1860, 1870 and 1880. These Mortality Schedules were compiled to provide a statistical

REUNION!

The time has come once again to check your calendars and set your sights on Alderson, West Virginia, site of the 1997 Alderson Family Reunion. John and Betty Alderson are once again offering their gracious hospitality to all Alderson family and friends to enjoy the company of relatives and friends in the gorgeous hills of southern West Virginia.

This year the reunion is scheduled for Sunday, July 6th, during the long Fourth of July weekend. More information will appear in the March 1997 issue of the newsletter, but for details of the reunion, contact John M. Alderson, Rt. 1, Box 345, Alderson, WV 24910. John will be including information on the Fourth of July celebration in Alderson as well as on the church services schedule. Teresa Peck, 7715 W. 101st St, Overland Park, KS 66212 will be handling reservations and payments. If anyone did not get a mailing of the last reunion information and is interested, please contact John or Teresa.

sampling of the age, sex, and cause of death in the United States.

The Tennessee Mortality Schedules of 1850, 1860, and 1880 were compiled and indexed by Byron and Barbara Sistler in their book *Tennessee Mortality Schedules* (Nashville, TN, 1983). The following are the Alderson entries in the book. Note that the Mortality Schedules covered deaths for the census year, which ended on June 1. For example, a death month of October in the 1850 Mortality Schedule would indicate a date of death of October 1849. Thanks to Gaye Whitehead of Daniels, WV for the contribution.

- ALDERSON, Armisted, age 33, married, born TN, died October, farmer, died of congestive fever. 1850 Hickman Co., TN
- ALDERSON, John, age 28, black, married, born TN, died March, farmer, died of brain fever. 1880 Maury Co., TN
- ALDERSON, John, age 8 months, born TN, died October, died of congested liver. 1880 Maury Co., TN

- ALDERSON, John B., age 86, divorced, born VA, parents born VA, died April, died of pneumonia. 1880 Maury Co., TN.
- ALDERSON, Josiah, age 68, married, b. VA, died August, trader, died of colic. 1850 Henry Co., TN
- ALDERSON, L. E., infant of (no age), male, born TN, died May, deadborn. 1860 Jefferson Co., TN
- ALDERSON, Robert, age 74, married, born TN, parents born NC, farmer, died March, died of old age. 1880 Maury Co., TN.
- ALDERSON, Robert, age 77, married, born TN, farmer, died March, died of enteritis. 1880 Maury Co., TN.

The two listings for Robert ALDERSON may refer to the same person.

Editor's Corner

We have now reached the last issue of volume 7 and ready to begin the eighth year of publication of *Alderson Roots & Branches*. In these eight years, I have received a tremendous amount of (patient!) support for the newsletter, and I once again thank everyone who has been a loyal reader during this time. The newsletter would not exist without you!

I have held some discussions with Jim Cross of El Cajon, CA and Bernard Alderson of Pittsburgh (the US Record Officer of the AFHS) about how we might create a more formal organization for Alderson Cousins, perhaps in affiliation with the UK Alderson Family History Society. About 10% of the readership of this newsletter are descendants of UK immigrants of the 19th century, and many more are keen to discover the UK roots of the Rev. John

and Richard Alderson of the Northern Neck. We are hopeful that the ease of email and on-line chat will allow us to span the distance in working together and expand the activities of what to date has been a rather informal network of dedicated Alderson researchers and interested family members.

One way to show support and to rediscover your Alderson heritage is to attend the upcoming Alderson reunion in Alderson, WV. Many of you remember the good times of the reunion held in 1995, and this year should be no different. John Alderson has already begun the work of organizing the affair and Teresa Peck is providing great support. More details can be found in this issue.

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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: dgg@slip.net.

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Thank you, and Happy Hunting!



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 \$15, payable by check to Mr. John Alderson, 133E Alameda Drive, Tempe, AZ 85282.

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