

Ancestors of John William Alderson, Jr.

From Virginia to St. Francis Co., Arkansas

By Paul V. Isbell, July 10, 2013

Gen 7: John William Alderson, Jr.

Born: Jan. 6, 1906 Died: Apr. 23, 1996 - Burial in Forrest Park Cemetery - Forrest City, St. Francis, Arkansas

Biography from the History of St. Francis Co., Arkansas by Robert W. Chowning, published by Forrest City Times-Herald Publishing Corp.:

Mr. John W. Alderson, Jr., took over the footsteps of his father, John W. Sr., who is the present President of Fussell-Graham-Alderson Co. Mr. Alderson already has established a reputation of remarkable decision of character, able to enter upon great undertakings and carry them through to successful conclusions with fairness, honesty, and careful consideration of the opinions of others. Born of the sturdy pioneer stock which gave this country the early impetus to make it great, Mr. Alderson has continued operation of the Alderson Farming interests and has contributed even more dignity to the respected name of his father. Mr. Alderson received his early education at the Forrest City Public Schools and then was graduated in 1928 from Washington & Lee, Lexington, Va., where he received a B.S. in Business and Commerce and a major in Banking and Economics. The summer before he entered college, he got his first experience in farming when he took over a sharecropper's crop on his father's farm because the man was unable to finish it due to illness. On Feb. 11, 1934, he married Miss Maxine Morse, daughter of James Marion and Sara Frances (Duncan) Morse, of Marietta, Texas, and to this union have been born two children, Eugenia Katherine, now a student at Hollins College in Roanoke, Va., and John William III, a student at the Forrest City Public Schools. Mrs. Alderson had come to St. Francis County as U.S. Public Health Nurse. He has been active in the Bank of Eastern Arkansas in 1932, becoming Sect./Treasurer, and is now a director in the National Bank of Eastern Arkansas. He is presently raising a herd of Polled Herefords, featuring the Victor Domino breeding, and has encouraged farmers in diversification, especially the raising of livestock and fruit. He is a Ruling Elder of the Graham Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Wife:Maxine m.Morse Alderson, Mrs.

Born:May 15,1907 Died:Dec.23,2005-Burial in Forrest Park Cemetery

Obituary from the Forrest City Times-Herald:

Spouse: John William Alderson (1906 - 1996)

Mrs. Maxine Morse Alderson, age 98, of Forrest City died Friday, December 23, at her home in Forrest City.Mrs. Alderson was born May 15, 1907, in Kilgore, Texas. She was the daughter of James Marion Morse and Sarah Duncan Morse. Mrs. Alderson was raised by her stepmother, Eugenia Bryant Morse.Mrs. Alderson graduated from St. Vincent Nursing School in Little Rock and was the first St. Francis County Health Nurse and throughout the 1930's traveled the county providing health care. She was a long time active member of Graham Memorial Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Alderson was a member of the Cosmos Club, Garden Gate Garden Club and the P.E.O. Sisterhood.Mrs. Alderson married John William Alderson Jr. in 1934 and he preceded her in death in 1996. She is survived by a daughter, Gen 8:Jennie Kate Burks and husband Winston of Bedford, Virginia; a son, Gen 8:Dr. John W. Alderson and wife Ellen of Forrest City. She is also survived by five grandchildren and six great grandchildren.Funeral services will be Wednesday, December 28, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. at the Graham Memorial Presbyterian Church. Burial will follow at Forrest Park Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m Tuesday, December 27 at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials be made to the Forrest City Public Library or to the Graham Memorial Presbyterian Church. Under the direction of Stevens Funeral Home.

Gen 6:John William Alderson, Sr.

Born:Dec.31,1876 Died:Dec.10,1942-Burial in Forrest Park Cemetery

Biography from The Art Souvenir of 1905 by the Forrest City Times Newspaper:

The Forrest City Times' Art Souvenir-1905-Page 97:Mr.John W. Alderson, Vice-President of Fussell-Graham-Alderson Co., is a native of Virginia, having been born in Lebanon, on December 31,1876. He is a son of Judge Thomas M. and Adah V.(Davis) Alderson, married Oct.7,1874 Russell Co., Virginia. His

father is also a native of Virginia, and his mother of Tennessee. Mr.Alderson served his time at clerking, and at the age of nineteen, embarked in the shoe and hat business, at Bristol, Virginia-Tennessee, which was carried on successfully, the firm being The Davis-Alderson Co.. He was educated in the public schools, and finished at the Baker-Himel University of Knoxville, Tennessee. On October 31,1901, Mr.Alderson was married to Miss Annie Katherine Rollwage, youngest daughter of Mr.& Mrs.Louis Rollwage, of this city, and one child, Ada Louise, born Sept.1,1904, has blessed their union. The subject of this sketch came to Forrest City from Bristol in 1902, and a short time thereafter succeeded Hon.Otto B.Rollwage in the mercantile business of L.Rollwage & Co., and the firm name was changed to Rollwage & Alderson. He owns his home, farming lands in the St.Francis and L'Anguille Bottoms, and is also associated in several other business, viz.;Bank of Eastern Arkansas, the Forrest City Gin Co., and the Forrest City Hotel Co..

Picture from the 1905 Art Souvenir:



Gen 5:Judge Thomas Marshall Alderson

Born:May 7,1852 Died:Jan.5,1935 St. Francis Co., Arkansas-Burial Unknown

Note:Died St.Francis Co.Arkansas, probably buried in Forrest City Cemetery or Forrest Park Cemetery, Forrest City, Arkansas, no record.

From the Narrative History of Wise County, Virginia

By Charles A. Johnson, 1938-The Overmountain Press-442 pages

<http://books.google.com/books?id=6RyGQfOhl18C&lpg=PA219&ots=DAGlOp4WZG&dq=judge%20thomas%20m.%20alderson&pg=PA219#v=onepage&q=judge%20thomas%20m.%20alderson&f=false>

Judge Thomas M. Alderson

Judge Thomas Marshall Alderson, son of Colonel Thomas Creigh McCleary Alderson and Nancy Dickerson Alderson, and the 14th commonwealth attorney of Wise County in order of service, descended from one of the oldest and more distinguished families of Virginia. His great grandfather was a barrister in England, having come to Virginia to evade persecution at the hands of Oliver Cromwell. Born 1787-Died 1857 Edward Hall Alderson was Baron of the Exchequer. The Aldersons in Virginia were represented in the House of Burgesses and rendered service during the Revolution, and in the War of 1812, and seceded with Virginia. A cousin of the subject, Hon. John D. Alderson, was a representative in Congress for three terms, from his district in the state of West Virginia. T. C. M. Alderson, father of the subject, and son of Colonel George Alderson, was a Colonel in the Virginia Troops and was born in the County of Greenbriar, now West Virginia, on the 17th day of November, 1817, and died on March 22, 1876, at the age of 59 years past. He first came to Russell County at the age of 14 years, and commenced business in Lebanon as a salesman for Thomas McClary, remaining with him about two years, when he returned to Greenbriar, and attended school for a year or two, and then came back to Russell County at the age of 18 and re-entered the store of Mr. McClary. Within a short time after this, he and Dr. E. D. Kernan purchased the stock of goods of Mr. McClary, and commenced business under the style of Alderson & Kernan. This business was continued for about twenty years. During one period of his life he was postmaster of Lebanon, Virginia. Colonel Alderson was married on the 26th day of September, 1844, to Miss Nancy Dickerson, of Russell County, and resided in Lebanon from that time until his death. He was one of Russell County's most outstanding, wealthy, influential citizens. Judge T. M. Alderson, the subject, was born in Russell County, Virginia on May 7, 1852. He was educated in the Lebanon High School, until he entered Richmond College in October, 1870. He took the collegiate course in two years, and the law course in one year, and graduated and received his diploma as Bachelor of Law, July 1, 1874, taking the faculty medal in the law department. In the same month he was admitted to the bar, after being examined and licensed by Judge Christian Bolen and other members of the Supreme Court of Virginia. In December 1877, he was elected Judge of Russell County, entering upon the duties of the judgeship Jan. 1, 1878. He enjoyed the distinction of being the youngest judge in the state, being at that time only 25 years old. Judge Alderson was a dyed in the wool republican. He was the founder, and editor of the Lebanon News

for two years. He resumed the practice of law in Russell and adjoining counties in Sept, 1888, and being local attorney for the C. C. & C. Railroad Company, removed to Dickenson Co., Virginia, locating at Clintwood, looking after the construction of the new railroad through that county. In April 1890, he located at Wise, Wise Co., Virginia. His reputation and standing as a lawyer in Wise county soon grew to such popularity that he built up an excellent practice in his profession. He soon made a host of friends and greatly attached himself to the people of Wise county through his genial manners and social intercourse. His political influence extended throughout Southwest Virginia, and when the time came for a campaign battle, he was always to be found at the post of duty working valiantly for the interest of his party. He was a member of the Virginia Bar Assoc., and served as President of the Bar Association of the 17th Judicial District of Virginia. He was the senior member of the law firm of Alderson & Vicars (O. M. Vicars) in 1889-1890. In 1892, he formed a partnership with Judge William Trigg Miller, under the style of Alderson & Miller, and this partnership existed up until the time of qualification of Judge Miller as judge of the circuit court to succeed Judge H. S. K. Morrison Apr.3,1894, after which, in 1896, he and his son, Tom Gent Alderson, formed a partnership known as Alderson & Alderson, which continued up until the death of his son on May 29,1903. Judge Alderson's activity during the first presidential campaign of William McKinley was first brought into notice with the appointment of the U. S. District Attorney for the Western District of Virginia. He practically abandoned his practice of law to his son and took the stump in behalf of McKinley and the republican congressional nominee from the 9th district, and helped as a result to land a republican congressman, he having himself been urged by the convention at Wytheville to allow his name to go before the convention for the nomination. After the campaign was over, which had resulted in the election of William McKinley as president and the election of General James A. Walker as congressman from the 9th district., the friends of Judge Alderson rallied to him to a man for the appointment as district attorney. He was opposed by Hon. D. F. Bailey, of Bristol; Hon. J. L. Gleaves, of Wytheville; Hon. Warren S. Lurty, of Rockingham county, and Hon. J. Hampton Hoge, of Roanoke. The fight for the attorneyship and marshalship for the Western District of the state was long and fierce, several of the friends of the aspirants for the appointments having made their homes in Washington during the preceding year before the appointments were made. The long contest was ended by the appointment of Judge Alderson as district attorney, and S. Brown as marshal. Judge Alderson, pending confirmation by the senate, received a temporary commission from Attorney General McKenna, and participated in his first term of court at Danville. His appointment was confirmed by the senate

afterwards. His four years of service from 1897 to 1901, was conducted in a manner pleasing to the Dept. of Justice and with much credit to himself. At the end of his term, he resumed the practice of law in Wise County, with his son, under the firm name of Alderson & Alderson, until the death of his son, when he formed a partnership in law with A. N. Kilgore, under the style of Alderson & Kilgore, which continued until Judge Alderson retired from the practice. (See Note !)

Parents:

Thomas Creigh McCleary Alderson (1817 - 1876)

Nancy J Dickenson Alderson (1819 - 1895)

Children:

John William Alderson (1876 - 1942)*

Gen 4:Colonel Thomas Creigh McCleary Alderson

**Born:Nov.7,1817 Died:Mar.22,1876-Buried North Church St. Cemetery,
Lebanon, Russell County, Virginia**

See Pictures:

http://records.ancestry.com/Thomas_Creigh_Alderson_records.ashx?pid=2670816

Genealogy Site for Alderson Family:

<http://longmorgan.blogspot.com/2009/06/alderson-history-from-family-bible.html>

s/o George Alderson & Jeanette McCleary

Spouse:

Nancy J Dickenson Alderson (1819 - 1895)*

Children:

James D Alderson (1848 - 1871)*

Thomas Marshall Alderson (1852 - 1935)*

Inscription:

"Aged 58Y 4M 16D"

"Too pure for earth he was called to Heaven"

Gen 3:Colonel George Alderson

Born:1789 Died:Mar.28,1871

Gen 2:Sir Edward Hall Alderson

Born:Sep.10,1787 Died:Jan.27,1857

From Wikipedia: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Edward_Hall_Alderson

Sir Edward Hall Alderson (baptised 10 September 1787 – 27 January 1857) was an English lawyer and judge whose many judgments on commercial law helped to shape the emerging British capitalism of the Victorian era.[1] He was a Baron of the Exchequer and so held the honorary title Baron Alderson, in print Alderson, B. Born Great Yarmouth, Alderson was the eldest son of Robert (died 1833), a barrister and recorder, and Elizabeth née Hurry who died in 1791. Alderson suffered an unstable childhood, variously living with relatives, unhappily attending Charterhouse School but, more positively, being tutored by Edward Maltby.[1] He was an able student of mathematics and classics at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, in 1809 graduating as senior wrangler, Smith's prizeman, and Chancellor's Gold Medallist. He was consequently elected fellow.[2]

A pupil of Joseph Chitty, Alderson was called to the bar in 1811 at the Inner Temple and began work on the northern circuit where he established a substantial practice. He joined with Richard Barnewall as a law reporter from 1817 to 1822. On 26 October 1823 he married Georgina Drewe (died 1871) and the couple had many children.[1]

An early indication of his abilities came in 1825 when he was instructed by opponents of the proposed Liverpool and Manchester Railway, principally the directors of the Bridgewater and Leeds and Liverpool Canals, as their counsel in the committee stage of the private bill needed to establish the railway. Alderson was to cross-examine George Stephenson on his designs for the railway and the surveys on which they were based. Alderson proved an able advocate and Stephenson a poor witness. Stephenson later

confessed, "I was not long in the witness box before I began to wish for a hole to creep out at." Largely owing to Alderson's devastating closing speech, the bill was lost, the railway was delayed for several years and Stephenson's early reputation badly damaged.[3] However, Alderson sought neither the title of a QC nor a seat in Parliament. Despite his lack of the outward trappings of ambition, he was appointed to the Common Law Commission in 1828 and a judge of the Court of Common Pleas in 1830, with the attendant knighthood. He became a "Baron" of the Court of Exchequer in 1834 and transferred to the Court of Chancery in 1841. He was an advocate of the plasticity of the common law in adapting to the changing times. According to Hedley, he was popular and jocular, a "clever, analytical, and forthright judge, with little patience for those of lesser abilities".[1]

Personality and family:

Though, as a criminal judge at the assizes, he was instrumental in suppressing the Luddites and Chartists, he believed that rehabilitation was the principal goal of sentencing. He was dubious of the effects of deterrence and argued for the limitation of capital punishment, himself seeking to disapply it, by whatever technical means he could creatively devise.[1]

An active member of the Church of England and a close friend of Bishop of London Charles James Blomfield, Alderson supported the Gorham judgment which held that the Church was subject to secular law. He was a noted advocate of affirmation as an alternative to the oath for witnesses but opposed the growing contemporary campaign for secular education. Hedley describes Alderson as a "Conservative... suspicious of the 'tyranny' he saw in democracy".[1]

Alderson established homes in London and Lowestoft where he wrote poetry, in English and Latin, and corresponded with his cousin, novelist Amelia Opie.[1] He was also an enthusiastic and knowledgeable follower of horse racing.[4]

While sitting at Liverpool assizes in December 1856, he heard of a serious injury to one of his sons and collapsed. He died the following January at his London home from a brain disease. He was buried at St Mary Magdalen's Church, Risby, near Bury St Edmunds.[1] Alderson's daughter Georgina Charlotte married British statesman, Robert Gascoyne-Cecil, 3rd Marquess of Salisbury in 1857. Salisbury's father, James Gascoyne-Cecil, 2nd Marquess of Salisbury, opposed the marriage owing to Georgina's lack of wealth and social standing.[5]

Gen 1:Robert Alderson

Died:1833

Wife:

Elizabeth Hurry Alderson

Died:1791

Note 1:Using book article on Thomas Marshall Alderson to show previous generations. Assumption that it is right. His father was supposed to have come to America to evade Oliver Cromwell, but Wikipedia says he was buried in England.