

Thomas Alderman



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Born: 9 Jun 1683 in Simsbury, CT

Married: 27 Apr 1702 to Mary Seagrave

Died: 13 Aug 1715 Salem Co., NJ

Parents: William Alderman & Mary Case

BIOGRAPHY: Thomas Alderman was born 11 Jun 1683 or 9 Jan 1683 (record not legible) in Simsbury Connecticut. He was the son of William Alderman and Mary Case. On 27 Apr 1702 he married Mary Seagrave in East Hampton, Long Island, New York. Nothing is known of Mary Seagrave's ancestors. The children of Thomas Alderman and Mary Seagrave: infant b. 1704 died 31 Mar 1704, Mary b. 1705, Thomas b. 1707, William b. 1709 married Abigailhe died 1759, Daniel b. 1711 married Abigail Harris in 1740 he died Oct 1785. Thomas Alderman was a weaver by trade and a Presbyterian by faith. He established the Fairfield Presbyterian Church on 19 May 1708. He died 15 Aug 1715 in Cohansey Precinct, Salem County, New Jersey leaving widow and children. At his death Thomas Alderman owned property in Simsbury Connecticut. By his will he bequeathed this land to his youngest son Daniel who is also the ancestor of the southern branch of the Alderman family (Huxford Genealogical Society, Inc. Magazine, Leola Settle, Editor, Volume XXI, Number 1, page 41).

MARRIAGE-SPOUSE-BIOGRAPHY-DEATH-PROBATE: Thomas Alderman moved to East Hampton on Long Island at 19 years old and married Mary Seagraves on 27 April 1702, the Reverend Nathaniel Huntting officiating. He then moved to Cohansey Section of Salem County, New Jersey. He was a weaver by occupation. He lived a clean and upright life, and helped establish the Fairfield Presbyterian Church on 19 May 1708. He and Mary were charter members. He died at the age of 32. [His complete will is cited on page 23 of this reference] (THE ALDERMANS IN AMERICA).

ALDERMAN, THOMAS**1683-1715****CONNECTICUT
NEW JERSEY**

Thomas Alderman was born on June 11, 1683 (possibly January 9, 1683 - record not legible) in Simsbury, Connecticut, the son of **William Alderman** (1640-1697) and **Mary (Case) Alderman** (1660-1725) (q.v.). On April 27, 1702 he married **Mary Seagrave** in East Hampton, Long Island, New York. Nothing is known of Mary Seagrave's ancestors.

The following children were born to Thomas Alderman and Mary Seagrave Alderman:

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| 1. Infant | b. | 1704, |
| | d. | 3/31/1704. |
| 2. Mary | b. | 1705. |
| 3. Thomas | b. | 1707. |
| 4. William | b. | 1709, m. Abigail ?. |
| | d. | 1759. |
| 5. Daniel | b. | 1711, m. Abigail Harris , 1740. |
| (q.v.) | d. | 10/?/1785. |

Thomas Alderman was "a weaver by trade and a Presbyterian by faith". This faith was borne out by Thomas establishing the Fairfield Presbyterian Church on May 19, 1708.

Thomas died on August 15, 1715 in Cohansey Precinct, Salem County, New Jersey, leaving his widow and children.

At the time of his death, **Thomas Alderman** still owned property in Simsbury, Connecticut. By his will he bequeathed this land to his youngest son, **Daniel Alderman** (q.v.), who is the ancestor of the southern branch of the Alderman family.

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William Alderman, Sr. and his wife Mary Case had the following children:

- i. Mary b. 22 Sept. 1680
- ii. Thomas, Jr. b. 9 June 1683; d. 15 Aug. 1715 and married on 27 April 1702 Mary Seagrave.
- iii. John b. 1684; d. 1758 married his cousin Sarah Case.
- iv. William Jr. b. 1686; d. 1717 m. on 1716 Rebecca Osborn.
- v. Sarah b. 1691; d. ____ m 1709 Thomas Moses.
- vi. Joseph m. 30 June 1720 Mindwall Case.

THOMAS² (William¹) ALDERMAN went to Long Island and later to Cohansey, N.J. His son Daniel was the progenitor of the southern branch of the Alderman family. It was in East Hampton, on Long Island, that he married Mary Seagrave by Rev. Nathaniel Hunting. Cohansey is near the line between Salem and Cumberland counties and Thomas may actually have lived in the latter, for we read in Fenwick's Salem, New Jersey, that the Presbyterian Church at Fairfield N.J. was constituted by emigrants from Fairfield, Conn. They purchased a tract of land south of Cohansey River, near Delaware Bay. And from a volume by F.D. Andrews, of Vineland, N.J., we read: "The Church of Christ in Fairfield, N.H.J. was founded May 19, 1708, on the Cohansey River (Fairfield Township, Cumberland County). Thomas and Mary Alderman signed the Covenant."

Besides his good name and considerable estate for the times, though he died when only thirty two years of age. From Book of Wills, Liber II, p. 37, at the State House, Trenton, N.J.

"IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN: 13 August 1715, I, Thomas Alderman, of Cohansey, Weaver, being very sick and weak in body, but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be to God given therefor, calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament, that is to say, principally and first of all-I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it, and my body I recommend to the earth, to be buried in decent Christian burial at the discretion of my executrix and executor, nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again, by the mighty power of God.

"And as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life with, I give, devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

"Imprimis: I give and bequeath to Mary my dearly beloved wife, all my

moveable estate and the use of all my land and housing appurtenances thereunto belonging in Cohansey, that is to say moveable estate to her, her heirs, executors, administrators or assigns forever, and the land and housings and improvements as above said I give and bequeath to her during the time of her widowhood, and after the time of her widowhood, as above said, is expired, my will is that Thomas, my son, shall have my plantation in Cohansey, with all buildings and improvements thereunto belonging, to him, his heirs, executors, or assigns forever, he or they paying ye some of five pounds to William, my son, and five pounds to Mary, my daughter, when they shall come to age according to law.

"And all my land at Sinsbury in New England I give to my son, Daniel, his heirs, executors, and assigns forever, with all appurtenances thereon belonging.

"And I do make, ordain and constitute my well beloved wife my executrix and Levi Preston, my beloved friend, my executor of this, my last will and testament, and I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke and disannul all former wills and testaments, legacies, and bequests executed by me in any way before named to be my last will and testament.

"In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal ye day and year above said. Signed, sealed, published, pronounced, and declared by ye said Thomas Alderman as his last Will and Testament.

Thomas Alderman

In presence of us, the subscribers,

David Shepard

Ephraim Daton,

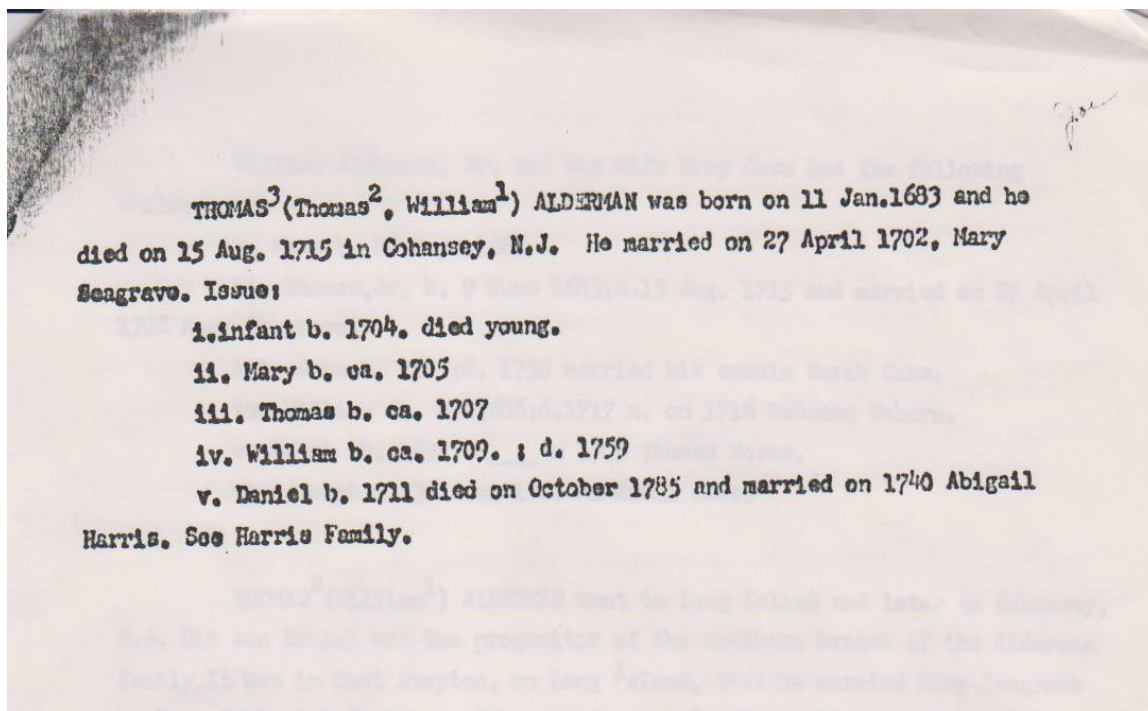
John Ware.

Cohansey, August ye 20, 1715.

Proved 23 September 1715 by Jeremiahs Bass and John Ware.

Inventory and Appraisal.

Mary (Seagrave) Alderman did not remain a widow long after the death of her husband, Thomas Alderman. She was married to Ebenezer Allen, a well-to-do farmer in the same vicinity, but he too, soon passed away. Ebenezer Allen had large holdings in land and other property. He amply provided for the welfare of his widow and her children by her first husband. His will is found in Book of Wills, Liber II, p. 70 in the State House in Trenton, N.J. and he names " I give unto the children of my dear and loving wife, the children of Thomas, i.e. William Alderman, Mary Alderman and Daniel Alderman, the sum of ten pounds of current money to each of them when they shall come to age of four and twenty years- to the boys, and to ye girl Mary at eighteen years of age....."



Above information found in a "Alderman" file in the Southeast Georgia Regional Library in Statesboro, GA