

## William Alderman



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William was born, perhaps in Massachusetts or in Windsor, CT, or he may have been an immigrant from England. He was known to have been in Windsor in 1672, later removing to Farmington, and still later to Simsbury, CT, where he married Mary Case. William was already in the midst of business engagements in Simsbury when we first learn of him. He traded in land and was holder of extensive real estate. The court records of the time show something of the extent of his operations.

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Children of William Alderman and Mary Case

- Mary Alderman b. 22 Sep 1680
- Thomas Alderman b. 9 Jun 1683
- William Alderman b. 20 Oct 1686
- Sarah Alderman b. 1691
- John Alderman+ b. c 1694, d. 25 Feb 1758
- Joseph Alderman+ b. 30 Jun 1697, d. 23 Sep 1782

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**ALDERMAN, WILLIAM      1640-1697      CONNECTICUT**

**William Alderman** was born about 1640, parentage unknown. It is not known whether he was born in colonial Connecticut or was an immigrant from England. He is first found in 1672 in Windsor where he made a land transaction. It was also in Windsor, on June 22, 1679, that he married **Mary Case**, the daughter of **John Case** and his wife, **Sarah (Spencer) Case** (q.v.). While the information on the lineage of William Alderman is scant, Mary Case's maternal ancestors have been traced back to **William de Spencer**, born about 1100 in England, first steward to Henry I of England.

William and Mary Alderman lived in Windsor and later in Farmington, and even later in Simsbury.

They had the following children:

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| 1. <b>Mary Case</b>        | b. 9/22/1680.                  |   |
| 2. <b>Thomas</b><br>(q.v.) | b. 6/11/1683,<br>d. 8/15/1715. | m. <b>Mary Seagrave</b> , 4/27/1702.                        |
| 3. <b>John</b>             | b. 1684,<br>d. 2/25/1758.      | m. <b>Sarah Case</b> (a cousin),<br>10/28/1719.             |
| 4. <b>William, Jr.</b>     | b. 10/20/1686,<br>d. 1717.     | m. <b>Rebecca Osborn</b> , 3/28/1716.                       |
| 5. <b>Sarah</b>            | b. 1691,                       | m. <b>Thomas Moses</b> , 1/5/1709.                          |
| 6. <b>Joseph</b>           | b. 6/30/1697,                  | m. <b>Mindwell Case</b> (sister to Sarah above), 6/30/1720. |

William died at Simsbury in 1697. **Mary (Case) Alderman** died there also, date unknown. Both are buried at Simsbury.

After the death of **William Alderman**, the younger generation moved to New York and New Jersey and other parts of the eastern coast. Many of them moved into southeastern North Carolina, settling in New Hanover, Duplin and Sampson

The first ancestor to whom we definitely trace without further research is William Alderman, who was born about 1640 (this date by one other said to have been about 1656), perhaps in Massachusetts or in Windsor, Conn., or he may have been an immigrant from England. He was known to have been in Windsor in 1672, later removing to Farmington, and still later to Simsbury, Conn., where he married Mary Case. This we find in Hinman's *Puritan Settlers of Connecticut*, page 31, which reads: "William Alderman, of Windsor 1672, Farmington and Simsbury, married Mary Case, daughter of John Case, at Simsbury in 1679. William Alderman died in 1697 leaving a considerable landed estate to his widow, who married second, Serj. James Hillyer in 1698."

The public records of Simsbury, Conn., furnish some interesting facts connected with the real estate dealings of William Alderman. A few are reproduced here on account of the quaint expressions used.

Liber I. Dec. 15, 1687: "Given to William Alderman, Thirty Acres of land at Bar Hill swamp, ye said Alderman is bound to ye same articles that Edward Pierce is bound to. Given to William Alderman, Nezr (Ebenezer) Persons, John Williams, Joseph Lewis, Samuel Persons, three or four parcels of Marsh under the river on East Syd the mountains, these given to, by the inhabitants of Simsbury at a Town Meeting."

Liber I. Page 29: "Grant at Marshes. At a General Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Simsbury, December 24, 1685, there was given to William Alderman, John Williams, ebenezzer persons, Fifteen Acres of land a piece at their Marshes on ye easterly Syd ye river."

Liber I. Page 63: "At a Town Meeting of ye Inhabitants of Simsbury, December 29, 1687, there was given to William's son, Thomas Alderman, Junior, Twenty Acres over the river within Simsbury Township being Scituate Nect to Windsor bounds."

Liber I. Page 69. "West River, May 21, 1688, by the Inhabitants of Simsbury was given William Alderman and others Forty Acres of land a piece North of the Majors land at ye west river where they can find it after the former grants are layed out."

Liber I. Page 75. "August 25, 1689. Also there was granted by ye Inhabitants of Simsbury at a town meeting to William Alderman fouer Acres for a house lot Upon the Wolf pit brook at Waetong, on the west Syd the river and six accres for a Pastur Lott on the same brooke, this given Condition he Builds and fences in Foure year's time he is not to Damnify ye highways."

Liber I. Page 73. "Att the towne meeting held att ffarmington December 21, 1696, the request of William Alderman for forty acors of land about half way hill as we go ye great Swamp. In accordance to said Alderman's request ye towne made choyce of Capt. Thomas Hart, Esq. thomas porter, and John Hart as a Committee to view sd. Land and bring report of it to ye towne ye next meeting."

ALDERMAN

## THE ALDERMAN FAMILY.

WILLIAM ALDERMAN, SR. was born about 1640 and he died on 1 August 1697. He married on 1679 Mary Case, the daughter of John Case. See Case family. As Mary was the maternal ancestor of most of the Aldermans in American, it is important that we trace her ancestry. Her mother was Sarah (Spencer) Case, a daughter of Hon. William Spencer. The Spencers were scions of an ancient family in southern England. We learn from old records that Ann, a daughter of Sir William Gerrard, Lord Mayor of London in 1555, married Spencer, born 1568; John had a son, Michael Spencer, who lived in Stratford in 1576. Michael was the father of five sons, namely: Gerrard (Jared); John; Michael, Jr.; Thomas; and William. (American Genealogist, April 1951)

Gerrard, christened in 1576, came to America in 1632, bringing with him his five sons: John, Thomas, William, Michael and Gerrard. They were friends of Governor Winthrop and settled at Newton, now Cambridge, Mass. William Spencer's will was probated in 1641. See Spencer lineage.

William Alderman, Sr. died in 1697 in Farmington, Conn. Mary, his widow, was made executrix to his estate. Several years elapsed before the estate was finally settled and at the time of his death there were some claims against him which were not adjusted until later. On March 30, 1698/9, the widow Mary Case Alderman, married Serj. James Hillyer. In Manwaring's Conn. Probate Records Vol. 2, p. 848; Sinsbury Court Records are shown proceedings and records of William Alderman, Sr.

Mary Hillyer, widow of Sinsbury, Conn. 22 August 1725, names her three sons, William Alderman, junior, John Alderman and Joseph Alderman. She does not mention her son Thomas Jr. most likely because he had gone many years earlier to live in Cohasset, N.Y. and died there in 1715, ten years before his mother Mary made her will. Thomas Alderman was called Thomas Jr. perhaps of an older member of the family being Thomas, perhaps his grandfather was Thomas. The Sinsbury, Conn. Liber I, p. 63: "At a Town Meeting of ye Inhabitants of Sinsbury, December 29, 1687, there was given to William's son Thomas Alderman, Junior, Twenty Acres over the river within Sinsbury Township being Scituate Neet to Windsor bounds." Thus is proof that Thomas Jr. is the son, and the oldest son of William Alderman.

William Alderman was known to have been a business man by the records which show him as a trader in land, was the holder of extensive real estate. There is shown a large number of grants to him and records the price paid and required to secure a title to these parcels of vacant land.

This page was found in an "Alderman" family file found at the Southeast Regional Library in Statesboro, GA.

# Early Alderman History

Alderman has been an honorable name in English history for nearly a thousand years. Long ago there were Aldermans in Middlesex about London, Sussex, Kent near Canterbury, Sommerset, Hants, Suffolk and Norfolk counties. Perhaps a more important cluster of families was near Kettering in Northhampton County, where the Aldermans intermarried with many prominent families. Among these families were the Shuckburgs who were said to be descendants of William the Conqueror. There were also prominent and wealthy families of Aldermans around Ipswich in Suffolk County. Perhaps the earliest mention of Alderman as a family name was during the reign of Henry II.

The beginning of the 17 century found wide-spread discontent among many of the people of England. Political and social affairs were passing through great upheavals. Religious persecution became savage. A spirit of adventure seized upon many who had become restive under the grind of daily toil and they determined to seek new homes in America.

The early Aldermans in America were people of prominence, having received land grants and having held many public offices. The first ancestor to whom they can definitely trace without further research is William Alderman who was born about 1640 perhaps in Massachusetts or in Windsor, Connecticut, or he may have been an immigrant from England. This William Alderman married Mary Case, daughter of John Case, at Simsbury in 1679. This Mary Case was the maternal ancestor of most of the Aldermans in America. Mary's father, John Case was born in Aylesham, England, in 1616, and sailed for America in September, 1935, and settled in Windsor, Connecticut.

Mary, daughter of John Case, through her mother, Sarah Spencer, was a granddaughter of William and Agnes Spencer. William Spencer was a man of consequence in the Massachusetts Bay Colony, and the Connecticut Colony, where he later pioneered. In 1639, he was named one of four men, all designated as "gentlemen," to whom Governor John Winthrop granted the charter to form the Military Company of Massachusetts, the name which was later changed to The Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, which today is the oldest military organization in the United States. In 1639 William Spencer pioneered to Connecticut, where today his name is

inscribed on the imposing Founders Monument in the Ancient Burying Ground of Hartford as one of the founders of the Connecticut Colony. His early death in 1749 ended his promising career.

Thomas Alderman was a son of William and Mary (Case) Alderman and was born in Connecticut in 1683. Five children were born of this union, one of which was named Daniel, who married Abigail Harris in 1740.

The Southern Branch of the Alderman family are all descended from the three sons of

Daniel and Abigail (Harris) Alderman — John, Daniel, Jr., and David. Daniel Alderman, Sr., moved to Duplin County in 1755, probably coming by boat from New Jersey to Wilmington and overland about forty miles to their new home. Along with many others who came about the same time, they selected a small tract of land on the west side of Doctor's Creek.

Daniel Alderman, Sr. was a cabinet-maker by trade and, like so many of the name, was an expert workman, making finely turned and closely jointed woodware, including cabinet ware and farm implements of all kinds. The genius for shop-work has manifested itself in many of his descendants. He was a quiet man attending strictly to his own affairs.



MRS. LELA JOHNSON WARD, mother of Robert E. Ward.



MRS. LAURA ANN ALDERMAN JOHNSON, mother of Mrs. Lela Johnson Ward, and grandmother of Robert E. Ward.

## Franklin Love Alderman Wrote Book of Poems



Franklin Love Alderman

Franklin Love Alderman, who for twenty-five years was a bookkeeper for the Ricks Lumber Company in Elizabethtown, wrote for many local newspapers, and for five years, wrote for the New York Tribune. He died on February 5, 1954, in Los Angeles, and is buried in Forestlawn Cemetery, Glendale, California.

The Alderman brothers, John, Daniel, Jr., and David, are among the few North Carolina soldiers of the Revolution whose Royal ancestry has been proven.

The marriage of their parents, Daniel Alderman, Sr., to Abigail Harris is filed at the D. A. R. Library, Washington, D. C., and at the Vineland Historical Society, Vineland, New Jersey. Noble ancestry of the Harris family traced from Abigail Harris, Alderman includes Olaf II (Saint Olaf) and King of Norway, Ethelred II, King of England; Malcolm II, King of Scots and Hakon I (The Good), King of Sweden.

Noble ancestry of the Alderman family includes Charlemagne, Charles I, King of France; Alfred the Great (King

of W. Saxons), Malcolm III of Scots (King), Isabel de Vermandois (Countess of Leicester), William de Warenne (Earl of Surrey), Robert the Strong, Count of Paris, and Clovis I (the Great).

From these three brothers, John, Daniel, Jr., and David, family lines have diverged since they came to North Carolina in 1755.

The Aldermans are noted by the number of clergymen and educators among their descendants. But wherever found, noticeable characteristics prevail in every branch of the family. Wide distinctions in temperaments may be observed in individuals, yet there are recognizable similarities found among them all.

Below is one of the many poems Mr. Alderman wrote during his lifetime which he compiled into a booklet before his death. After the death of Mr. Alderman's mother, Mrs. L. K. Alderman of Rose Hill came into possession of this book of poems.

### When Fortune Smiles

The sky today, is of azure blue;  
The birds sing with joy a-new;  
Everything draped in robes, of  
glorious hue—  
The trees with breeze are  
swelling;  
Beautiful flowers, of love, are  
telling;  
And we are happy in all that  
we do.  
Little sunbeams, so warm—and  
bright—  
Even darkness cannot our  
happiness blight;  
For the moon shines out boldly  
at night.  
The music from ten-thousand  
glad throats—  
Up from the valley - gently to  
us floats:  
And we are content: Our hearts,  
with joy, are light.  
Each rippling little stream has  
lent  
To our life, some pleasure  
intense.  
We ever rejoice, with nothing to  
repent—  
The story of Love — as of ten  
related—  
Is sometimes abused, but never  
abated.  
And joyous hearts gladly follow  
its trend.  
Each little note of the song-  
birds' revel;  
Each little flower, with sun-  
kissed petal;  
All brings joy, untold — never  
ebbing —  
And tells us — in language of  
art —  
Of the love that reigns our  
heart.  
And to that love we are ever  
indebted.

Frank L. Alderman  
August twenty-sixth - 1916