Written by Earl Lee Alberson

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Notary Public Russell County, Virginia

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480 E. MCMILLAN STREET
CINCINNATI, OHIO

TOM ALDERSON
Lebanon, Virginia

10-13-70

Mrs. Hemphill:

Make a copy of this history
And return The original to me.

Best regards,

Tom Alderson
William Morning was one of the first settlers in the [Blank] Valley. True, he was illiterate, but he had an ever-vigilant eye, clear and penetrating, and a wife (Sally Correll), whose intelligence enabled her to keep her accounts. By her he had five children, three sons and two daughters--William, Carroll, and Sarah. The first was educated at Washington College, and was esteemed the most accomplished young man in west Virginia, but was, unfortunately, killed in [Blank], elected to the Legislature, where he contracted consumption, which destroyed his promised usefulness. Carroll was next, and died at a premature age by being drowned in the [Blank] River. John, with whom this writer went to school, became on the old homestead, was extravagant, sold out, went to sea, reformed, and became a Lay Preacher. Jane, last on the list, married John股本foord, who represented Van (Kanawha) County several years. As the a [Blank] (consistent) member of the First Church. He left descendants of his own name quite well.
... the families of old William Horine, who married the youngest sister of Sharon, who improved her estate, and had a family of respectable children.

Old William Horine located some of the best of the lands in the Kanawha Valley, including the falls, and observed at the time that the day would come when it would be the most valuable property in Western Virginia for its water power, which, to some extent, is now verified. He had six brothers, who settled in the Kanawha Valley, - Joshua, John, Leonard, Lewis, Benjamin, and Carroll, all of them well-doing men, some of whom became wealthy and left descendants, some of whom went west; others of them still remain and can vie with any others for good standing and respectability.

Their father, William Horine, came from London at an early age. E. A. speaks of Augustus Woodward and his horses. The incident occurred near this writer's residence, who heard it frequently related and believes it to be true. A Woodward had two brothers who came to Greensboro and practiced law, - John Woodward and [name not recollected], the latter less careful of his moral habits and did not rise to eminence. The former was uprightly, frantically, and pleased well for his client. John Mathias (Mathias), of Lewisburg, was also at the bar. Some difference occurred, perhaps at the bar, a challenge was given and accepted, and a meeting took place in the commons, near the town. Mathias fired first, without effect. J. Woodward advanced to the centre, presented his pistol; Mathias stood
J. W. Goodward, seeing his bravery, fired in the air; the friends surrounding him produced an armistice.

George Alderson, who was a nephew of old W. M. (William Miller); in this, of course, he thought, I think, in connection with his family, who belonged to the Delaware Association, a branch of the Delaware Indians, who came among the family to Greenbrier, settled on the river of that name, now known as Alderson's Ferry, where he established a church, called the Greenbrier Church, amongst the first settlers. He was the first minister of the gospel that came west of the Allegheny Mountains. Some time after, Nathan and Henry came in and established a Presbyterian church at Lewisburg, after which they left, I think, for Augusta (Georgia), leaving J. Alderson alone to preach the gospel to the first settlers. In troubles some time with the Indians, he went to the fort with gun, shot pouch, Bible, and gun to, and preached to the Indians, with his shot pouch on by his side. Such were his difficulties in establishing his first (the Greenbrier) Church; besides which he established other churches in the Greenbrier region. He extended his labours to the New (Monaca) Valley, as a pioneer examining the country and preaching the gospel. In one of his trips there, in company with James Miller (of the name), they struck camp in a bottom near the burning spring and took a torch, went out to hunt ees wood, heard a bubbling, held the torch over it to see what was the cause; the gun took fire and blew up. Strong became much alarmed, cried out, "God bless me, I have found a powder mine, and will be blown up." Elder J. H. Puck, more calm and deliberate, was less excited, attributing...
the 28th to some cause produced by some natural operation. Besides this, he frequently visited Kings (Kanawha) to preach to the first settlers and organizing Churches among the Marias, Jones and others. Little Churches there formed produced the Greenbrier Baptist Association, which met annually by Delegates elected by the several Churches to transact the local business, etc. This Association met on one occasion at Cobb's, below Charleston, which extended from the Allegheny of Cabo and Big Sandy. The writer was present. It was moved, seconded and seconded to the propriety of dividing the Association; the vote was taken and resulted in the affirmative, and formed the Kanaw Valley Association. The poor old patriarch resisted, but was overruled and shed tears and said it was like dividing his family. He preached thirty-three years of his life and died at the advanced age of eighty-three years, and was the father of George Alderson, who was raised in the County of Greenbrier from a child to early manhood, when he married Sally Osborne, daughter of John Osborne, one of the first settlers of Greenbrier, a respectable farmer and consistent preacher in the Baptist Church (faith). He raised a family there, most of whom at his demise went East.

George Alderson settled for a short time in Greenbrier, but soon migrated to Kings (Kanawha) amongst the first settlers. He located many tracts of land there, some of the hundred acres, and perhaps others of smaller quantity. He stuccored, and the associate of the J. L. Honey I have always heard attributed to Col. A. Draper. George Alderson was one of the first Delegates of the County, and Captain of the first Military Company organized there. He became High
Sheriff. This writer recollects well when he took his Jury or

[illegible] (venire) from New (Manawa) and his prisoner, Hampton,

[illegible] Sweet Springs, where the District Court assembled, there to be

[illegible] killing a man (name not recollected). Hampton was convicted

on the ground of justifiable homicide. G. Allerson represented the

county of New (Manawa) in the Legislature where the assassin was

perpetrated, the Governor being elected by the members. He sent

[illegible] to a number that day to dine with him. G. Allerson attended;

[illegible] buck got the servants to remove his knife and fork. He sent

[illegible] attempt to arrest with him, and be inquired of Capt. Allerson:

[illegible] will you be helped to-to your knife and fork, Sir, and I can

[illegible] help myself?" The laughter turned on the perpetrator, G. A.

[illegible] to his dinner. Another assassin occurred between him

and his father. The latter set him to ploughing in the Cornbrirer

[illegible], in new ground. George, though he stuttered, could sing and

[illegible] render, - sing and swear, very clear. His father heard him

[illegible] and said: "George, it is astonishing you cannot plough without

[illegible]." "P- P- Father, (said he), it would make a fresher scar." He,

[illegible] father, "I can". "Y- y- you cry it then". The old

[illegible] took the plough and went around; then, said he, "George, I

[illegible] ploughed without swearing." "But", said George, "you 2- 1- lied

every step by saying you never saw the like; - you saw it all the

[illegible], and that is worse than swearing." "Begone", said his father,

[illegible] his informant, and said his word was "Did I ever see the like?"

[illegible] changed it to suit himself. George was witty, full of scandal,
and his company much courted; indeed, he was the life and soul of company, which produced convivial habits, which he much regretted, as will be shown hereafter. Besides his "little mill and blacksmith-shop," he kept a store. This writer was present (a lad) when he purchased of a Mr. Lord (Earl) of Greenbrick some ten or twelve hundred dollars' worth of goods, invoiced, packed them in boxes, and put the goods in his wagon covered with burlap, and gave his brother, Joseph A., as security, payable in salt, which he expected to make on his land, affirming that he had no doubt of its being obtained in abundance, which has since proven true by the enterprise of David and Joseph Ruffner, to whom he sold his homestead of two hundred acres for five hundred pounds shortly before his demise, but without the ability to make a title, one-half of the land being encumbered by a trust deed to William Gruffy and George Fitzwater, the other half by a title bond executed to his brother, Joseph A., for the payment of the lord (Earl) debt, which he did by selling to Lord (Earl) two hundred acres of land on Elk River, above Charleston, located by George and sold to Joseph A., who took the title bond to secure himself. G. Allison devised soon after this sale to L. and J. Ruffner, calm in his bed, as related to this writer by his wife and daughter. He complained a day or two before, to a neighbor who called to see him, that he had heard of a "c-c-creek in the rock," but he believed he had "a r-r-river." The day he sick, his wife and daughter went under the river bank to wash, and on their return found him dead on his bed, supposedly, by an apoplectic fit. This writer would suppose that it cannot be credited that an affection-
the wife and tender daughter would leave a husband and father, if
no were a musing manum curting and weeping at the time of his
departure. Hence I infer that R. A., not being present, has been
so informed. Here the writer raises the ghost of C. A., to bring
forth the secret of an evil. Some persons are naturally superstitious,
and particularly those of German descent. The ghost of C. A. is in
the hands of his God, where it ought to be left undisturbed. Joseph
Albersen, as soon as he heard of his brother's death, hastened to
Kamea (Kamea), to attend to his brother's business, where he found
his estate in such embarrassment; but before he set out this writer
arrived and begged of his father, Joseph A., not to compromise
the sale to the hurriers, but hold on to his title bond, - that
he had as good a right to suit property as they. However, then he
got to Kamea (Kamea), he compromised with Dr. Joseph R., and through
his hurriers to them and respect to the note and memory of his
brother, confirmed the sale, by their advancing funds to lift the
title bond, and giving their bond to him for his part of the land.
After indulging them a long time, he brought suit on their bond,
and recovered judgment at common law. They enjoined the judgment
in the Chancery Court at Stanion, where they were again derailed
and had to pay a large sum in the way of principal, interest,
expenses and cost. Joseph Albersen brought his brother's family to
his heir, consisting of his wife and two daughters and five Negro
and his papers, among which this writer found a writing drawn by
himself and signed with his name, in which he regretted his convivial
habits and formed a resolution to conquer them, in which he declared
himself successful, besides which this writer heard his brother, 
Joseph A., say that he had serious reflections on religious matters. 
He who as it may, he left a respectable family. Polly, now a widow, 
moved, married Gen. MeClung; John; Joseph; and James C., who became an 
energetic Baptist minister; George, Geo. and John, the oldest and 
John, lately deceased, was a well-doing man; left a good estate, 
created his children well, the most of whom are consistent and well-
doing members of the Baptist church. His eldest son, J. (or I.) C. 
Alpersen resides in Lewisburg. He was well educated, studied law, 
but turned his attention to other remunerative business, besides 
now editing a small paper called the Independent, which speaks for 
itself. Polly, (the widow), has children and grandchildren, most 
of them professors of religion, respectable, well-doing, and some 
of their ministers of the gospel. [Note: this writer knows less 
about, — only that he has a family, is modest, retiring, and makes 
a good citizen. Such is the history of C. Alpersen and his descendants. 
But must say J. C. A., who from exposure in his laborious and 
healthy and died at a premature age, leaving a small family, his works 
have followed him. I state further by recent information that a 
second suit occurred between the family of George Alpersen, (managed 
by his eldest son, John), with the Haffner concerning a tract of 
George Alpersen's land, in which they were again defeated. The 
record in the courts at Charleston and the Chancery Court at 
Charleston will show the facts. May not these suits between the 
families of Haffner and Alpersen have produced some feelings in
the breast of the former agents, the latter? Be that as it may, this writer has one more remark to make; that is, he has always been taught, religiously and morally, to believe in an overruling Providence in this life, and then it be God's will to call us to himself, we have no right to question his purposes; hence it is our duty to avoid the errors of the deceased, pattern their virtues, and leave them in the hands of him who has taken them to himself, without disturbing their memory or criticizing their course in life.

By way of supplement, I will give the history of George Allerson's family as detailed to this writer by his father, Elder John Allerson. His grandfather migrated from Yorkshire, England, whose name was John, under peculiar circumstances. He was of warm and social feelings, and about to contract an alliance with a young lady, whom his father, (John Allerson, a Baptist Minister of good standing and property), thought beneath the standing of his own family; and, to divert him from consummating the alliance, furnished him with two hundred dollars, a good horse well equipped, and sent him out to travel. His social habits exhausted his funds. He became acquainted with the Captain of a ship about to sail to the Colonies with emigrants, was invited aboard, treated with great attention; and, before he was aware, the ship was put under sail. He submitted to his fate with the best grace he could. The ship landed on the coast of New Jersey (New Jersey). J. Allerson took his residence up with Mr. Curtis, a respectable farmer. He became acquainted with and married his daughter; hence the name of Curtis in the family.
About this time, or before, he reformed, became religious, joined a Baptist Church, got license, was ordained, and became an efficient Baptist Minister. He left W. J., settled near Germantown, Pa.; thence removed to Rockingham, Va., where he laboured with success. He, (J. A.), kept up a correspondence with his father, (J. A.), in Yorkshire, £., who sent him three large Theological books, which this writer has frequently seen; they were printed in the Old English form. These books were left by the first J. A. to his son, Elder J. A., who, on his demise, left them in the care of his son, Joseph, to be given to the first Baptist Minister of the family. They were handed over to Jos. O., (or Jan. O.), the son of G. A., and on his demise they were returned to Joseph A., who returned them unto his youngest son, Lewis Allen Alderson, who graduated at Athens, Ohio, where he became the subject of a revival of religion amongst the students and others, went to Williamsburg, studied Theology, and became an efficient Baptist preacher. He received those family books from his father, Jos. A., and has them now in his possession at Alderson, K. T., to which place he migrated, having disposed of a rich patrimony left him by his father on Greenbrier River, (the old Jackson Farm).

The first John Alderson had by his wife, (Miss Curtis), seven sons and one daughter, who married a Mr. Groce and settled in Western Va. The sons, in part, who were known to this writer were: John, the Baptist Preacher, of whom mention has been made; Curtis, who settled in Botetourt, Va., and left a family of sons and daughters, one of the daughters, Betsey, married Thos. Groce, of Botetourt, Va.
One of the daughters married a Glover (Cloyd), of Montgomery, Va. Another, Betty, married George Web, who moved to Ohio. The sons whom this writer knew were Thomas and John. The first was raised and resided in Eastern Va. to an advanced age; raised a family of sons and daughters. The latter, (I know them when girls, but as to their whereabouts am not advised, only that some of them are deceased.) The sons are Curtis and John, of respectable standing, with families. The first understands the true pass word, at the River Jordan. Thomas lived in Greenbrier. He married his first wife in Hartford Co., Md., the daughter of Mr. Davis, a Baptist preacher, by whom he had five children, two sons and three daughters, Davis and Alice, Nancy, Jane and Hannah. — the first, a better man never lived. He had three sons and one daughter, (Mamie). The sons are John, Augustus and Curtis, all with families. The daughter married Benj. Amos, of Fincastle, all respectable and doing well.

Thomas, he had a third wife. By the two first he raised families of respectability, some of them merchants; one of the sons, (Christopher), by his second wife, an eminent physician living in Lebanon, Russell Co., Va. Abba, the other son by his first wife, after visiting Virginia, returned to Va., hired his Grandfather's property, married there and raised a family. This writer was at his house in 1815 or 1816. His daughter, Jane and Hannah, married brothers, Robert and Samuel Withrow. The first, with her husband, are still living over ninety years old. The last one is a widow of advanced age. They both raised large families of sons and daughters, plain and unassuming, unassuming, but honest and industrious. Some of them deceased; some
of them went West, and but few remain in this country. Thomas
Alexander married a second wife, a Mrs. Smith, (maiden name Bank),
of Lile, who had three children, Lucinda, Thomas and Holly. The
first married a Howard, of Lile, stopped a year or two in Virginia,
and went to South Carolina, where his wife's family had settled from
Maryland. He left a son, Thomas, who married the writer's sister,
Billy, both deceased without issue. Thomas S. married this writer's
aunt Peggy, he lately deceased at eighty-two years of age, leaving
one son, George, who has a family, and a superannuated widow. Holly
returned to Maryland. By his second wife, Widow Smithson, he had a
family of six children, John, Curtis, James, Ruth, Frances and
Clementine. John and Curtis were sons of military tactics, (as well
of their father, who was under General Green in the South in the
Revolution). The First (John A.) was in the war of 1812 at Norfolk
as an officer, discharged his duty well, and received great credit.
Curtis was a man of sprightly parts, had a tact for military deception,
was a magistrate High Sheriff and Colonel Commander of the First
Regiment in Charleston; was well versed in General Scott's discipline;
displayed more sense in drilling his men than any other officer of
my acquaintance. He raised a family of sons and daughters, unassuming,
but good citizens, - James A., unassuming and retiring, and attended
to nothing but his farm. He raised a family by his first wife of
unassuming manners, but of good standing. He is advanced in years
and lives with a second wife without issue. The daughters married
and raised families of good standing; the two older deceased, the
youngest still living; - but, to return, Elder J. Alderson, decided
his sons George and Joseph, had other children,—John A., who had
three wives; by the two first he raised families of sons, Albert
and John by first, and daughters. Helinda married Calison; Louisa
married Aaron Bedman; Melinda to Jack Givan.) Polly
weds Andrew Ellis. By his second wife, Nancy Hayes, (widow with one
child), he had six children,—one son, George, now on the old
homestead doing well, and five daughters, Jane, Amanda, Catherine,
Elizabeth, Lucy, all married to good, honest farmers, doing well and
raising families. The daughters, Peggy and Jane, are living and
widow; the first, Peggy, is eighty-two years old, superannuated
by rheumatism; had one son, George Calison, who has raised an
instructive, well-doing family. Jane married William McClung; raised
a large family of sons and daughters. She is still living, a widow,
with her children, blessed with the consolation of raising them
to embrace the Christian religion by becoming members of the Baptist
Church, with herself. Some one of her sons or a grandson is an able
Baptist preacher.

The other four sons of the first John Alderson migrated to
the West; one of them was drowned in Pungo Branch River, a
young man. The other three, Simon, James and Benjamin, settled in
Tennessee and Kentucky at an early day; had families, as this writer
knows from sad experience. A son of one of them, I think James, came
to Virginia on a visit to his Uncle and friends; his left hand was
burned and became a fist; he could barely use a fork between his
thumb and fist; hence his father educated him well. He took up school
among the Aldersons. This writer went to his school at five years.
of age and felt his formula and birch, which he used liberally. He was called "Jack the Master." Benjamin, the youngest of the seven sons, was a Baptist preacher; lived in Kentucky, lost his wife there, and went with one of his sons to Indiana, an old man.

As to myself, I have nothing to say, only my loss by divine providence, in my family. My first wife, Jennette Creigh McClary, my school and class-mate under the tuition of Mr. McGahey, where we became attached, and eventually married. She was raised and educated by her Uncle, Thomas Creigh, of whom I must speak to perpetuate his memory for his kindness to this writer. Thomas Creigh had a brother, Judge John Creigh, who migrated from Ireland several years before him, settled in Frankfort, Va., became a wealthy merchant and Judge of the Court. Thomas, of whom I am speaking, came to his brother, Judge John Creigh, many years after, acted as Clerk and salesman. They both were Presbyterians. After assisting his brother for several years, he came to Fincaesl, Va. to his cousin, McClary, assisted him in his store for several years. By frugality and industry, he acquired funds sufficient to lay in a good stock of goods, in Philadelphia; bought his goods to Lewisburg; opened his store, the first in the place; perhaps a Jacob Shires was his competitor. He went twice a year, spring and fall, to market; never went in debt for his goods, and frequently brought money home with him. In this way he conducted his business in improving his estate, until he was advanced in years, when he married a Miss Williams, (Miss) niece to Col. Stuart, young, lovely and sprightly, by whom he had
six sons and four daughters. The first son died an infant; the
other five sons, John, David, Thomas, Lewis and Charles, were left
by their father good estates and well educated. John, honest, plain
and unassuming, with a family; David is a man of clear mind, decisive
in character, and at this time the presiding Magistrate of the Green-
brier Court, for which he is well qualified. Thomas, having graduated
and studied medicine, is now at the head of his profession; he is
bland and unassuming in his manner, well fitted for his profession.
Lewis, this writer knows less about, but enough to say he is amiable,
ettering, unassuming, and an honest man, lately married to a Miss
Dager, and attends well to his business. Charles graduated at Prince
william, studied law, and practiced first in Russell, Va., then went
to Texas, where he married; brought his wife once to Va., returned
to his practice. Although a little eccentric, is doing well in his
profession. T. Croghan's daughters were Sabina, Margaret, Jemima
and June, (Sabina named for her dead sister). The first married
Miss. Lewie, moved to Allensburg, Big Spring, Franklin Co., where she
died, leaving two daughters, Margaret and Rachel. One married a
man (Stuart), the other Miss. Arbecho, having been sent to their
grandfather's in Greenbrier, who educated them and raised them.
Margaret deceased young; Jemima, (called Jenny), married the Rev.
Dr. Preston, (Presbyterian preacher), who deceased, leaving her a
widow with a small family of children. Jane married Mr. G. Watson
Allcorn, of Albemarle, Va., and deceased some twelve months after.
Sabina married a Doctor Wood some time before, of the same County,
still living and raising a family. Thomas Croghan had two sisters.
who lived with him, Jennette and Jane, the first unmarried and assisted
him in his store; the other a widow, the mother of this writer's
first wife, and the other daughters, Sibby and Betsy, and one son,
E. G. McCurry - the first, Sibby married Samuel McDowell, who, assisted
by A. Burn of Monroe, opened a store in Russell, Va., where, by his
industry and honesty, he made a fine estate; but, thinking his capital
too large for his then situation, he settled with A. Burn and
divided Sixty Thousand Dollars. With this part, he purchased Twenty-
five Thousand Dollars worth of goods, forwarded them to Columbia,
on Duck River, Perry County, N. T., where this writer was in the
spring of 1813, and much pleased to see him so prosperous. But since
that time I learn that he engaged in cotton and steamboat speculation
and failed, owing to the rise and depression of price. However,
during his prosperity, he educated his family well and placed his
sons in prominent and profitable positions in society. Betsy had
two husbands, - by the first Eneas McLaughlen, who died in Richmond,
Va., by whom she had one son and several daughters, who are settled
well and raising families. The son, Mr. McLaughlen, is a lawyer
of some eminence, gets a good practice, by which, and other business,
he is acquiring a good property and is raising a respectable family.
Thos. G. McCurry married a Miss Su. of Randolph, Va.; settled first
in Nicholas; thence moved to Russell at the request of his Uncle
McCann, to settle up his interest in a store there; first he and
Thos. Alderson, his former Clerk, (son of Davis A.), was sent there
as a partner and successor to McDowell. He managed the business
well until his demise. When his brother, Joseph, (also a Clerk of
T. Craig, was sent to take charge of the concern, which he managed well until his demise, when it was that T. C. McClary took charge of the concern (I believe as partner); he settled up with the heirs of the two first parties (parties) and conducted the business successfully. He got this writer's son, Thomas C. McClary Alderson, to assist him as Clerk and salesman.

Getting somewhat tired of the confinement necessary to the business, he sold out to my son and Dr. Canam; bought a farm, lived on and cultivated it some years; sold that, (perhaps influenced by his wife), and moved to Kansas (Missouri), where his wife's father had previously settled from Randolph, Va. I learn he is acquiring a good estate and raising a respectable family.

Such is the family and relations of my first wife, Jennette Craig Alderson, for piety, affection and love in her family as wife and mother. More surprised her. She had fourteen children, seven of them now living. The sons are John, Marshall, (lately celebrated High Sheriff of Greenbrier, having acted as Deputy Sheriff in that County), Fayette, Nicholas, and Monroe.

Thos. Craig McClary Alderson is a merchant in Russell, of whom mention has been made. He is a member of the Baptist Church and fills some county offices.

Joseph Allen Alderson is a successful lawyer, lives in Nicholas takes some part in politics, (not as a Democrat), and now represents Nicholas, Braxton and Clay Counties in the Virginia Legislature. They are all raising families and I hope are discharging their paternal duties.

The daughters are Jane Craig married James Rainly, a distin-
guished Baptist preacher, and united herself with the Church before
her marriage. They moved to Iowa, and live in or near the City of
that name.

Mary Newman married Al. McClung, of Nicholas, an industrious,
well-doing farmer. They are both consistent members of the Baptist
Church.

Peggy City, (called Margaret), married William Acton (Anton)
of Russell, a successful lawyer, and at one time a representative
of the County in the Virginia Legislature. Margaret was a member
of the Baptist Church, but I learn went with her husband to the
M. E. Church, South.

Sarah Martha gave her father the slip and married William
Toll, of exceptional family on the father's side, went to Missouri,
where he conducts himself well, as I learn, acquiring
property and raising a family. This much as to my first family now
living. Those deceased were in infancy, all but two, John Newman
and Sabina.

The first John Newman deceased in his twentieth year,
having been prepared, and about to commence the study of medicine.

Sabina, in her fourteenth year, when her father was absent
and in Richmond.

The second marriage of this writer was to Eliza Ann, daughter
of Capt. Chas. Lewis Davis, of Amherst, Va., somewhat on the old male
list, (in her twenty-fifth year), and a connection of the Ellises
and Floyd. She has proven prolific, having had fourteen children,
five deceased in infancy. The nine living are three sons (minors)
and six daughters, two, Jeannette Craig and Rebecca White, grown and at home; Georgia Ann married to S. McClung, of Nicholas, a well-to-do farmer, and has one child. The other three daughters are Josephine Davis, Alice, Ellis, and Frances [with part of the name torn off]. The minor sons are George, Tommy, Clay, Overton, [with part of the name torn off] and Lewis, Newman. Thus it will be seen that up to this writing I have lost in my family an affectionate wife and twelve children, besides eight servants, three grown and five children. (Note: The names on the copy from which this is made are separated with dots or commas, just as I have written them here, so do not know how they should be divided.)

This is written not only to correct the Kanawha pieces written by E. R., in which he makes some of my family relations figure, but to leave to those coming after me a knowledge of their origin and from whence they came.

The name and descendants of the old Yorkshire Baptist Preacher, (John Alderson), may be met with in many of the States, from Maryland and Virginia to all the Western and South Western States and Western Territory.

The female descendants by marriage into the families of various names have extended the descendants to a very large number.

In conclusion, I will commemorate the memory of this writer's mother. She was Mary (called Polly) Newman, the daughter of Jonathan Newman, of Botetourt, Virginia, who was in the battle of Guilford. Tradition says, which this writer obtained as a youth from
some of the oldest of the family, that the first Newman migrated
to America with Sir Walter Braddock, with a friend of the name of
Lewis, at the first settlement of Virginia. Both raised families,
from whom descended all of the names of Lewis and Newman. The
first named, with a German of the name of Salling, were the two first
white men who ventured west of the Blue Ridge as pioneers. Lewis
located a large quantity of land in the Valley of Virginia; Salling
located in the Forks of James R_______ (the rest of this torn
off, but probably James River), the most fertile, exclusive and
delightful spot this writer has seen in Virginia, where the descents
(descendants) still live.

Lewis and Newman were said to be relations of S__________-
tor (where the blank is left torn off), whose history is well known.
From the fact that he was under sentence of the Court, unpopular,
基礎, parent (torn off), and could get none but his own
family to ship with him for the settlers of Virginia.

The question may be asked: why is it that your whole family
are Baptists? The answer is, admitting the influence of early precept
and example, that we believe that the primitive mode was baptism,
that our Saviour was immerged in the River of Jordan by John the
Baptist; that he has said that we should follow Him in love, and
the true meaning of the word, properly translated, means to wash, dip,
plunge or immerse.

August, 1860.  G. A.
Dear Mrs. Wilson,

Your recent letter to the Clerk of Greenbrier County, W. Va., along with the check, were handed me this morning while I came into the office.

The birth and death records of this county only go back to 1853. All other records date from 1885.

I am a genealogist and am familiar with all the early families of this region. The Reigh family was founded by Thomas Reigh, one of the earliest merchants in Lewisburg.

I shall go ahead and do all I can to find the information you ask for. I have asked the Clerk to hold your check until I see what I can do. If I do not find enough to justify that amount, we will return the check and you can pay me a smaller amount.

Please note my home address after my name.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Blanche Hanftreys
Rosenumre, W. Va., Route 2,