

Alston Family
Fairfield County, S. C.

John Alston

Born in Scotland, was a graduate of Glasgow University. Came to America some years before the Revolution, and settled on Cedar Creek in lower part of Fairfield County, S. C. Married Mary Boyd, a young Scotch girl who was rescued from ship wreck and brought to America on the vessel on which John Alston was a passenger.

John Alston's son James, married Frances Kirkland, daughter of Wm. Kirkland of Cedar Creek, Fairfield County, S. C. Same; Elizabeth Alston who married Dr. George Butler Pebrson; William John Alston, who married first, Marianne Brown of John's Island S. C. and second Susannah Pope Cook.

Kirkland Alston, son of William John Alston (Born 1832. Died 1842), and M. B. Alston.

James H. Alston, son of William John and M. B. Alston. Born 1813. D. 1829.

Marianne Brown Alston, wife of Wm. John Alston Born Oct. 24, 1811. Died March 13, 1849.

Other children of Wm. John and Marianne Alston were Marion and William Samuel Alston. William Samuel Alston married Edith Mathews of Charleston.

Col. Wm. John Alston and his 2nd wife Susannah Pope Cook, daughter of Philip Cook and Jemima Williamson had the following children: Fannie, Philip and Joseph Kirkland Alston born 11-6-1860

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Col William John Alston died in 1868
 Mrs Susannah Cook Alston (Mrs. W. J. Alston)
 died in 1870.

Alston
 Fairfield County, South Carolina

"Named in honor of the Alston family
 of Fairfield County, S. C.

The emigrant ancestor was John Alston
 born in Scotland, graduated at Glasgow
 University; came to America some years
 before the Revolutionary War. Was commissioned
 by King George III. as a surveyor; married
 Mary Boyd, a young Scotch girl, who was
 rescued from shipwreck and brought to
 America on the vessel on which John Alston
 was a passenger. The handsome brick
 house, their home was burned by Sherman's
 men in 1865. It stood forays by the tories
 of the Revolution, and there are stories of very
 rough treatment of the wife and children at
 their hands.

James, son of John Alston married
 Frances Kirkland whose family were prominent
 citizens of Fairfield County.

William John, the son of James
 and Susannah Cook Alston, were the
 parents of Joseph Kirkland Alston, who
 was born 11-6-1860, at the family home
 "Prospect Hill," near Monticello, S. C.
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seat of great hospitality and very considerable wealth.

That beautiful home and three other splendid houses (one being the beautiful colonial one) were among the numerous touches that lighted the way of Sherman's army on its march to the sea.

Joseph K. Alston then a child of four years in the arms of his nurse had a bullet fired by a Federal soldier pass through his hat, but he was unhurt.

William John Alston died July 4, 1868. Susanna Cook Alston, his wife, did not survive him many years. I was then that Joseph K., the only survivor of his family, passed most of his life of youth in schools. He graduated from the Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, as First Captain in 1852. When he was elected Colonel of the First South Carolina Volunteers, in the War with Spain, being "a straight-out of the straight-outs", the conferring of this unexpected and unsolicited honor by Governor William E. Ellerbe, was, in the words of the Editor of the Columbia State, "equal to a promotion on the field".

His regiment was appointed to go with Gen. Perrot to Cuba, but the political chicanery at Washington prevented the fulfillment of his dreams. A military man by training and instinct, he would have led his regiment proudly into battle, battle, but it was not to be — so a splendid, forceful magnetic personality passed at the early age of thirty-seven years from this sphere

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of action, from malignant malarial
jaundice, contracted in camp.

He married October 17, 1858, Miss Isabelle
Bratton McLaw of York, S. C.

Their only child Joseph K. Alston, Jr.
died in infancy, and thus the curtain
falls on the Alstons of Fairfield - with
only memory to forge the links of an
honorable past.