

This is a work in progress. It is just a recap of information I have found so far.

Nicholas Aldridge was born in either 1653 or 1656 in East Willow, Hampshire, England. His parents were Nicholas Aldridge (2) and Margaret Allred. He came to America before 1678.

He married Martha Besson in 1679. Martha was born in 1662 in Anne Arundel County, Maryland. Her parents were Thomas Besson and his second wife, Hester.

Nicholas is mentioned in the wills of Dr. Jilliam Jones as owing money to his estate listed November 28, 1678.

He bought land August 20, 1680, on the south side of the Magotty River. He still owned that land as late as 1709. Martha is mentioned in her father's will May 31, 1680.

Nicholas also bought land from William Swewick and Richard Beard in 1682. He seemed to own quite a bit of property. He also bought land from Lord Calvert of Calvert County, Maryland.

They had at least eight children: Thomas, Anne (my ancestor), Martha, John, Jane, Nicholas, William, and James. Their great-grandson, James S. Alridge, served as a Private in the Revolutionary War.

Nicholas died November 21, 1708, near the Severn River in Anne Arundel County, Maryland.

Martha died October 19, 1719, in Anne Arundel County, Maryland.

They are both buried in All Hallows Cemetery.

Both the Aldridge and Besson were founding families of this area of Maryland. There were many families in this area that are mentioned in each other's wills or listed in church records that may be related or have intermarried with each other. This deserves further study.