

### ON THIS DAY IN WEST VIRGINIA HISTORY SEPTEMBER 18



**Alderson Academy opened on September 18, 1901.**

**CSO: SS.8.24**

**Investigate the Document: (Ms83-23)**

1. According to the letter, Alderson Academy functioned under the backings of *what* church?
2. The letter states that the impression *they* had at Alderson Academy was \_\_\_\_\_

**Think Critically:** Alderson Academy and Broaddus College merged together due to economic issues stemming from the Great Depression in 1932. Explain the effects of the Great Depression and the lasting impact of New Deal programs on West Virginia.

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Seatsville  
(LOUISVILLE) KY., Aug. 18 1902

Prof. B. C. Alderson  
Alderson,  
W. Va.

Dear Bro.

My observations of Alderson Academy last June produced a very favorable impression. The conduct of the school, the local confidence and pride in it, the large patronage, its very important place in West Virginia Baptist education are grounds for hoping it may have a vigorous and growing life, with increasing support. I shall certainly rejoice in any financial aid you may be able to secure. That seems to me to be the

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only thing lacking to insure permanent success. I am not intimately acquainted with West Virginia's educational affairs, but have known somewhat of them for some years.

It is my definite belief that your academy is a necessity for meeting the demands of our Baptist people and it is greatly desirable that you have money immediately for the building and equipment so important for first class work in this generation.

If this letter can be of any help to you I shall be glad.

Respects to Miss A. and Very truly,  
W. O. Carver.  
other friends.