



Aldie Bicentennial 1810–2010

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MEDIA ALERT

Who

The Aldie Bicentennial Planning Group is a citizen driven planning and work team managing the announcement and celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the founding of Aldie. The Planning Group is: Virginia Carney, John Hutchison, Rosanna Smith, Steve Hines, Tucker and Maryann Withers,

What

During the course of 2010, Aldie will host a number of events calling attention to the founding of the Village in January 1810, by Charles Fenton Mercer. Mercer completed Aldie Mill between 1807 and 1809.

Where

These events will be held in conjunction with the Rt. 50 Treasures On The Turnpike Yard-Sale, the birthday celebration of Mr. Mercer and the Aldie Harvest Festival. All events are to be held in the village of Aldie.

More Information:

<http://www.villageofaldie.com/bicentennial/>

When

Saturday, May 22, 2010, Treasures on the Turnpike, national coast-to-coast event held along Rt. 50. 9 - 5
<http://www.route50.com/yardsale.html>

Sunday, May 23, 2010, Birthday celebration for Aldie's founder, Charles Fenton Mercer, to be held at Aldie Mill
Noon – 5 p.m.

<http://www.nvrpa.org/parks/aldiemill/index.php>

Saturday, October 16, 2010, Aldie Harvest Festival. 9 - 5

Why

The Bicentennial Planning Group would like to interest the media in covering these events. And, we would like to interest the media in doing longer, in-depth stories on the Village. In 1806, the Little River Turnpike Company opened 34 miles of 'paved' road from Alexandria to the banks of Little River. Aldie was established by an act of the Virginia legislature in 1810. Its founder, Charles Fenton Mercer, established the village on a 30 acre tract of land inherited from his grandfather. Mercer chose the name Aldie after his ancestral home in Scotland. Aldie was the home of President James Monroe, the village witnessed many important Civil War Battles, the Mill was the hub of the economic health of the community and, Aldie has remained virtually untouched by the rapid residential development experienced elsewhere in Loudoun County.

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