

The Dedmon Connection

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Editorial *Leroy's* **Lines**

Thanks for all the wonderful comments you have given concerning the "Dedmon Connection". I have been overwhelmed at the response. We have had several new contacts since the March issue went online

This is your newsletter and I want to publish your material. I especially appreciate the articles and pictures I have received for this issue. Be patient, if I don't get your information published this month, I will include it as soon as possible in the next issue.

You may submit articles concerning the Deadman and varied spellings of any "branch" of the tree. We will mention other "related" surnames as space permits. You can send them via email or snail mail.

GENEALOGIST?

Somewhere around 1991 I was visiting a friend of mine on Eaker (Blytheville, Arkansas) Air Force Base and he was talking about researching his family tree. He had a program and invited me to try it. It was interesting to see how his list was printed out and how many names he had in it. His research had started on his families side and then to his wife and others. I took the program, a shareware program, and installed it on my ultra-fast 8088 computer with a CD-ROM drive, 40 Meg hard drive and super fast Modem. First my name was entered and then my wife, my mom and pop and hers. From this start I was hooked for life.

I found old records in boxes that my mother, Jewell Inez Dedmon, had saved before her death. There were letters written to my grandfather, Major Dedmon, from his Uncle Esby W. Dedmond, and came from Columbus, North Carolina. These letters started around 1918, continued into the

20's, and were about a host of subjects. The other people that it referred to were what caught my eye. I can tell you that Esby was a very colorful character and was a successful business man.

The letters referred to other relatives and one I found out was a brother, James Roland Dedmond. He had a twin brother, Thomas Harvey Dedmond and Thomas Harvey is my great grandfather. I knew that Esby had helped bury James Roland in Salisbury, North Carolina in 1925. I had relatives on the East Coast of North Carolina and while traveling there I stopped at Salisbury and did some research at the local library and court house. The information there was fantastic and was told by several researchers that I should try to contact a Dr. Francis Dedmond. I had called several people, relatives, in the local area and no such luck. I finally sent a letter to a Von Baxter Hamrick and located Francis in Boone, North Carolina. Was he ever glad to hear from me.

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DEADMAN CEMETERY

Danny McBee

Our Deadman ancestors came down the Great Wagon Road and headed into the little town of Mocksville, North Carolina. More specifically the community in which they lived was and is still called Jerusalem. The Deadmans were all mostly farmers by trade. This little community of Mocksville was heavily laden with a German population which many of the Deadmans married into. These families included Grubbs, Clicks, and Sniders. The Deadmans stayed in Mocksville until the Revolutionary War when Mark Deadman (Dedmon) had opportunity to travel with the patriots to other counties and states. The Dedmons began another migration which led them to Georgia, Missouri, Arkansas, and California. Our ancestry is not one of greatness or wealth. Our ancestry is one of hard work, travail, patience, and perseverance. I have met many, many Dedmon(d)s and they all have something in common. They are hardworking, loving, and caring people. I, as I am sure you are, am happy to have Deadman ancestry.



Moving on to our Deadman Cemetery in Jerusalem, Davie County, North Carolina. My aunt Millie Dedmond told me how to get there back in 1965. Here are directions in case you ever get up this way. Come to Mocksville, N. C. on Highway 601. Go to the Lakeland Motel, opposite where Deadmon Road begins on Highway 601. Stay on Deadmon Road to dead end, then turn right about a half mile, then left on Cherry Road. The Cemetery is located

in a pasture high up on a hill above a creek. I have taken many pictures of the Cemetery and sent them to Leroy to put on his web-site for other Dedmon(d)s to view. Should anyone want a guide to the cemetery please let me know about a week in advance so I can get off work. I will be glad to help any Deadman researcher in any way. Your fellow Deadman cousin,

Danny A. McBee



GENEALOGIST?

by William Reid Stalcup
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Thomas Harvey Dedmond had married and moved from North Carolina shortly after the Civil War. Contact had been made somewhat but essentially most traces of him had disappeared. It was like a new page to a book had opened and we shared information. Another person, from James Roland Dedmond's side, located Francis and then me. This person, Danny McBee, a third cousin of mine.

More excitement and information passed. In June of 1996, my grandson and I, made a visit to Francis Dedmond, in Boone, NC and then to Danny McBee, in Gastonia, NC. I thoroughly enjoyed the visit with these fine people and their families. I know the true meaning of family now. We are all related from somewhere in the past. Its just finding those roots and where they started growing and how they branched. If I could do something or change something in my past it would be listening to my grandparents or parents more and being more considerate of others. Doing research into my past and the past of others have made me more of a complete person and I only regret not having started sooner.

Leroy, I recently received a letter from Wanda Colvin who is also a descendent of Christopher Deadman. In 1995 she went to England on a genealogy tour and was able to find a record for a Christopher Dedman in Suffolk County who married a Ann Marten. The info is as follows:

Christopher Dedman Born ca 1620 At Babergh, Neilond, Suffolk Co., Eng. Married July 27, 1640 At Clare Parish, Suffolk Co., Eng. To Ann Marten

This is exciting news for me and it may get us a little closer to making the connection we seek. Now I know where Christopher Deadman came from.

Marianne Ryan (marianneryan@juno.com)

Leroy Talk about getting confused! You are right James was the father of JesseDedman. I just talked to my Mother in Montana and that is what she said- she put together some family history and that was not in there, of course she wrote it in 1980. Her search for family has spanned almost 30 years now. We didn't know about Mark being the brother of James. I guess I should look at your homepage again. I told Mom that I believe there is a resemblance between your family and my Dad, my husband even thinks so. Funny I looked at your page a long time ago and didn't think there was a connection but now I am sure of it. Please keep in touch. --

Hazel (Dedman) Conway
(<http://home.inreach.com/hazzie01/index.htm>)

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Since this is an on-line version it is free to all. Feel free to print it out if you wish to keep it. Later, if we decide to publish a mail-out version, we would only expect to charge for the cost to print and mailing. You may need to adjust your printer margin settings to make it print correctly.. If you have any problems, please let me know.

--Leroy

In the Mailbag



To: minister@mindspring.com

Subject: Deadmond Family

I'm researching the Deadmond family and wonder if they might be connected with your Deadmond family. Thomas Deadmond b 3/22/1784 in either NC or VA - parents unknown - m 6/1/1809 Elizabeth Milliron in Bedford Co., VA. They were known to have lived in Bedford Co., VA, Orange Co., NC, and Middle Tennessee; before migrating to Marion Co., IL in 1827. From Marion Co., IL, some of the Deadmond's migrated to OR in the 1860's, but many are still there. I have quite a bit of information on the descendants of Thomas & Elizabeth, but have been unable to find the parents of Thomas. Does this connect with your family?
...Kathy (katande@aol.com)

Dear Leroy, Congrats on the interesting homepage and thanks for your previous e-mail informing of its existence. Its about the only thing I haven't searched for on the net. I understand that Dedman originates from Debenham in Suffolk not Dedenham, perhaps this was just a web typo? Or is/was there a Dedenham as well? I seem to remember some reference to a Dedenham Mill in a painting by Constable? However, modern maps of the area don't show such a place. It certainly would be easier to corrupt than Debenham. The name is fairly uncommon here, and there seems to be more Deadmans than Dedmans/mons in the various phone directories. Some years ago someone told me the name had a French origin because of the 'De' at the beginning. I think this probably stemmed from people with the surname of Death who often write it, here, as De'ath and pronounce it de-arth. All the best for now.. Rob Dedman (UK)
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From the Mail Bag

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To: minister@mindspring.com
Subject: DEDMON FAMILY

I received your e-mail this morning and was very interested and impressed with your web site. In January of this year I received an e-mail from a Mr. McBee requesting information on my "branch", of the Dedmon Family Tree. If you have further information on my lineage, I would appreciate having it. The following is the information I sent to Mr. McBee: The earliest records we have are as follows:

CHRISTOPHER DEADMAN - Date and place of birth unknown. Died in 1679 in York County, Virginia. Early records in Virginia show he was arrested to answer suit of George Ludlowe, Esq. and attended court, but there was no prosecution against him. (Northumberland County Records 1648) He had one child PHILIP DEDMAN (Who changed spelling of last name). Date and place of birth unknown. Philip had seven children: PHILIP II, MARTHA, NAME UNKNOWN, MARY, ANN, ELIZABETH, LIVONNA - All born in York County, Virginia. These children were named in Philip's will 1718-1721. Third Generation: PHILIP DEDMAN, Date of birth not known, Died in 1770 Yorkhampton Parish, York County, VA, PHILLIP II had 6 children. (Order of birth not known) SUSANNAH, PHILLIP, SAMUEL, Born 1750, ELIZABETH EASTER (She was single at the time of her Mother's death and was mentioned in her Mother's will), MATTHEEW LANSTON , Died in 1741.

I have a copy of a 1850 Census from Hickman County, Tennessee: (I have no idea if this is even our family, but thought it was interesting).

House No. 235. Household of Jonathan T. Hale, Cabinetmaker. John T. Dedman, Age 29, Male, Born in Virginia - Farmer. John H. Dedman, Age 50, Male, Born in Virginia - Farmer. Ann Dedmon, Age 24, Female, Born in Virginia. Elizabeth Dedman, Age 14, Female, Born in Tennessee Mary Dedman, Age 10, Female, Born in Tennessee. Virginia Dedman, Age 9, Female, Born in Tennessee. Vanburen Dedman, Age 8, Male, Born in Tennessee. Sarah Dedman, Age 2, Female, Born in Tennessee. Amanda Dedman, Age 1, Female, Born in Tennessee. Casander Dedman, Age 1, Female, Born in Tennessee.

NOTE: Apparently the last two are twins and I wonder if Casander was actually spelled Cassandra. Also wonder about the John T. Dedman, if he could be my Grandfather, John H. Dedman's father, and the John H. Dedman his grandfather? I think John must be a family name. This census would have been about 5 years before my Grandfather, John Henry Dedmon was born. Apparently the spelling of the last name was changed again sometime after this census. First spelling: Deadman, Second spelling: Dedman, Third and current spelling: Dedmon.

MY GRANDFATHER: John Henry Dedmon - Born 1855 in Alabama. Deceased March 9, 1940. Married Bethilda Minerva White who deceased in 1929. They were living in Alabama when they married and lived there until they had several children. Some of their children were born in Texas when they moved there in the late 1800's. Sometime in the early 1900's they moved to New Mexico where they filed on some land. They lived there a few years, then moved to Oklahoma where they lived the rest of their lives. Seven children were born to this union: EDWIN, WILLIAM (Born 1879 died 1960), MINNIE, MARTHA, JOHN (Born 1888 Died 1931), FANNIE, AND STIRLING (Born 1805 - Died 1980). The youngest child, Stirling was my Father. I do have a record of who each of these children married and the names of their children if you need them. I hope this will help you. I would appreciate any information that you feel would help me in my research. Thank you, Bob G. Dedmon (dedmon@pan-tex.net)



From the Mail Bag

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Hi Leroy, Sorry it has taken me so long to get back with you but I had some problems with my computer. Here's a little information on my side of the family. I can mail what I have later if you like. Father's name: Carl Lee Dedmon DOB Sept 22, 1899 DOD: April 4, 1979 Born Chattanooga, Hamilton County, Tennessee. DOM: Sept 25, 1926 to my mother Florence Bernice Pennington. They were later divorced. Carl's father was Thomas Crawford Dedmon Mother was Ellen Jones DOM August 24, 1891 Siblings: Ira Dedmon, Deloris Dedmon, Carl Lee Dedmon, Harry Dedmon, Aldum Dedmon, Samuel Dedmon. Carl and Bernice Children: Dwight Leeland Dedmon DOB: Dec 21, 1927 DOD: Dec 25, 1994 Theda Louise Dedmon DOB: Dec 24, 1929 Dwayne Ronald Dedmon DOB: Feb 14, 1932 Byron Hershel Dedmon DOB: Mar 1, 1935 Edwin Earl Dedmon DOB: Mar 2, 1938 If you would like what information on my brother's and sister and their family just let me know. I will be more than happy to offer what information I have. Reviewed your home page and was quite impressed. Very informative and quite interesting. Really enjoyed visiting your home page and will continue to visit.

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Leroy, You may not have received my initial response to your e-mail. My system indicated it was not delivered. I am resending the e-mail. My family is descended from John Dedman of Mecklenburg County, Virginia, born 1776; William Howard Dedman, born 1803; James Monroe Dedman, born 1826; Joseph Marcus Dedman, born 1868, Selma, Alabama; James Monroe Dedman, born 1893, Red Boiling Springs, Tennessee; James Monroe Dedman, Jr. (my father) born 1917, Columbia, Tennessee. I have one brother, James M. Dedman, III. I am new to genealogy. My brother is the expert on our family history. He has been researching the family for over ten years. He may have contacted your website in the past. His address is dedman@worldnet.att.net. Do we have common ancestors? Susan (spirweis@concentric.net)

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