

The Dedmon Connection

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I never would have thought that over 2,000 visitors would visit my home page. That could well represent 4,000 actual "hits". When you revisit the page within a short time period, you are not recounted. Don't ask me

why, that's just the way it is. A special thank you is extended to Jana and Ruth Richard for their assistance with this newsletter. I have asked them to proof each issue and also check it for appearance and printing. Let's work hard to find as many of our family members as possible. Contact that aunt or uncle that did the "Family" several years ago and put it in the trunk. Have them dig it out and send it to you. Also, look over my Guest Book and see if you know some of those who have visited. Just go to the main menu and click on view guest book. While you are there, leave me a message..

We need to update all our current records. Send in all the announcements of marriages and births. It is quite an effort to keep up with the changes to our family. Don't just assume that we know about it. To make an effort like this a success it takes us all. This project is getting "bigger than both of us" and I need your help. So far I have not needed any financial support and don't foresee needing any in the future.

Call grandmother, or someone in the family and ask, "what is that story you used to tell us about our ancestors that we all laughed about when we were kids". Write it down and send it in for publication. We need your stories. You can send them via email to: (gldedmon@alltel.net or snail mail @ 497 Dickson Rd., Ringgold, GA 30736.

Please print this newsletter and mail to your "non-computer" family members. Encourage them to send material to be included. Presently we have no mail list as we depend on you to send to those in your own family. However, we will mail to those who request it. Also, pass the word to your "on-line" family that the June-July Issue is now ready. (Since I am so late getting this issue out, I will not publish another until August)

WHY NORTH GEORGIA RESIDENTS MIGRATED TO SCOTT COUNTY ARKANSAS

Submitted by Ruth Dedmon Richard (JannaBSU@aol.com)

Excerpts from History of Scott Co. (The Early Years)

When you are asked to write an article on a subject of which you have no first hand knowledge where do you begin. Well my inclination was to head for the local library so that's just what I did, so here goes. Scott County is located in the Ouachita Mountain range in western Arkansas. It was formed into a county on November 5, 1833, three years before Arkansas became a state on June 15, 1836. A few pioneers had come to the area as early as 1830.

In 1860, a year before the Civil War broke out, records show there were only 10 public schools in the county and a few Doctors and Lawyers. Schools were first held in homes until the community leaders felt it was time to build a building . They built a multipurpose dwelling which was used during the week by a teacher trying to impart the 3R's to a room full of wiggly children. On Sunday a local minister would preach the Gospel to group of weary , yet hopeful people seeking a spiritual uplift for the coming week. A few of these buildings still stand in some remote little communities.

Many of the Dedmons came to Scott Co. sometime before 1870. Mark Edmon (Dedmon) is listed in the 1870 federal census in the home of David Beaty and his family. Mark is 18 years old and was born in Georgia. In this same census we find a John J. Dedmon who is 25 and is also listed as being from Ga. My line of Dedmons came to Scott Co. in 1879 when James Thomas Dedmon brought his wife Susannah and their four sons and three daughters by boat and train from Ringgold, Ga. They settled in the little farming community of Haw Creek just southwest of Waldron. James and Susannah were my great grandparents.

The county is now 164 years old and its area is approximately 500 square miles; it is made up of mountains, hills, and valleys lying parallel east and west. The Ouachita mountains lie south of the Arkansas River and the Ozark mountains rise north of the Ark. River. The county is drained from east to west by the Poteau River and its tributaries, some of them are Blackfork, Jones Creek, Cross Creek, and many others which head up in the mountains and flow to the Poteau opening up fertile valleys varying in width. The historic Poteau flows to the Arkansas River and empties at Fort Smith. In the eastern lay of Scott Co. there is a dividing point and east of this line the drainage flow is eastward into the great Fourche LaFave, and it is carried on to the Arkansas.

Besides the rich valleys the mountains have supplied one of the greatest wealth of pine and hardwood lumber of any county in Ar.. A few clear running springs of water are to be found for domestic users, but farmers have to dig an open well ,20-30 feet deep, to find an abundance of soft, clear, healthy, everlasting water. The mountains have furnished great pasturage for stock. Besides the native grass there is a wild pea vine known to grow in the mountains which bear an abundant crop of peas upon which the cattle would fatten. The large white oak, post oak, and other acorn bearing trees would furnish much food for hogs, especially in the pioneer days. The woods and mountains abounded with wild game: deer, bear, and turkeys. The clear mountain streams were alive with a variety of fresh water fish. In the summer the hills and mountains produce wonderful crops of huckleberries and wild grapes. In fact, it was compared to the Garden of Eden without the forbidden fruits; snakes yes, they were in abundance as men of that day reported killing rattlesnakes 5, 6, and even 7 feet long. Predator wild animals such as wolves, bears, and panthers wreaked havoc on farmers domestic animals. There was no corral or out building secure enough to protect these animals when the wild beasts were hungry.

So, how did the word of this Land of Promise spread to the far off land of Georgia? Perhaps some men saw this county as soldiers escorting the Indians to their new home in Oklahoma Territory. Some just longed for good, cheap land which was offered by the Federal Government thru their enactment of the Homestead Act. Others had an adventuresome spirit like Daniel Boone. Whatever the motivation, these pioneer people came. It seems they had the hope and belief that honest character, strong backs, and a good work ethic was all that was needed for success. Also, the practice of neighbor helping neighbor was a great asset to these early settlers. If they hoped to escape the bushwhackers and night riders by leaving the scorched land and high taxation they were sadly mistaken as the west had evil men and women such as; Frank and Jesse James, Belle Starr and her notorious gang, and the Younger Brothers. But still they came!

MY OWN GRANDPA

This article brought back memories from the 50's

Many years ago when I was twenty three,
I married a widow who was pretty as could be.

This widow had a grown-up daughter
Who had hair of red.

My father fell in love with her,
And soon the two were wed.

This made my dad my son-in-law
And changed my very life.

My daughter was my mother,
For she was my father's wife.

To complicate the matters worse,
Although it brought me joy.

I soon became the father
Of a bouncing baby boy.

My little baby then became
A brother-in-law to dad.

And so became my uncle,
Though it made me very sad.

For if he was my uncle,

Then that also made him brother
To the widow's grown-up daughter
Who, of course, was my step-mother.

Father's wife then had a son,
Who kept them on the run.

And he became my grandson,
For he was my daughter's son.

My wife is now my mother's mother
And it makes me blue.

Because, although she is my wife,
She's my grandma too.

If my wife is my grandmother,
Then I am her grandchild.

And every time I think of it,
It simply drives me wild.

For now I have become
The strangest case you ever saw.
As the husband of my grandmother,
I am my own grandpa.

In the Mailbag



To: minister@mindspring.com

Subject: Deadman/Dedmon

Leroy: Thanks so much for responding to me! That would be great if you could send me anything, I'm sure msword will be fine. About my family: I don't know very much, but...my dad's name is Armon Jacques Dedmon. He was born to A.J. Dedmon and Sarah Alice Harris. A.J.'s father was Will Dedmon, and I believe Will's father was Henry Dedmon. Will's wife was called "Lill" possibly short for Lily. A.J. had several brothers, Rayburn, Jess, Bill, and a set of twins Wesley and Leslie. Rayburn had two children Ira and Dean. All of these people were to my knowledge from Oklahoma. My dad was born in Elk City Oklahoma and raised near Coffeyville. That's about all I know. Incidentally, it's rumored that through Sarah Alice's side, we're related to the Younger Brothers, the outlaw gang that ran with Jesse and Frank James. It's not much to work with but any info is appreciated! Thank You, Adam Dedmon (dedmon@scs.unr.edu)

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Leroy,

Thanks for the e-mail. I did not know there was a Dedmon family home page. Yes, I have geneology information . I have always been interested in my family history. My great-grandfather was Albert P. Dedmon Sr. My father is Richard A. Dedmon. Are you working on some kind of project? I can give you more info. if you're interested. Are you looking for any specifics? -- Laine Dedmon

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A fellow Georgian here! I would like to know the name of the parents of Katherine Dedman b. ca 1628 England? who married Robert Taliaferro. this is my husbands line. Thanks for anything you can share on Katherine and her family. ---Clare

WILLIAM BRIAN DEDMON AND CYNTHIA YVONNE O'BRYANT ARE MARRIED IN RINGGOLD, GA



(L-R) OMEGIA SUMNERS, AGNES AND COY PEEK, CINDY O'BRYANT AND BRIAN DEDMON, RUBY AND GORDON DEDMON.

William Brian Dedmon and Cynthia Yvonne O'Bryant were married on July 11, 1998 in Ringgold, GA. The wedding was performed by the father of the groom, Joseph William (Bill) Dedmon. Bill is the brother of Leroy and a Gospel Preacher for the church of Christ. Pictured above is the bride and groom with their grandparents. Brian is a dispatcher with the Georgia Highway Patrol and also is a volunteer fireman with the Catoosa County fire department. He has attained the rank of captain and serves on the board of directors. Cindy is employed with Price Ringgold Drug Company. Brian is the son of Bill and Connie Dedmon and Cindy is the daughter of Shirley Gibson. The couple will reside in Ringgold, GA

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--Leroy

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