

# *The Dedmon Connection*

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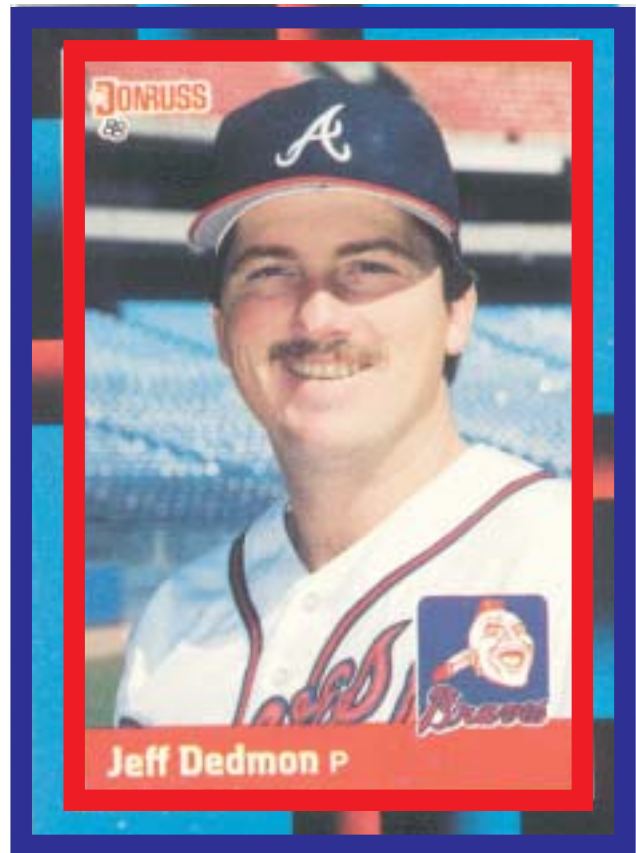


**Leroy Dedmon**

**I can't believe March is almost gone and here I am trying to publish the February issue of the Connection. Time is a precious commodity and once it is gone, it cannot be recalled. I believe it was Thomas Edison who said, "If you want yesterday to be pleasant, then make today pleasant, for tomorrow, today will be yesterday"..... Of course, family researchers and genealogists already know, you cannot change yesterday. We are what we were!! LOL.. Someone asked the other day, "Do we have anyone famous in our family?" .... I replied, "you mean besides the bootleggers and horse thieves?" Well it's not that bad!!!!**

## **JEFF DEDMON**

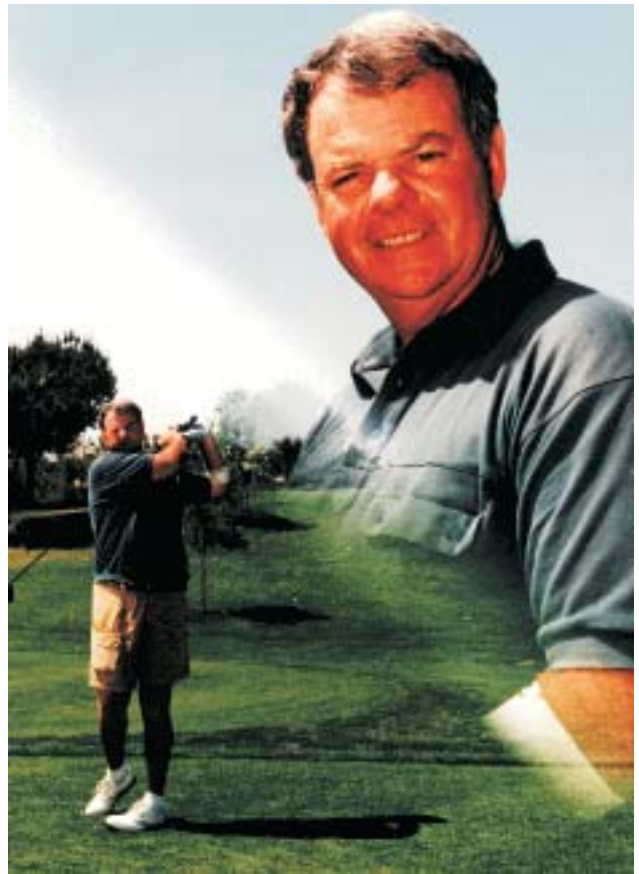
Some time in the late '70's or early '80's while my son (Gary) was working for the Nashville Sounds, a minor league baseball team, he met Jeff Dedmon. Jeff, later played for the Atlanta Braves and the Cleveland Indians. Neither Gary nor Jeff knew enough about the Dedmon family to discover any kinship. From the time Gary met Jeff till now I wondered how he “fit” in the family tree. During the years he was with Atlanta, I kept thinking I would be able to meet him. Recently I heard from Jeff's sister, so finally I was able to find the “limb” that Jeff connects to on the tree. Welcome to the family Jeff!!



**JEFF DEDMON WAS A RELIEF PITCHER FOR THE ATLANTA BRAVES FROM 1983-1987 PRIOR TO BEING TRADED TO THE CLEVELAND INDIANS.**

I can't thank Jim Dedmon enough for the encouragement and help he has given me on the "Family Research Project". When I first decided to research the family, I searched on the name Dedmon, bringing up several hundred references. One of those was a Mary Dedmon, who had carried the Olympic Torch in Idaho. She was connected with a school and had no email listed with the article. I wanted to include the article in my book for my grandchildren so I e-mailed the school asking them to put me in touch with Mary. In a few days I received email from a Marye Dedmon in Tampa, Florida. She was not the Mary I had contacted and to this day we do not know how my email was sent to her. However, she has a brother-in-law, Harrison Dedmond, who lives in California and she sent my inquiry to him. Harrison, being acquainted with Jim, sent it on to him. Then I received a phone call from Jim. This was very exciting to me. We discovered that my gg-grandfather, William D. Dedmon, was Jim's ggg-grandfather. He said, "I can take you all the way back to England in 1595". My heart was racing as I begin to listen to Jim tell stories of our ancestors (you would have thought he had just finished breakfast with them). He sent me tons of material and got me started on the project. He then encouraged me to develop the web page and also urged me to have the Family Reunion a couple of years ago....

## JIM DEDMON



**THANKS JIM, YOU ARE APPRECIATED....**  
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Thanks to Bill Stallcup for the identification of the picture below that was published in the last issue of the Dedmon Connection.



**LOWER LEFT: MARSHALL OWENS DEDMON, LOWER RIGHT: HENRY BAXTER DEDMON, UPPER LEFT: JAMES HOLSHOUSER, UPPER RIGHT: JESSE DEDMON.**

**And speaking of Bill Stalcup.....**



**HERE HE IS (THE ONE IN THE MIDDLE) WITH GUSSIE AND AGNESS DEDMOND. BILL IS THE SON OF JEWELL INEZ DEDMON AND THE GRANDSON OF MAJOR FLORENCE DEDMON. GUSSIE AND AGNESS ARE THE DAUGHTERS OF WILLIAM HALEY DEDMON**

## DANNY McBEE

*Another very helpful researcher in the Dedmon family is Danny McBee of Gastonia, NC. Jim Dedmon gave me Danny's name and I called him. I could hear the excitement in Danny's voice as we talked. I know now why as he gets excited when he meets another family member.. Read the article in the next column he sent me a couple of days ago. Danny is very unselfish and willing to share his work with anyone... All you have to do is ask..*

### ALWAYS ASK FOR IDENTIFICATION

Have you ever been standing beside a stranger and wonder if you are related to them. Today, as I was working at my job at SAM'S Club as Front End Area Manager, I had the opportunity to replace a cashier when she went to take a break. A member gave me his SAM'S Club membership card so I could check him out. I looked at the card and noticed the last name HAMRICK. I asked him if he was related to the Shelby, North Carolina Hamrick family. He said yes he was and that he was from Shelby himself. I told him my family married into the Hamrick family. I said my mother was a Dedmond. He said my grandmother was a Dedmond. He said she came from Davie County, North Carolina. I said my mother was born and raised in Davie County and Rowan County, North Carolina. He said my grandmother's name was Elizabeth Dedmond. I just about jumped two feet in the air. I said my great grandfather's sister's name was Margaret Elizabeth "Betty" Dedmond Hamrick. He said that was my grandmother. I was SOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO excited. How often do we look for relatives and never find them? Here I found one in my lane at SAM'S Club in my hometown of Gastonia, North Carolina. I am going to be talking with Preston Hamrick in the next few days to see if I can't find more information on our Dedmond family. Never give up when looking for ancestors, cousins, or descendants. They may be behind you in the grocery line, sitting next to you in the theater, walking beside you at the walking track. My genealogy motto is from the Bible: Seek and Ye shall find. We find our ancestors, cousins, and relatives "ONE AT A TIME" .....

Today I found ONE, Manning Preston Hamrick....  
by Danny A. McBee (mcbee49@aol.com)



## From the Mail Bag

Hello. My name name is Melissa Dedmon-Zaleski and I am a descendent of Basil Elmer Dedmon and Mary Lucina Jackson. They were my great-grandparents. I sent you an e-mail before and hadn't heard back so I thought maybe you didn't receive it. I was thrilled to find you web page and our connection. You have Basil Elmer and Mary's children listed as only Shirley Ann, however, they also had 3 boys. My grandfather is the oldest, Robert Earl and then Charles Benjamin (deceased) and Frederick Roger. I am just getting started with our side of the family, and my Aunt is getting a lot of names and information together for me. She lives in Georgia (near Atlanta) and said she was going to call you, so you may have heard from her by now. Her name is Karen Kelly. I would love to hear from you and would be glad to give you any information about our side of the Dedmon family that I can. We are in Albemarle, NC (Stanly County) now but are originally from Jacksonville, Florida. When we first moved up (2 years ago) I thought we were outsiders, but I was glad to find out that I couldn't have been farther from the truth! I plan to go to the Dedmon cemetery at the fork of the Yadkin River soon. My grandfather and I are really enjoying this! Well, I look forward to hearing from you. Take Care,  
Melissa Dedmon-Zaleski (MKZaleski1@aol.com)

Dear Leroy, Yes....Robert Ross and Eula Myers Steele were my parents. I am married to Doris Dedmon Steele whose late Father was A.V. Dedmon of Shelby. Doris' Mom, Lizzie Lee is still living in Shelby. I tried to download your file that was listed on the web-site but didn't have the right kind of equipment. I have a MAC with Netscape. Doris is interested in knowing how you are linked to the Dedmons in Shelby. Looking forward to staying in touch.  
Dale Steele (revdos@new-vista1.com)



## In the Mailbag

To Dedmon's We are also part of the Dedmon family. Unfortunately we do not have many branches on our tree! We only have a few family names available. Drury Dedmon Ernest Ralph Dedmon Sr. --McCallister, Oklahoma Ernest Ralph Dedmon Jr. --Kansas City, Missouri--Born August 4, 1925 --- Jeffrey Linden Dedmon --Torrance, California --Born March 4, 1960 I am just beginning to do a search and am using the Mormon Family History Center as a start for our search. Any information as to the origin of the name would be interesting. I do have a list of Ernest Dedmon's immediate relatives and their families if you would have any use for them.

Karen Dedmon Fliss  
Fullerton, California  
(BuffNCatMa@aol.com)

Hi...my name is Brenda Gail McSwain Ford...I am a granddaughter of Augustus Clee Dedmon and Cornie Vashie Wellmon Dedmon.. My mother is their first daughter..Essie Mozelle Dedmon McSwain. Please correct my year of birth in your records...as you currently list it as 1945...the correct year is 1950...(don't want to be any older than I already am)...My daughter, Susan F. Moss, contacted you earlier and we are planning to give you more updated information as soon as we can finish compiling the data.. My uncle (Leroy Pinkney Dedmon), first son of my grandparents listed above, was working on information when he suddenly died last summer. Hope we can get everything done and sent to you very soon. Thanks again for changing my year of birth.

Sincerely, Gail M. Ford  
(GFord69789@aol.com)

I really appreciate all your work on the Dedman family -- I assume that you collected all this genealogy data. If you did, I noticed a few minor errors on my branch. James Monroe Dedman, Jr. married Elizabeth Akin not Akins. Actually, her real name was Frances but she preferred Elizabeth. Children of James Monroe Dedman III include Bertram Chambers Dedman as younger brother of James Monroe Dedman IV. Spouse of James M. III is Patricia but is spelled Patrica in the records. Wife of James Monroe Dedman was Bessie Bill daughter of Selma, AL merchant Wells Bill. The father's name isn't included. James Monroe Dedman was field commander of 20th Alabama Infantry Regiment and was ultimately promoted to General in CSA before the troops were surrendered in North Carolina. You have a great site. Our branch (James M. III, Patricia, and younger son, Bert), have lived in Columbia, SC, for a little over a year now. Older son, James M. IV, will be entering Baylor University Law School later this year. He is still currently in Austin, Texas, pending the move to Waco.

Jim (jim.dedman@ndaa-apri.org)

***Note: This letter was originally sent to Danny McBee and he forwarded it to me:***

I am a Dedmon descendant; that was my mom's maiden name. Her family was from the Lincoln and Cleveland County areas of NC. Her father was Martin Luther Dedmon, son of Rufus Yancey Dedmon, son of Hezekiah Dedmon, Sr., son of Jesse D. Dedmon, son of Thomas Dedmon IV, son of Mark Dedmon, son of Thomas Dedmon III, son of Thomas Deadman Jr., son of Thomas Deadman, son of John Deadmon, Jr....(you get the picture!) Speaking of pictures, I have one of R. Y. Dedmon and family when the kids were small. If you want to swap info, I'm willing and ready! Don't you have some sort of book at the Gaston County library? I go there a couple times a week at lunch and think I've seen your name on a notebook there but haven't had a chance to look it over to see if you have me in it! ..

Randy Hovis (hovis@w3link.com)

Thank you for your email, and we found your email address on your website. We can trace back three generations of the Deadman family, which are my grand father, my great grandfather and great great grand father who all lived or still live in Bromham which is 4km from where we live. Apart from that we do not know much else about our family history or tree. We at first thought that are name originated from Brittany in France, but thanks to the world wide web and email we have now discovered that the Deadman surname originates from the county of Suffolk and it was formed from Debenhams. Over here in England, Deadman is an unusual name, and in this local area we are the only Deadman family. It is nice to hear from some one else who has got the same surname as us. So we are not alone! It has been a pleasure browsing through your web site, and here is some information about us. David, my dad he is the one that started looking for information on the Deadman family. To try and settle and arguement with my grand father about the origin of our name. HE works in the local tyre factory - Cooper Avon Teresa, my mum she does not understand the world wide web that much and is very interested about the information which we are finding out about the family history. Ceri, that is me the one typing this email. I am going to help my dad in the future compile our family tree. And hopefully with the information which we get from the world wide web it will be in the near not distant future. Geraint, my brother the youngest member of the Deadman family, is at the moment not interested in our family tree. But give him time!! Kind regards David, Teresa, Ceri and Geraint <Deadman@talk21.com> Hope that we can stay in touch and exchange family history.

*Editors Note: We rarely hear from our family still in England. Our heritage has many stories of our ancestors being from Holland, Germany and Ireland. In fact, I grew up thinking my ancestors were Dutch and German. All research shows England to be our homeland. However, I have never discounted the fact that we could have gone to England from those other countries. Religious history reveals an exodus from Holland and Germany to England during the Reformation Era.*

Hello, thanks for responding. The four generations that I know

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are:Garried Austin Dedmon, Wright Co, Mo., his father Austin Elmer Dedmon, (dec.), his father William Asbury Newton Dedmon, his father was Hartwell P Dedmon, and his father was Seneca K Dedmon, and that is as far back as I know. We were searching for Hartwell P Dedmon's wife who was Amy Adaline Butler Dedmon who was the daughter of Neely and Amy Arina Ozier Butler. She was born in around 1864 in Arkansas. They later moved to Mo. Would like to know where she is buried? Thanks, Beth <Bb7157@aol.com>

Hello Leroy, I have some info, I hope it helps. I have boxes of notes that my great aunt had written while she was bedridden, and some of it is hard to read. But I found a note that maybe between us and others we can figure out. She has that Seneca's mother was Mary Frulund, now it could be spelled Frulund, Frielund, Freeland, Frieland?? Something like that. My dad let me borrow the notes and so I am digging away. She died 2-27-1842. She did not know Mary's husbands name. I have a pretty good picture taken off tintype of Seneca and Beady, I will be sending you. Also, Sunday was a pretty day and my dad felt like going for a drive , so we went to the Newton School cemetery in Wright Co, and we found Seneca and Beady's graves. I found it interesting that on his tombstone his name was spelled Sinnaca with no initial? These notes were made by Amy Ellen Dedmon Cauble, who was my grandpa's sister. I hope this helps in the search....Talk to you later, have a great evening! Beth <Bb7157@aol.com>

Dear Lee, Your family trees for Dedmon/Dedman/Deadman show Jo Ann Dedman marrying Victor Dickason, but no birth dates, death dates are listed. Can you tell me when either of them was born/died, or where/when married? Thank you, Donald G. Dickason (Dickason31@aol.com)



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There are several family sites with Dedmon connections located at <http://myfamily.com>. If you would like to join one of the existing sites you may contact one of the following: <tdedmon@alltel.net">Tommy Dedmon administrator of **Dedmon Family Home Page** <mlbrunson@aol.com> Lynn Brunson administrator of **Bullock Family History** <Dr\_Dedmon@hotmail.com>Floyd Dedmon administrator of **The Floyd E. Dedmon Family Tree** or you may create your own page.

### Sign Up for Planetall



Make a visit to [Planetall.com](http://Planetall.com) and join the Dedmon Family Group. This is an excellent way to build your contacts with the family. Be sure to leave a message for the group. Thanks

## Download instant messenger

One of the best ways to communicate with our "on-line" family is with the instant messenger. (AIM) America On-line subscribers are very familiar with this aspect of "talking" on the net. With instant messenger you can send real time messages to any AOL member and all others who have downloaded and installed the FREE software. Do it right now and send me your screen name. If you are already on AOL or have AIM, you also need to send your screen name. The limitation of AIM is that you can only "talk" one on one, while AOL members are able to participate in private group chats. In the near future I hope to establish an internet chat room for our use.

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--Leroy

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