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Leroy's Lines



Leroy Dedmon
(Editor)

I can't believe we are already into August... If the adage, "Time flies when you are having fun" is true, then I must be having a blast!!!! Well, it finally happened.... I turned the big 60 in June!!! ... I know, I don't look it and it is hard for you to believe, but it is true..... My son gave me a black ribbon with "60 and over the hill" on it....*Over the hill!!! ME???can't be over the hill, 'cause I never reached the top, and besides, I feel as if I am still climbing!!!*... Jane and I ate out recently at a local restaurant. When I was paying the bill, I noticed we only received one senior discount. When I questioned them, the waitress said, "oh, I'm sorry sir, we knew she qualified for the discount, but we did not think you did"....LOL... Now that's my favorite waitress... I go there every day for lunch now..... Thanks for the cards and letters you sent me on my birthday..... I want you to know that I appreciated almost all of them..... Found this site the other day, you may want to check it out: [Dedman Inn](http://www.beaumontinn.com/) (<http://www.beaumontinn.com/>)

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

It has been my privilege to meet so many "cousins" since I began this project a little over 2 years ago.. Never in my wildest dreams would I have thought that it would "uncover" so many family members... Recently I met Tanya Jewel, a ggg granddaughter of James Thomas Dedmon. She is my 4th cousin 3 times removed (whatever that means) on my father's side and my 5th cousin 2 times removed on my mother's side.

Tanya's mother was Candace Jewel Peterson and her grandmother was Billie Jewel Dedmon. She may be contacted at ragingt@aol.com

Excerpt from Tanya's email: (Jewel is actually my middle name. It's also a family name. Betty flew out to help after my grandmother Billie Peterson (maiden name is Dedmon) had a stroke in February. She passed away in March. Betty helped me in every possible way. I needed to sell the house where my grandparents and mother raised me. I had lived there all of my life. My mother died almost 4 years ago from kidney failure and my grandfather died last November of cancer so you can see why I needed Betty. I also had to find a new place to live. With Betty's help, of course, I bought a condo. I am very happy now with my new life and extremely thankful for Aunt Betty.)

THE RAY OF SUNSHINE

**There was a storm one day.
Its fury took the sun away.
It got so dark. It got so cold.
I soon realized there was no hope.
When the rain and the tears could fall no more.
The gray clouds parted.
The blue sky began to glow.
A ray of sunshine warmed my face.
It saved me from going to a dangerous place.
This ray of sunshine held back the storm.
It gave me hope.
It gave me light.
It gave me strength.
It made me smile.
It made me live.
It made me laugh.
It made the future, Brighter than the past.
It had a life force so strong.
I named it.... Aunt Betty.
—Tanya Jewel
April 24, 1999**

Tanya submitted the above poem, in honor of her great aunt Betty. (Betty Jane Dedmon). Betty was the daughter of Arnold Alonzo Dedmon.



From the Mail Bag

Sorry for the delay. I'm a Dedmon by marriage, my husband is Mark Allen Dedmon. He was born in Vicksburg Mississippi 1955. His father is Richard Leroy Dedmon, who still resides in Vicksburg. Mark has 6 siblings. Hope this links us to a branch of your tree! Thanks.
Joan Dedmon dedmonj@yahoo.com

I have found through research that you compiled the Dedman family genealogy for Texas. I am the adopted daughter of Wilbur James Dedman, oldest son of Henry Wilbur Dedman, from his second marriage. I would like to know if any of his first family would like to have his photograph album which I have in my position. The album has a lot of Texas history from the early 1900s plus pictures and letters from his father and other members of his family. Would you know how I could go about getting in touch with any of his children?

Best regards,

Charlotte Dedman Domme DommeC@aol.com

ANOTHER THEORY ON OUR NAME

Hi Leroy received your E-Mail a few days ago but had some problems with my computer, hopefully they are all ok now, I was just messing around on the internet the other night when I came across the Deadman web sight and I was fascinated, anyway let me tell you about myself I am 43 years old born 09-07-56 I am at the moment a Cabin Crew member for British Airways but I have had many jobs and different trades since I left school. 2 years ago I decided to go back into education and studied for an Advanced education diploma in Anatomy and Physiology and Bio Mechanics, which I achieved and applied to Oxford University and am now happy to say that I am now on a Bachelor of Science Degree course in Osteopathy, I am at present studying for my end of year exams, so as you can imagine I am very busy. Let me tell you what I know about the Deadman family, which is limited to what has been handed down from father to son over the years. I am one of 5 boys and an identical twin we were a military family, my Father Brian William Deadman was a Sargent in the Parachute regiment along with with my 4 brothers David, Peter, John and my twin Lawrence, unfortunately David and I are the only survivors as the regiment takes a big toll on families, (tours of Ireland etc.) I didn't go into the regiment and instead went to sea as a steward on passenger liners and had a great time ending up as first class steward on the MV Sun Princess (Love Boat) Cruising 6 months in the Caribbean 2 months Panama Canal and 4 months in Canada and Alaska. My Dad was one of two boys his Brothers name was Dennis and he Died at Arnham during the second world war. My Grandad's name was Joseph Deadman and he was married to Amelia whose maiden name was Herbert one of two sisters, My Grandad by all accounts was a real character and this is where we go into a darker side of the Deadman family ! in the 1940s he was a black shirt and a fully fledged member of the British Nazi party one of (Mosley's men) and apparently spent time behind bars for his beliefs, I didn't know him as he died when I was very young, but my Grandmother told us that our family originated from up north and that we can trace our family history back to the earliest Kings and Queens of England and around the 14th Century we were brought to London as Executioners and at the time of the great plague of London our family was commissioned to burn and bury the bodies at Graves End and Blackheath, there was a great deal of research done by my Uncle but unfortunately this has been lost over the years, but one day when I have finished my studies I intend to spend some time finding out all of our secrets, I found out something uncanny a couple of years ago about the house I now live in which I purchased 6 years ago, the house was built in 1928 and the first owner was called Mr. Deadman! I know that a lot of what I have told you is unsubstantiated but when I have the facts you will be the first to know. Hope this was of interest to you, please let me have anything you have on the family Look forward to hearing from you Steve Deadman London.
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From the Mail Bag

Dear Leroy, I just checked your wonderful Homepage to see if the new issue was available. I was sorry to see it was not. I so look forward to each publication and somehow had thought that it was just about time for the newest one. I enjoy each and every issue and want to thank you for all of the effort that you put forth to make it “happen” for all of us. I know that it is a big job, and you make each issue as much fun as the last. Several of my first and second cousins and Aunts wait for it anxiously as well. Keep up the good work and please know that we all truly appreciate the wonderful job that you are doing. You keep us inspired to keep on “digging”. If I can be of any assistance in the work involved, I hope that you will call on me. If any editing is ever needed I will be happy to help with that. Let me know. My thoughts and prayers go out to Jackie Dedmon. Thank you for letting me know about her tragedy. Let’s all put her in our prayers. Once again, thank you for your dedication to the DC and for helping us all stay in touch with our roots and each other. Sincerely,

Glenda Tucker (MomofKGS@aol.com)

I saw your email on the Fayette Co. list. I have an Arty Carolina Dedman married to James Y. Bowen in approximately 1850. She was born in the Carolinas and he in Virginia. They lived in Mississippi for about ten years and their first four children were born there. They moved to Hardin Co., Tennessee in the early 1870s and lived there til their deaths around 1910. Does she sound at all familiar? Teresa Bean tmbean@ne.infi.net

I posted a message on GenForum looking into Thomas Deadman who moved from MD to NC b 1724. I understand you have a web page dedicated to Dadman or Dedmon. I would be interested to find out more. Thanks Jesse Whitfield JWhitfieldJr@email.msn.com

Prayers Requested

Dear friends,

Just a note to tell you all that we had a safe trip to Ringling OK. We had a wonderful time and we met some wonderful cousins. We got back on Tuesday morning of last week about 4 in the morning. Have not got to rest up yet. On June 29th Evelyn Paris my mother-in-law fell as she got up during the night. Several trips to the Dr. and a bone scan, x-rays and then last week a MRI They did not show anything up. I went over last wed and I did not get to come home until Sat afternoon for a few hrs. She has gotten worse and can not walk with out help with the walker.. The Drs. tried another medicine and she kept getting worse. Today Brownie (Ron’s brother) called the Dr. and he said he would put her in. They came in and took her for more x-rays and did blood work. She feels good when she lays and it hurts bad when she sits up. She fell on her right side and the pain has gone to her left leg. We appreciate your prayers. Granny is 83 and has been very active with her church women. There is only one brother that lives near Granny. One son is in Fla. and we are here in Murfreesboro. Ronald is in Cleveland Tn. working. Another prayer request is our son Keith and his wife Cathy. She has had MS for 3 yr. and on Sat night she had a seizure when she was alone at home. The people at church missed her when she was not there to teach. They went to the house and found her and took her to the hospital. She is doing better and will see her Dr. next Tuesday. He is on vacation now. Keith was at guard camp and the girls are in S. C. visiting aunts and uncle. The friends took her to the hospital and they checked her real good. I am praying that Ronald’s mom will get better soon and I can go up and be with Cathy. I am praying for you all and will try to write a letter soon.

Love and prayers, Mary Nell Paris

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I was just looking at your photo page on your web site. Love the one of the Old General Store and your parents home. Jackie Dedman jackie5050@aol.com



In the Mailbag

Here is the summary of the info on John H. Dedman that I have taken from copies of documents. He enlisted in the Confederate Army on Sept. 2, 1862 in Lexington, KY. He was enlisted by Brig. Gen. Buford for a period of three years. His name appears on the Company Muster Roll of Company I, Grigsbys Regiment, 6th Cavalry, Ky. This regiment was formed about Feb. 1, 1863 by the consolidation of Grigsbys and Bullitts Battalions, Kentucky Cavalry. He was reported captured at Camp Nelson, Tenn. This later appears in two other documents as Camp Nelson, Mercer Co. Ky. He was captured Aug. 19, 1863 and discharged (sent) to Camp Morton, Indianapolis, IN. Coincidentally he was reported as a deserter on Aug. 19, 1863 and his name appears on a roll of deserters of Aug. 25, 1863. He was received as a POW at Camp Morton, Ind. IN on Aug. 29, 1863. His name appears on a list of POWs sent to Louisville, Ky. military prison from Camp Nelson Ky. Under remarks it says he gave himself up. On a roll of prisoners at Camp Morton his name appears as one who desires to take the Oath of Allegiance to the Union, Sept. 7, 1863. He signed the Oath at Camp Morton Ind. In on the 26th of November, 1864 having spent a little more than a year as a POW. Note: A remark entered on the Company Muster roll states "name appears in a column of names present as John Deadman". All other documents carry his name and any signatures as John H. Dedman. I am inclined to believe that the Deadman spelling was done in error by a clerk or copyist. I also believe that the reference to Camp Nelson, Tenn. is in error since it is hand written and later printed documents all refer to Camp Nelson, Mercer Co. Ky. I am personally familiar with Camp Nelson Ky. but do not know of a Camp Nelson, Tenn.

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For anyone interested in the Dedman, Robards, Kerby lines. This is an excerpt from a letter of a cousin describing a visit to this cemetery several years ago. On Wednesday, August 9, 1992 I visited the former home of John Henry Dedman and Sarah Jane Robards Dedman. The home is located in Woodford Co. Ky. on the McCrackin Turnpike. The home is now owned by Mr. David A Sutherland. The home and 116 acre farm are now known as "Mount Ararat Farm" but it has been previously known as "Thor's Farm" Mr. Sutherland purchased the farm in 1938 from his father and an uncle. It is a working farm with about 100 head of beef cattle, several horses, turkeys, and peacocks. Mr. Sutherland allowed that he was "less than 100 years old". I guess him to be in his early 80's. The Robards cemetery is 15.2 miles from Versailles cemetery via rt. 33 and Mundys Landing road. Take rt. 33 12.6 miles south to Mundys Landing road . Mundys Landing road goes straight as rt. 33 turns left. Follow Mundys Landing road 2.4 miles to a dirt/gravel lane on right. Follow the dirt lane about 2/10 of a mile to an open field. Drive into the field about 25 yards, turn left. Cemetery is about 200 yards up the hill. Headstones with names, birth and death dates of the following are readable. Several stones bear no markings and some stones appear to be missing. In addition to these listed ones there are a few others buried here that cannot be related to the Robards, Dedmans or Kerbys at this time. In all there are 19 spaces which are thought to be burial sites. Andrew L. Robards, b.Oct.1,1789 d. May 19,1859 L.T. Robards, b.Dec.18,1856 d. July14, 1857 M.B. Robards, b. Apr.18,1852 d. July 15, 1857 Catherine Robards, b. Jan. 24,1860 d. Jan. 24,1861 J.L. Robards, b.Oct. 5, 1847 d. Mar. 17, 1859 L.A. Robards, b.May 17, 1819 d. July 5, 1876 Polly A. wife of L.A., b.Feb. 1, 1828, d.Feb.28, 1905 Wilkerson T. Robards, b. 1860 d. 1912 D.B. Robards b. 1860, d. Nov. 22, 1883 W.D. Robards, b. July 26, 1858 d. Oct. 23, 1884 Elizabeth Kerby, b. Feb. 5, 1807 d. Apr. 3, 1895 Now, some 7 years later, the condition of the cemetery is unknown as is the certainty of the farm ownership. There is a possibility that I may be able to visit the location in August and if I do I will report my findings. Meanwhile if anyone in the Woodford Co. area knows of this site please let me know.

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(The following letter was forwarded by William Beheler. He received it from Marianne Deadman Ryan in reply to a question he sent her.)

From the Mail Bag



Bill, I can give you some more info re: Kathy's letter which was printed in the April/May issue of the "Dedmon Connection". What Kathy found on the LDS site was the first few generations of the Christopher Deadman line (my ancestors). Wanda Colvin has done a great amount of research on the Christopher Deadman line and in 1983 she published a book, "The Dedman Genealogy with Allied Families". There were 2 Samuels in the early (4th and 5th) generations but I do not believe either of them are the same as Samuel Dedman of Louisa and Albemarle Counties. Most of the following information is proven. I will give you a brief, brief outline of the info from Wanda's book. Christopher Deadman of York Co., VA, c.1620-1679 w: Ann (Alice) Martin Phillip Deadman/Dedman, Sr. of York Co., VA, c.1655-1721 w: Mary ???? Phillip Dedman, Jr. of York Co., VA, c.1700-1770 w: Margaret Langston Samuel Dedman of York Co. and Mecklenburg Co., VA, c.1750-1789 w: Eleanor Howard Children of Samuel and Eleanor Dedman: Henry H. Dedman, 1772-1825 Samuel Dedman, c.1773-1808 b: York Co., VA d: Mecklenburg Co., VA No known marriages or children Elenor Dedman White, 1775-?? John Dedman, 1776-1835 Phillip Dedman, 1779-1852 Francis Dedman, 1787-186? William Dedman, 1780-18?? Thomas Dedman, ?????? Howard Dedman, 1785-1803 There is a lot more about these generations in Wanda's book. You might want to check with your library and request it via interlibrary loan. So it appears that in the late 1700's there were at least 3 Samuel Dedmans in Virginia and the older two gentlemen, Samuel Dedman of York and Mecklenburg Co., and, Samuel Dedman of Ablemarle, were both fairly active in their local politics. There are some differences between the LDS info, as printed in the Dedmon Connection, and Wanda's research. I plan to go into the LDS files ASAP and do a personal comparison of the info. That's all for now, Marianne Ryan. marianneryan@juno.com

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--Leroy

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I am presently working with a new family web site at MYFAMILY.COM if you visit the site and would like to join the present Dedmon Family Page, just email me and I will get you a password.... I believe it has a lot of possibilities, such as a place to communicate, chat, etc... It is more personal than Planetall.com and some of the other places we have tried... Although, they all have some merit... You can send your own pictures, etc. to the page as well as invite your own family.. I think it is going to be a great project.... Let me know what you think....



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.