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THE CAVENDER CONNECTION

Of all the related connections to the Deadman family, I find the Cavender family to be among the most interesting. Clemeth Cavender was born on January 4, 1774, in Westmoreland, Virginia, to Ezekiel and Elizabeth Ann Cavender. In 1795, he married Rachel (Rebecca) Deadman, the daughter of Edmond and Elizabeth Corbin Deadman in Rowan County, NC. They had at least 13 children: Fannie, Elizabeth, Milkey, Katherine, William, Vashti, George, John, Joseph, Rebecca, Clemeth, Jr., Nancy and Winny Ann. It appears they moved to South Carolina by 1806 as their fourth child, Katherine was born in Oconee

County, SC. Prior to 1810, Clemeth walked to Northeast Georgia, selected a home-site in the Cherokee Nation, and returned to South Carolina to bring his family to Georgia. His sixth child, Vashti, was born in Georgia in 1810.

A great-grandson was told by his grandmother, a daughter of Clemeth, that she was five years of age when the trip to Georgia was made. She remembered that there was no bridge across the Chattahoochee River about where Thompson Bridge is now located on state highway #60 north of Gainesville. The family camped along side the river until Clemeth could build a raft by cutting logs and stringing them together with vines. After the raft was completed, Clemeth carried the horses across to test the raft's strength and safety. He was successful and returned for the family and their belongings. At that time, no roads existed in the Cherokee Nation, and the family made very slow progress as Clemeth walked in front, slashing away with an ax in order to clear a path. Of necessity the Cavender family, were on friendly terms with the Cherokee. A small creek (probably Wahoo Creek) near the Cavender home became a gathering place for Indian squaws because of the water and also because reeds furnished the material for weaving baskets. The Cherokees traded them to the whites. It is not known if Clemeth served in the military - he was the right age to have served in the War of 1812. He was a fortunate drawer in at least two Georgia Land Lotteries and drew lots in Habersham and Cherokee Counties. The two story log cabin Clemeth built has been restored and is now used as the living room of a new house. A descendant said that the first abode built by Clemeth

was rustic and hastily erected. The two-story house was built a few years later. John and Nancy (Cavender) Barnes later occupied the house. The description of the house that follows describes the house before it was restored. The house is rectangular and its dimension is about 22 feet wide and 17 feet deep. Thus, one floor has about 375 square feet. The front door is in the center of the house and there is a back door that is in line with it. Also, there is an exterior door in the west wall. As one enters the front of the house, there is a wall from front to back on the right hand side of the front door making a small room on the west side and a larger one on the east side. There are two windows in front and one on the east side. A stairway to the second floor bends around the southeast corner. Directly in the middle of the house, a root cellar is visible through the dilapidated floor; however, a hinge for a door to the root cellar is still present along with the remnants of a second hinge. I do not understand how they kept warm. There are no chimneys remaining in the house; indeed, the design does not provide space for fireplaces. In all likelihood, there was a separate building for cooking but there is no sign of it today. The house sits on a foundation made from local stone. The structure is built from heavy lumber which was hand hewn. Thin siding covers the heavy timbers. None of the lumber has ever been painted. For a house that must be 125-150

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years old. There are a couple of stories about the life of Clemeth Cavender. One is where he comes in to Georgia from South Carolina and is entered into a land lottery there. The land lottery was not even in his name. I don't put much validity into it because he ended up living in Hall County, Georgia, about 35 miles from Habersham County. The one that is more convincing is the story where he walks from Pendleton District and found the place among the natives that he wanted to move. He then went back to Pendleton District and got the family and moved to Hall County. I'm sure that he rode a horse instead of walking. Shortly after settling in the Hall County area now Lumpkin County, he purchased slaves. He had to have had money on him. Anyway, they moved there in late summer and he and the others (children and neighbors) struggled to get a roof over their head. They built a small cabin with logs then over the next several years built the bigger house. It was located near the now Lumpkin-Hall County Line not far from the road that goes to Murrayville, Georgia off Georgia Highway 115 between Cleveland and Dahlonega. The house was on the now Lumpkin County side, not far from the Enotah River. The native Indians were living in the area at that time and he traded with them for essentials of life for the first year. As they were making their way to the location on the way from South Carolina they had to cross the Chattahoochee River at about a location where the Thompson Bridge is located now. The river was up and because of the late summer rains and they had to wait for about 10 days so the river would come down enough to cross. They made it across and traveled on to the new home place. Clemeth and Rebecca Dedman Cavender had 16 children and they are buried in the Cavender-Barnes Cemetery, located just over the line in Hall County.

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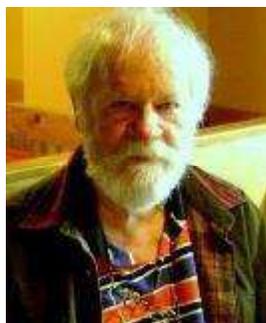
That's how close the new line was run to the Cavender House. Clemeth and Rebecca (Dedman) Cavender were the father and mother of Nancy (Cavender) Barnes, the writer's great-grandmother. Both were buried in the Cavender-Barnes Cemetery located in northwest Hall County, Georgia. From Westmoreland County, Virginia, the Cavenders moved to Spartanburg District, South Carolina and then to Pendleton District. Prior to 1820,

(I am not sure if the author of this information was Frank Blair or Bill Corn, who is identified as the the great great grandson of Rebecca Deadman Cavender. - Leroy Dedmon)



EDDIE HIGHTOWER

One of my "found" cousins from the research project is Eddie Hightower. and connects to the Cavender family. He has been an anchor for me during the past 20 years while maintaining the website and publishing the newsletter. Although we have never met in person, we have exchanged numerous messages. He lives in Branchville, South Carolina... Heeeerrrrrrreess Eddie...



My Dedmon Connection is through my Great-Great-Great Grandmother Rebecca/Rachael Deadmon who married my Great-Great-Great Grandfather Clemeth Cavender, Sr.

One of their sons was George Washington Cavender who fought in an Indian War and it seems he might also have seen some military action in the War for Southern Independence. George Washington Cavender married Nancy Garvin and about this time these members of my family, or should I say "our" family, were beginning to settle in the Villanow, Georgia, area.

One of their sons was Joseph Warren Cavender who married Martha A. Clements, a daughter of Doctor Adam Clements, also of Villanow. It seems there were about 3 or 4 members of the Clements family who were doctors there and in neighboring communities of East or West Armuchee, Naomi, and other close-by areas.

Many of you have ancestors who were the early settlers of the Villanow, Walker County, Georgia, area and have traveled there in search of genealogical information which can be found in family cemeteries, church cemeteries, and from living descendants who still live there. On one, or more, of your trips you have probably stopped in and visited the Villanow Country Store which is owned and operated by a wonderful young couple by the name of Vess. Well, this is the oldest, continuously operating country store in the entire state of Georgia. It is also listed on the National Register of Historical Places as the **CAVENDER GENERAL STORE.**

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IN CONTINUOUS OPERATION SINCE AT LEAST 1840, THE BUSY STORE IS A CENTER FOR THE COMMUNITY AND A POPULAR DESTINATION WITH TOURISTS. ON THE INSIDE WALLS, IOUs CAN BE SEEN GOING BACK FOR THE PAST HUNDRED YEARS.

The Cavender General Store was for many years owned and operated by my Great-Grandfather Joseph Warren Cavender who was a Grandson of our shared Dedmon ancestor -- Rebecca/Rachel Dedmon. So when you visit that historic store where my mother as a mere baby and as she grew into a very sweet and curious little girl who often visited her Grandfather "J.W.", discovering the store was a perfect playground in her youth; you might, like myself, feel the history of that store which also in past years was known as "The Brick" because of its walls which are at least three bricks thick. Sherman's troops on horseback paid "The Brick" a visit and even rode their military animals into the store as they attempted to wreck it, and almost did. But due to the very sturdy construction, "The Brick" didn't suffer the damage and destruction which neighboring buildings and structures did.



It is worth a trip to Villanow to just visit the historic old store which has such a strong connection to the Rebecca/Rachael Dedmon family. Mr. and Mrs. Vess appreciate what "The Brick" means to those of us who are descendants and have printed hand-outs which they gladly share with our many cousins who stop in for a family lesson in history.

My Great-Great-Great Grandmother Rebecca/Rachel Dedmon Cavender was the daughter of Edmond Dedman (Dedmon) and Elizabeth Corbin. They were married in 1795 in Rowan, Rowan County, NC. Clemeth Cavender, the son of Ezekiel Cavender, was born January 4th, 1774 in Westmorland, VA. He died February 14, 1836 in Lumpkin, GA. Clemeth and Rebecca are buried in the CAVENDER-BARNES CEMETERY near an old log cabin said to have been their home. The log cabin was being used as a hay barn in 1980. I hope that something in this e-mail can be used by you in the search for Dedmon Family Connections.

-Cousin Eddie Hightower

A "GOLDIE OLDIE" FROM EDDIE HIGHTOWER



The elderly gentleman in dark suit holding his cane as he sat on a garden bench and was surrounded by his loving kin folk on one of his Birthdays in Villanow, Georgia as he -- **Doctor Wilson Clements** -- neared his 100th Anniversary -- he was a celebrated Confederate Medical Corps Assistant Surgeon -- one of seven Clements brothers of Villanow to serve the Confederate States of America in that War -- with Frank Clements Shaw, Senior, Myrtis Cavender Shahan, Mrs. Frank Clements Shaw, Senior, Daughter of Wilson Clements, MD, Frank Clements Shaw, Junior, Daughter of Judson Claudius Clements, Charles Clements, Junior, Asst. Surgeon Wilson Clements, Georgia Cavender Beck, Mrs. Charles Clements, Senior, A Daughter of Wilson Clements, MD, Flora Velma Collins Cavender and Judson C. Cavender at Villanow, Walker County, Georgia.

VONCILE HIGHTOWER HOME



THE OLD FRONT YARD OF THE CHILDHOOD HOME OF JUDSON HIGHTOWER & EDDIE HIGHTOWER...WE HAD A LOT OF WONDERFUL YEARS THERE...BUT...OUR FAMILY SCATTERED AS WE MOVED AWAY... - EDDIE HIGHTOWER

On the Voorhees Road within the Town Limits of Denmark was the old home of the Voncile Hightower family, where Martha and Voncile raised us two boys, Eddie and Buddy. When daddy had his first of three heart attacks, naturally, he could no longer climb telephone poles for AT & T Company, so they offered him a different job in Charlotte, which he could manage with his heart condition. Although they hated to, they sold the long time home and moved to Charlotte. As Mazie and I were taking another look at the old home, we noticed that an old rotten pecan tree had fallen since our last look. Naturally, I stopped to photograph it to keep brother Buddy updated out in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. He just recently retired from the Atomic Bomb Plant there. For a long time, our old home was vacant and abandoned, but, since a new satellite dish is in the front yard, there might be a renter there now. However, one couldn't use the front door for all of the brush growth and vines and such. We have so many wonderful memories of the times we lived there as neighbors of Denmark's Dentist Miles Herbert Varn on one side and Wilbur Williams on the other and our cousin Hattie Mae Sandifer Driggs just two doors down, at Denmark, Bamberg County, SC

In 1951, I hitched a ride up to the Washington, D.C., area to be hosted by my Uncle Hobart Collins and his



wonderful wife Addie Mae for a few weeks. The late Mr. Jake Horne's wonderful wife, Martha Horne, drove us up to Washington. Also, on the trip was their daughter, Martha Anne Horne and Louise Matthews, all of Denmark, S.C. There was an old fellow from England, who asked permission to take my picture and I consented. When he returned to England he sent me the photo. After my visit of weeks with my Uncle and Aunt, I took the train back to Denmark. It was over 100

degrees on that trip and the passenger coach's air conditioning was not working. The train made many stops allowing passengers opportunities to buy blocks of ice to put in buckets and such for cooling purposes. It was terrible and when I reached Denmark, the area was up in arms over the tornado that hit town that day. Mayfield's Dairy was hit hard and never really recovered. It led to its closing a little later, too much destruction and too expensive to rebuild. It was quite a day....all things considered...

HAPPY BIRTHDAY EDDIE

Well folks, this day finally arrived on my personal calendar - February 16, 2016. I began looking forward to it on February 16, 1937. It was in my grandmother's front bedroom in La Fayette, Georgia and my mother was there with me. In fact, she had just finished a nine-month mission of hers...she delivered me!!! the very first little baby. Yes, that was 79 years ago...they are all now behind me and many of you who are reading this shared some of those days, weeks, months, years, and decades with me. We all had a blast as we became close friends in person for many and on facebook for a few others, and believe it or not, we are still here. But, sadly, today we think of those many good friends and kin, who did not make it to February 16, 2016. We have missed all of them dearly and I praise my Good Lord in Heaven for those wonderful 79 years, with all of its adventures of life and love and liberty and for being born in America, the Land of the Free and for the wonderful friends and kin who shared some of my lifetime with me and for greatly blessing me with a pretty little girl name Mazie to be my Life's Mate. Yes, she is still with me and I am hoping and praying she will remain with me to the end. One of the most important lessons of life I have learned in our 79 years is we all, who are still living today, have the same amount of time left in our lives on earth, "The Rest of Our Lives". Another, and more important lesson of eternity is not just a fleeting 79 years, but a place where time no longer exists. All of us have an eternity awaiting us in God's Creation's Tomorrows and that which we do, "The Rest of Our Lives", determine WHERE we shall exist in His ETERNITY. What a Ride it has been and tomorrow here on God's Created Earth, our Good Lord in Heaven willing and the lowcountry creeks don't rise, Mazie and I will begin living my 80th year (she began living her 80th in November) here on this gigantic mud ball which the Good Book calls EARTH. That's what is all about, Folks -- HEAVEN & earth. May God to Continue to Bless all of Y'all and thanks for helping to make it what it has been... -Eddie Hightower...

Thank you Eddie for sharing your thoughts with us.

FAMILY-RUN, 159-YEAR-OLD GENERAL STORE ENDURES IN NORTHWEST GEORGIA TOWN

Posted: Thursday, May 27, 1999 By Associated Press

VILLANOW, GA -- When customers pay for anything from a new well pump to a prepaid phone card at Edwards' General Store, 6-year-old Samantha Edwards is there to take their money and give change. "She's really good at it," said Samantha's mother, Ebeth Edwards, who owns the 159-year-old store with her husband, Rodney. "And our customers around here are really trustworthy and will whisper in my ear when she makes a mistake, so as not to embarrass her." The store has served Villanow, a northwest Georgia town of 1,200, since about 1840 and once housed a post office as well as the business.



I WAS SO INTRIGUED BY THE INFORMATION EDDIE SHARED ABOUT THE OLD GENERAL STORE AT VILLANOW, THAT I DID A LITTLE RESEARCH. AS IT HAPPENS, I KNOW THE EDWARDS FAMILY, BUT MET THEM AFTER THEY SOLD THE STORE TO THE VESS FAMILY. ALTHOUGH, I LIVED IN THE SAME COUNTY, LESS THAN 15 MILES FROM VILLANOW, I HAVE NEVER VISITED THE STORE.

It is believed to be the oldest continually running country general store in the state, said Gretchen Kinnard of the state Department of Natural Resources' Historic Preservation Division. Today, it is a true family operation. The Edwards' four daughters all help out before school and on the weekends. Even the youngest, 3-year-old Ty, tries her hand at running the cash register, which nowadays includes a credit-card swipe machine.

Ebeth Edwards said they have researched the store's history since they bought it in 1988 and found that the longest the doors were shut was a couple of weeks during the Civil War. "Apparently, the Yankee soldiers messed up the floor a little bit and they had to remodel," she said. "I wouldn't say that that meant it was closed for business, though." The store also has survived a bankruptcy -- the doors stayed open the day after it was bought by a new owner in the 1870s -- as well as the advent of supermarkets, a new Wal-Mart in nearby Dalton and even the opening of a convenience store across the street.

The customers keep coming, drawn by its selection of goods -- the widest of any store for at least 20 miles -- and its history. The store has always been more than just a place to stock up. It has been the local meeting place and has served as both a formal and informal court for local justices of the peace. The "Liar's Bench" in the middle of the store is still a great place to catch up on gossip, and the store is a community gathering place for events like blood drives and blood pressure checks, longtime customer Ben Reed said. "If we have a fire, we call Ebeth to telephone 911," Reed said.

Now that the store is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Edwards' clientele is getting more varied. "We've had people from Australia, New Zealand and all over Europe," Ebeth Edwards said. "One time we had a lady from Spain, a merchant marine who spoke Spanish, and a man from Venezuela all talking in Spanish. And I was in the middle of Villanow, Georgia, in my own store and I couldn't understand a word of what they were saying."

VILLANOW COUNTRY STORE

According to the documentation of the National List of Historic Places it was built around the year of 1840 and was probably built by Joseph Warren Cavender, who of all of its owners over the years, owned it longest. There is a controversy over the actual date of the store's beginning. Joseph Warren Cavender was not even born until 1845, but is generally believed to be the builder/owner. That means the date is incorrect or Joseph was not the builder. Joseph Warren Cavender was a soldier for the Confederacy and after the war he became employed by his wartime enemy—the United States Government. He was hired to help in the cleanup and restoration of the area of the battlefield around Chickamauga and Chattanooga and in the installment of many of the monuments of Chickamauga Park. After about 4 years of this effort, it is reported by Villanow citizens that Cavender used his savings to obtain as much available land in the Villanow area at as little as twenty-five cents an acre, including the land upon which the historic Cavender Country Store was built. The Cavender Store supplied almost any needs of the Villanow community from buggies to caskets. In addition to the Country Store, Cavender also had a buggy and wagon shop, as well as a blacksmith shop and cotton mill on the same property.

THE HATFIELDS AND McCOYS AREN'T THE ONLY ONES.....

Moonshine whisky and remnants of a family feud brought about the tragic death of one "Lij" Cavender, and the uncertain fate of one "Doc" Marlow, both of Rock River. Had not Marlow been the better shot perhaps he would have been dead today, and Cavender alive. The tragedy occurred in the town of Rock River shortly before five o'clock yesterday afternoon. The story as narrated to a Boomerang representative by one who has made a thorough probe of the affair and spent several hours investigating, is as follows:

Cavender and a fellow named Jack Sanderson, better known as "Shot Gun Jack," were taking a little ride in Cavender's car yesterday afternoon. In the back seat was Mrs. Marlow and Cavender's mother and some of his children, Shot Gun Jack, and Cavender occupying the front seat. Throughout the duration of their auto ride, the two men quarreled quite heatedly. Those intimate with the two men declare that the argument which led to the fight was occasioned over the alleged fact that one owed the other money for moonshine whisky which figured in a sale between the two. As the ride ceased to be a pleasant affair it was decided to go to Marlow's house. This was done. The car was left in front of the house. When they entered "Doc" Marlow was home and received them. Cavender picked up a banjo and for some time was strumming it, when of a sudden the arguing between Cavender and Sanderson started in anew with added vehemence. Anger probably enhanced to a maddened degree by moonshine whisky then prompted Cavender to pull out his revolver. In a scramble which immediately followed, Mrs. Marlow succeeded in getting the weapon from him.

Not knowing who had the revolver, Cavender is said to have madly demanded that it be given back to him. When refused he shouted that if they didn't give it back he would "go out and get another and blow all their hearts out." His threat failed to restore his weapon however, and in disgust and amid further threats he left the house. Ten minutes later Marlow, Sanderson, O'Brien (hired man) and the women folks were startled by a crash. Whirling about they saw that the front door had been bolted through. And in the doorway stood Cavender, his eyes as penetrating as fire, and in each of his hands he held a six shooter. One gun was beaded on Marlow and the other on Sanderson.

"Don't shoot, your liable to hurt some of the children," Marlow is said to have protested. What happened next will have to be brought out at the coroner's inquest this afternoon or at a hearing or trial later. But it is claimed

by Harlow and other witnesses that Cavender then took a shot at Marlow, and as the bullet missed its mark, Marlow, almost simultaneously fired a shot at the mad man. The bullet went true and pierced the heart of Cavender, who fell in a heap on the floor.

Shortly after five o'clock, County Attorney George Patterson was informed by telephone of the happenings. He immediately summoned Dr. J.P. Markley and the two managed to catch train No 1 to Rock River, where they made a most thorough investigation. The body was brought back by Ernest Johnson and taken to the Stryker morgue.

B.F. 'Doc' Marlow, who shot and killed Elijah Cavender, a blacksmith, at Rock River shortly before 5 o'clock Thursday evening, will not have to stand trial 'for the slaying of Cavender according to the verdict of the jury sitting in the coroner's inquest which was held here late yesterday afternoon. The verdict returned by the coroner's jury decreed that Cavender came to his death at the hands of Marlow, but that the homicide was justifiable. Testimony was given by Marlow, Jack Sanderson and James O'Brien, the latter two having been witnesses to the affair.

According to the information brought out at the inquest yesterday the fatal shooting was the aftermath of a lengthy argument said to have arisen over a whisky deal. After the jury's verdict Cavender's body was turned over to the Stryker Undertaking establishment and funeral arrangements made for his burial this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Interment took place in the cemetery here.

Mr. Cavender was a native of Georgia and leaves a wife and four sons, the oldest only 7 years old. His sister, Mrs. Cash Lewis, was here from Rock River, to attend the funeral and as a witness before the coroners jury yesterday afternoon.

Laramie Republican no. 139 January 22, 1921
Burial: Greenhill Cemetery; Laramie, Albany County, Wyoming, USA: Plot: Row O Lot 59 Space 5
Find A Grave Memorial# 76705458

THE BRICK WALL



I have discovered at least five major Deadman branches that we have not been able to connect. If you have information on any of the Deadman family branches, please submit.

EZEKIEL CAVENDER

To say there are some difficulties surrounding Ezekiel Cavender, would be an understatement. One of the problems of family research via the computer is the fact that once an entry is made, it is repeated hundreds of times. This is ok if the entry is correct, but if it is not, the problem is almost impossible to correct. I have tried to be careful in publishing the information on our family, but there has been times that I am as guilty as the next. I have tried to depend upon family members to give me correct information, but we are all captives of the internet. Ancestry.com may very well be the best and worst place to do research. Although in my opinion, FindAgrave.com is the best. Here are some of the difficulties encountered while attempting to find information concerning Ezekiel Cavender, the father of Clemeth Cavender.

First, there appears to be no doubt that the father of Clemeth is Ezekiel, the son of Dorset and Sarah Medford Cavender. However, the question that is the greatest mystery is Clemeth's mother. Most researchers, including myself have listed Elizabeth Ann Stallard as the wife of Ezekiel and mother of Clemeth... but not all!

Here is one such objection taken from a genealogy forum: Many researchers have already realized that Ezekiel's wife was most unlikely to have been Elizabeth Ann Stallard. Yet we continue to see this repeated over and over. Let's take a look at the data.

1- Walter Stallard's will only states Elizabeth married Mr Cavender. Ezekiel is not mentioned nor is Ann stated as Elizabeth's middle name.

2- We know that Ezekiel was in Dorchester, Md when his oldest child was born in 1764 and he was still there in 1769 when James Brown, a wealthy planter, stated in his will that Ezekiel and another man were to be allowed to live on his land rent free for one year. I think it possible that Ezekiel was an indentured servant. If not he must have been renting the land from Mr Brown. There is no record of Ezekiel ever being in Westmoreland Co, VA and I don't find it probable that he went from VA to MD. That was not the typical migration pattern.

3- When Ezekiel buys land in NC his wife is named Elizabeth. When he sells the land her name is Ann. This indicates to me not that her name was Elizabeth Ann

but that they were 2 different women. Eliabeth died and Ezekiel remarried.

4- Ezekiel's last child is born in 1800. That is 36 years after the 1st child. Even if Elizabeth were only 16 at her marriage she would have been 52 when the last child was born. Not very likely.

5- Walter Stallard's will was written in 1807. Elizabeth Stallard, if she were the first wife, would have already been dead.

So who was the wife of Ezekiel? I received a little booklet written by Grace Oliver in 1967. Her parents were Adella Angelina Garvin and Elias Oliver. Her grandparents were Angelina Catherine Cavender and Wm Garvin. Her great grandparents were Miriam Henry and Joseph Cavender. Her great great grandparents were Elizabeth Storm and Ezekiel Cavender. -Julia Kedroff

In another report containing a very detailed account of the Cavender family, this statement was made:

There apparently was a second Ezekiel Cavender living in Dorchester County, Maryland at least by December 12, 1764, at which time an Ezekiel Cavenor ("Ezekiel Cavender") and John True were named the sureties to the bond of Catherine King who was the Administratrix of the Thomas King estate in Dorchester County, Maryland. Also, according to the 1850 census for Jasper County, Georgia, Catherine Cavender who was the oldest child of the particular Ezekiel Cavender who subsequently moved to Georgia, was listed as having been born in Maryland.

The article concluded with this statement:

From the foregoing, it appears that there were actually two persons named Ezekiel Cavender. One apparently had a wife named Ann and the other had a wife named Nancy or, in fact, they both may have had a wife named Ann. Accordingly, there seems to have more than one Ezekiel Cavender living in Maryland at the same time, one of which lived in Maryland and eventually died in Massachusetts, and the other, appears to have moved to the South and eventually wound up in Indian Territory in Jasper County, Georgia where he died.

However, There is an entry in FindAGrave.com for Ezekiel and Elizabeth Ann Stollard, showing them to be buried in Pendleton, Anderson County, SC.

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This would be more conclusive if there was a cemetery listed along with their death records. Unfortunately, both records state burial unknown. So for now, I have no other information as proof, since all I have found does not actually prove otherwise. There may be some definite answers from some of our researchers. (LD)

CLEMETH POST OFFICE

Clemeth post office in the Cooper's Creek district was approved in 1881 and closed out in 1887. The name was from the first postmaster, Clemeth Cavender. In the short six years of its existence, Clemeth had its founder and the following postmasters: Andrew Campbell, James Cavender, William Jones, William A. Jones (was this the same person?), William F. Cavender and James A. Cavender (for the second time). Gaddistown became the recipient of the mail when Clemeth closed. It is interesting to note that in the application, Clemeth Cavender noted that the location on the Toccoa River was thirteen miles from Blairsville, nineteen miles from Dahlonega, forty-eight miles from Gainesville, and 100 miles from Atlanta. The community of Clemeth had a population of "about 200," a grist mill and saw mill, a general merchandise store, a school and Baptist and Methodist churches.



Union County was carved from Cherokee County territory during the Georgia Land Lottery of 1832. Originally inhabited by Native Americans, the area became more desirable to white settlers with the discovery of gold in the 1820s. The Union Party, a political group that supported removing the Indians and opening the area to white settlers, is the probable inspiration for the county's name. Since the county was founded almost 30 years before the U.S. Civil War, Union County obviously was not named in sympathy for the North, as is sometimes thought. County residents, however, were largely pro-Union in the years leading up to the war, as was true of much of Georgia's mountainous north, and the county's delegates to the state convention of 1861 voted against secession. When the state seceded, most Union County residents supported the Confederacy, and the majority of its Civil War soldiers fought on the Confederate side, although a significant minority fought for the Union. According to the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, the county's memorial to its generations of war dead may be the only one in the South that specifically includes homage to Union soldiers and to American Indians who fought white settlement. Union County is sometimes called "The Top of Georgia" because Brasstown Bald is partly in the county.

CAVENDER'S

DONT JUST WEAR IT LIVE IT

I am not sure if this line of Cavenders connect with ours. I have found instances where both were in the same area at the same time. (LD)

Cavender's is a family-owned and operated western wear retail chain based in Tyler, Texas. More than 70 stores offer traditional and modern-style hats, boots, clothing and home décor. Founded by James R. Cavender in 1965, Cavender's stores are located in Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, and New Mexico. The stores operate under the titles "Cavender's Boot City" and "Cavender's Western Outfitter" according to regional location.

In 1957, James R. Cavender opened a little burger joint called the Dairy Mart in the small East Texas town of Pittsburg. Eight years later, Cavender decided to open a clothing store "Cavender & Smith's." A year later, Cavender bought out his partner renamed the store as "Cavender's." By the mid-seventies, there were 5 Cavender's stores and by 1981 the name was changed to "Cavender's Boot City" - today it is called "Cavender's Western Outfitter" outside of Texas. In 1983, Cavender's began to open more stores in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex and in 1986 opened its first of 11 Houston stores. Today Cavender's retail chain has more than 70 stores in 8 states, 48 of them spread across Texas. Cavender's stores have also opened in Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Kansas, Colorado and New Mexico.

Cavender's is led by James's eldest son, Joe, who serves as President of the company. Joe's brothers, Mike and Clay are also involved, Mike is in charge of site selection, and Clay oversees store design and merchandising. The stores carry a large selection of well known western brands. Cavender's busiest times come annually during the fall back-to-school season, as well as during the Ft. Worth, San Antonio, and Houston Livestock Shows and Rodeos, held January through March. The year 2015 marked the 50th anniversary of Cavender's. When you visit one of the newer stores, you will see pictures of James, Joe, Mike, Clay and their families as well as grainy black and white photos of their grandparents on the old ranches in Albany, Texas and Idabel, Oklahoma.



CLAY CAVENDER

CLEMETH ANDREW CAVENDER

Clemeth Andrew was born in Lumpkin County, Georgia to William and Lucretia Pierce Cavender. He lived on his Grandfather Clemeth Cavender's farm in Lumpkin County close to the Hall County line and not far from Murrayville. His father William acquired property in the Gaddistown Section of Union County. It is located close to the Union-Fannin county line. After Clemeth A and Elvira "Evelyn" Poston were married they moved on toward Blairsville to a farm just north of Mulkey Gap which was about seven or eight miles SW of Blairsville the county seat of Union County.

There they raised six children of which were three boys and three girls. They were: Nancy J Cavender that married Francis Marion Akins, William Young Cavender that was never married, my grandfather George Washington Cavender that married my grandmother Eliza Jane Pickelsimer, Robert Cavender, Elvira Lonna Cavender and Texanna "Annie" Cavender. I haven't found any evidence of Robert, Elvira or Annie of ever having been married. He was the postmaster of the Clemeth, GA Post Office that operated from 1880 to 1887.

He bought the farm in the Coosa district, at a young age and married Evelyn at about the same time. It was about 10 miles from Fairview, the county seat of Union County at that time. Blairsville did not become the county seat until 1897. They went on to raise three girls and three boys. They were Nancy J Cavender Akins, Elvira Lorina Cavender, Texanna "Annie" Cavender, William Young Cavender, George Washington Cavender, and Robert Cavender. Elvia died in 1872 and on 6 September 1872, he married Mary Elizabeth Self and they had four girls and one boy. They were Sara Rebecca Cavender, Williams Cavender, Thuressa Emma Cavender, Visti Emily Cavender, and Mary Cavender.

I can't find the records because of the courthouse fire in 1891, but at some point in the 1860's to 1870's he moved back some when in the Cooper's Creek section of Union County. It was probably in the Sea Creek Falls area or in the Corinth Church Area. In 1880 the Clemeth Post Office was established and operated until 1887. That post office was named either for him or his uncle Clemeth Cavender, Jr born 1816. Clemeth Jr would have been 67 at the time and Clemeth would have been 54. None the less one of them was post master at that post office twice in its existence. In the seven year the Postmaster job was help by seven people and some of them twice such as he. --Great Grandson, Bill Corn

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JUDSON CLAUDIUS CLEMENTS



Judson Cladius Clements was the son of Dr. Adam and Mary Park Clements, natives of Georgia. His father, was a member of the Georgia House of Representatives from 1853 to 1854 and from 1861 to 1862, under the Confederacy. Judson was born near Villanow, Georgia on February 12, 1846, and attended the local schools. Concluding his childhood schooling at an academy near Villanow, he left to join the Confederate States Army in January 1864, at the age of seventeen, serving the remainder of the Civil War. As a first lieutenant

in the First Regiment, Georgia State Troops, Stovall's Brigade, he was wounded at Atlanta, July 22, 1864.

After the war, he studied law at Cumberland University in Lebanon, Tennessee, and was admitted to the bar in 1869 and commenced to practice law in La Fayette, Georgia. He served as school commissioner of Walker County (1871-72), he was a member of the Georgia State House of Representatives (1872-76) and served in the Georgia State Senate, (1877-80). In 1881, he was elected as a Democrat to the Forty-seventh Congress and to the next four succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1881 – March 3, 1891). Clements welcomed reconciliation between the North and South. At a 1889 reunion of veterans, he stated that Northern and Southern veterans had worked together to rebuild the South after the Civil War.

In 1891, President Benjamin Harrison appointed the former congressman as a special United States Attorney to negotiate the purchase of lands for the Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park Clements had represented the Chickamauga area, and he had worked hard for the passage of the bill authorizing the park.

On March 6, 1892, President Harrison appointed him to the Interstate Commerce Commission and in 1911 he became chairman of the Commission. He was reappointed by Presidents: Cleveland, McKinley, Roosevelt, and Wilson. He served as a commissioner until his death in Washington, D.C., June 18, 1917

His first wife, Bettie Wardlaw, died within a year of their marriage and he married Elizabeth Dulaney on December 2, 1886. They had three children, Cladua, Margaret and Mary. His sister, Martha Almina Clements, married Joseph Warren Cavender, the grandson of Clemeth and Rebecca Cavender.

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**REBECCA DEADMAN
CAVENDER**

Our Dedmon connection to the Cavender family is through Rebecca Deadman, who married Clemeth Cavender. She was born on Oct 5, 1778 in Rowan County, NC to Edmond and Elizabeth Corbin Dedmon. She married Clemeth Cavender on January 10, 1799 in Rowan County, NC. She died Jan 29, 1852 in Murrayville, Lumpkin Co., GA and buried in the Cavender-Barnes Cemetery in Murrayville, Lumpkin Co., GA.

She and Clemeth had ten children and most of them married and settled in the North Georgia area. I have personally encountered some of their descendents in places I have lived, including Cherokee and Whitfield counties. There is some record of them in Haralson County, where I now live and in the neighboring county of Carroll. There is a Cavender Street in Dalton, GA.



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Joseph Judson ("Joe") Cavender, Martha Eleanor Cavender Hightower and Robert Collins Cavender, the three surviving children of Flo Collins Cavender and her beloved husband Judson Cicero Cavender, in front of the Cavender home of 209 Villanow Street, at the time of the death of their mother Flora Velma Collins Cavender (1973). The eldest son, Benjamin Warren Cavender, died on February 14, 1937, just two short days before Eddie Hightower was born in the home shown here...a Bitter-Sweet Time at "Granny Flo's" home...

Judson died on October 02, 1945 and Flora died on July 20, 1973. They are buried in the LaFayette Cemetery, Walker County, GA.

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The three pictured here have now passed away, Martha on December 18, 1984. she is buried in Denmark Cemetery; Bamberg County, SC next to her husband, Edgar Voncile Hightower. They are the parents of Eddie and Buddy Hightower.

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Joesph died on December 09, 1994, in Peachtree City, GA and Robert on August 06, 1999, in Minnesota, I have been unable to locate their graves. There is a possibility Robert is buried in the Fort Snelling National Cemetery at Minneapolis in Hennepin County, Minnesota as he was living there when he died.

**CLEMENTINE
ALMINA "CLEMMIE"
CAVENDER**



**b.1878 d.1974
Picture taken 1898**

Clementine Almira "Clemmie" Cavender was born on April 24, 1878 to Joseph Warren and Martha Almira Clements Cavender in Villanow, GA. She was a sister to Judson Cicero Cavender. She married Charles Hampton Magill on November 29, 1910. She died on June 20, 1974 in Chattanooga, TN Charles was born on October 17, 1878 in Athens, McMinn County, TN and died on February 12, 1918 in Chattanooga, TN. They are both buried in Forest Hills Cemetery; Chattanooga, Hamilton County, TN.

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Their only child I know about is Warren Cavender Magill, who married Inez Gail Brown. They are both buried in Forest Hills.

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