



The Dedmon Connection

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LEROY DEDMON - EDITOR

While I was preparing for my trip to Tennessee in July, my mom called with the news that my first cousin, J.E. (Jay) James Eldon Gilbert, had died. Jay and his brother Tom were like brothers to me growing up... He was the oldest son of my mom's sister. I passed his house a couple of weeks before he died and thought about stopping.... I was in a hurry, so I planned to do that next time.... He was in his early '60's and represents my generation... I guess it brought home the fact that life is so uncertain... I spent every summer with Jay and Tom from my earliest memories until I was about 14 years old... We worked in the cotton fields together, swam in the old swimming hole in the creek ("birthday suits" were the fashionable swim outfits), killed snakes, and played ball with a walnut wrapped in twine and covered with an old sock and a broken axe handle for a bat... They taught me to cut wood with an axe and cross cut saw. After graduation from high school, Jay joined the AirForce and Tom came to live with us so he could work in Chattanooga. When Jay got out of the service, he too, lived with us for a while.. They were my closest cousins growing up... We were more like brothers, but in the passing of years, we had grown apart, but I still thought of them as "brothers" While I generally considered him a Dickson descendent, he was also in the Dedmon family tree as his mother and mine are the gg granddaughters of Hannah Dedmon, who married David McCarter Dickson.

NEWS OF FAMILY MEMBERS

Friends, Some News: I have been accepted into the Baylor Law School. I will be accepting their offer of admission and moving to Waco in several months. As most of you know, I started thinking about law school after turning down a job in New York City last summer. For now, I am still at the office of the State Senator for whom I have worked for the last four years. We are in the middle of the legislative session, which is generally exciting, although it isn't new. (It's my third session.) I am still doing media relations and now a bit of legislative work. Interestingly, my first day of law school will be fifteen days PRIOR to the official end of the legislative session. This probably won't cause too many problems, as most of the work of the session will have been completed by then. I've thought about trying to defer my admission, but the more I think about it, I want to go in May. Baylor was my first choice among the law schools I was considering, as it emphasizes trial advocacy and courtroom techniques, which is exactly what I want to do. School starts in early May. Sometime before then, I will write and let you know my new contact information. Give me a call at (512) 835-2244 and let me know how you are doing.

Jim ---
Jim Dedman ICQ Number: 7326125

THE BRICK WALL



How many dead end streets or "brick walls" have you encountered doing family research? Most of us have in our files several of these. Well dig them out and send them to me... Maybe someone else has found the answers. You never know what others may have to share... So come on!!! get with it!!! Let's all work together to solve all the mysteries!! I hope to make this a regular column of the Dedmon Connection. Also, send me your suggestions for other ideas to be included in our Newsletter..

(If you would like to be the editor of any of our columns or one of your own suggestion, just let me know)

Captain Gustavus DEDMAN

by Jacqueline SMITH DEDMAN

Captain Gustavus Dedman was the second cousin 4 times removed of Charles Owen Dedman. Captain Dedman was son of Dickson Gooch and Elizabeth Brown Wallace Dedman and grandson of Nathan and Elizabeth Gooch Dedman. It appears Captain Dedman raised a company in his home town and brought them to Camp Boone, Tennessee. He joined the Confederacy Army July 28, 1861 at Camp Boone, TN. He was sworn in by Lieut. McCall, Captain Dedman's Company was the 2nd Reg't Kentucky Infantry. He traveled from Lawrenceburg, Kentucky 228 miles to join at Camp Boone, signing up for three years. Captain Gustavus Dedman served the 2nd Regiment of Kentucky Volunteers, Lewis Brigade, Bates Division, Hardee's Corps, Army of Tennessee. This division was organized July 13, 1861, mustered into Confederate service July 17 and August 19 1861. A report dated Manchester March 20, 1863 included Captain Dedman of Field, Staff and Line, 2nd Reg't KY Infantry. A list of Officers captured at Fort Donelson (not dated) was the name of Captain Dedman. They held the Officers in confinement at Johnson's Island, Lake Erie. This location was near Sandusky, Ohio, also listing the date of capture as February 16, 1862. On September 1, 1862, they sent Captain Dedman to Vicksburg, Miss. Later the prisoners (eleven hundred and four) on board Steamer Jno. H. Done, were delivered at Aiken's Landing, VA November 10, 1862 and exchanged for Captains, Federal Army. Captain Dedman was present for duty until August 10, 1863. Sadly Captain Gustavus Dedman died of wounds received in Battle of Chickamauga, September 22, 1863. Captain Dedman was brought back and laid to rest at The Old Lawrenceburg Cemetery, Section 1, Anderson County, Kentucky. I have been told there is a statue in honor of Captain Dedman located in Mercer County, Kentucky. SOURCE: Confederate Compiled Military Service Record for Captain Gustavus Dedman, Co. 1, 2nd Kentucky Mtd. Infantry, War Dept. Collection of Confederate Records, Group 109, National Archives Microfilm Pub. M319 and M331.

(Jackie Dedman was the original publisher and editor of the Dedman Connection (B.C.) (before computers.... well at least before the DC was on computer). It was by her encouragement that I assumed the responsibility for the Dedmon Connection)

COMING HOME

**The street looks familiar.
Even in the middle of the night.
I lived here for twenty-seven years.
So why do I feel like a stranger?**

**Maybe it's the darkness,
Or the eerie stillness.
Or the fact that nobody knows
that I'm back in town.**

**Except for the people in the
Little house on the corner.
They cleaned every room
As if it was God coming.
They have told me the house
Wasn't the same after I left.**

**It's been a long time.
I was away for so long.
Long enough to miss the
Little house on the corner.**

**Does the gate still creak?
Do the trees still sway?
Is the grass still green?
Is the house really quiet?
Was it lonely without me?**

**I may look the same but
Deep down I've changed.
I know it's been a long time
Since I've walked through that door.**

**So don't forget to leave
The porch light on for me.
Because I'm coming home.**

**(Tanya Jewel)
March 26, 1998**

(In the last issue I introduced you to Tanya and printed one of her poems. I am always glad to print submissions from our family members. So how about it??? Look around, see what you can find!!! Got any artist in the family? Send me a painting!!) Is there a story floating around in your family that has been passed on from generation to generation? Send it to me)



Gathering Genealogy Information

by
Danny McBee

Last Thursday, July 29, 1999, I stopped by to see my aunt Agnes Dedmond Falls. I had taken her by a picture that I had found of my mother, her, her sisters, her sisters-in-law, her aunt, and her mother that I had blown up into a 8 X 10 black and white. Aunt Agnes is 83 years old. She said she had some pictures for me also. She pulled out a really big album of pictures and went through each page and begin to give me priceless pictures of my family and ancestors. She said that she was clearing out Aunt Gussie's (Charlotte Augusta Georgia Dedmond Enloe) home and was giving her pictures away. Aunt Gussie is 91 years old. I haven't visited Gussie in a while but her health must be failing somewhat according to what Aunt Agnes was telling me. Aunt Agnes said she had three more big albums she wanted to go through with me. These are priceless pictures. One was of my sister Billie. Billie will be 70 on her birthday. The picture was of Billie when she was 8 months old. One was of my brother Pat. Pat will be 57 on his birthday. The picture was of Pat when he was six months old. One was of me at age 6. One was of my brother Bobby at age 7. One was of my sister Irene about age 14. One was of my grandfather, his brother Marshall, and two of my mother's brothers. As you can see these pictures are priceless. I was so happy to get them. None of the pictures had names on the backs of them which was sad because someday the people will be unknown. The purpose of my article today is to encourage all of my fellow Dedmon(d) researchers to search for these photos of our family that are just sitting around in a closet or drawer that may be thrown away so we can share them. We have very valuable resources out there to find these pictures, articles, and stories. They are our older ancestors and our older family. They are friends of our ancestors and family. Good luck in all your research and hunting for these priceless stories and pictures. I still have three Dedmond family members left. My aunt Gussie, Agnes, and aunt Martha. Aunt Martha is now 77 years old. Have a great day to all my Dedmon(d) family. Please send an e-mail or note when you can. Danny A. McBee, 4131 Grissom Street, Gastonia, North Carolina 28056 (704) 865-6715. (McBee49@aol.com)

(Editor's Note: Danny McBee has been a strong supporter of my work from the very beginning. I appreciate his submission of articles on a regular basis. He spends countless hours doing research on the Deadman family. He unselfishly shares his findings with all of us... Thanks Danny)



Dear Leroy, Found this in the front page of my mothers telephone book. It was scribbled sort of haphazardly, and crooked on the page, as if written while she was speaking to someone and writing as they talked. 1674 - James Thomas Dedmon 1879 Edith S. Koslowski (her father was Drew) 109 Bright Oak Belair, Maryland 21014 The dates and the order written don't make any sense to me. She must have known what they were pertinent too, but I don't. I think, without looking, that J.T. Dedmon lived until about 1922 give or take. And he couldn't have been born in 1674. It will drive me crazy wondering what the 1674 means. We will probably never know. I found this and some other papers of hers and while cleaning yesterday I went to put them away and a little 3" paper angel came falling out of the pkt. It glided for a second or two in the circulation from the fan. I sort of felt like she was talking to me and telling me that she is happy where she is. Am I crazy? -Glenda

(momofkgs@aol.com)

(Editor's Note: Well Glenda, I guess it helps to be a little crazy in this business. Alright all you "diggers" we have a challenge here.. Let's help her out. What happened in 1674?)

(In 1674? our ancestors arrived at Baltimore on the Good Ship Charles. --- Jim Dedmon)



In the Mailbag

Dear Sir: I was just surfing the web for genealogy information & I ran a cross your web site. I am a black person & reside in Oklahoma.. My grand mother was Mary Deadman & she married a William Lewis in Lamar, Red River Co, Texas. in December 1885 she was only 12 or 13 years old. Unfortunately it wasn't fill out at the bottom so there was no available information & you can see why.. That would have made her born about 1874 & him 1871 give or take a year... They had (5) children together as my daddy was her last child born in 1897.. By 1898 she had married Dan Johnson in Lamar. On the 1900 Census it says her father was born in Missouri & mother in Tenn. I know not neither of her parents name & I'm still searching, but I'm asking did any of your family settle in Missouai or either around Lamar or Deport, Texas... 1/2 the towns of both sit in those counties. Deadman is a very unusual name. I'm asking did your family have slaves.... Just Friendly information (Smile) Please email me: (cwhitt4203@aol.com)

Mr. Dedmon, I was surfing the net when I found your family tree page (which is also my family tree) and thought you might like to have an update on my section of the family. I am a descendant of Unknown Deadman, p. 3 of 55 starting with #13, actually with the name Karen Beth Hinson, who is a cousin. I am getting dates of marriages and birth dates of children to be added and will send to you ASAP. I was pleased to see that you had done such a great job on the family tree. Sincerely, Susan LeAnne Ford Moss (Susan_Moss@gaston.k12.nc.us)

I am descended from the Deadmons through Rebecca Cavender's daughter, Milkey Ann, who married Hiram Montgomery in 1819 in Hall County. Their second son, Thomas, married Amanda Malvina Baxter in Murray County, Georgia, in 1843, as I recall. Their second son, John Francis Marion Montgomery, born in 1847 in Murray or Gordon County, married Drucilla Caroline Black, daughter of Joseph Black and Martha Swan, also married in Murray County. Dovie Kansas Montgomery, my grandmother, was the second child of John Francis Marion Montgomery and Drucilla Caroline Black. Amanda Malvina Baxter Montgomery and her sons (William Franklin, who married Mary Josephine Brogdon; John Francis Marion and wife, Drucilla Caroline Black; Mary A. J. and her husband, whose name was William Harris, I think (I'm at school and working from memory only); and George and wife Mattie, whose last name I do not know left Georgia about 1882, going first to IZARD County, Arkansas, to join other Montgomery relatives, next to Crawford County, Arkansas, and finally to Sequoyah County in then Indian Territory, now Oklahoma. Milkey and Hiram Cavender had a daughter Rebecca, whose name was not included among their children. She married Sanford Hames in Murray County, Georgia, and then they left to go to IZARD County to join other Hames family members and Montgomery family members. I have extensive information on Milkey Ann Cavender and Hiram Montgomery's children and descendants. I can mail you the information if you wish. I do not have internet use at home and have a Macintosh at school which is not compatible with the Family Treemaker program. While I had already located much of the information on the Deadman family webpage, I did locate some information I was happy to obtain. Thank you for your genealogical generosity. I hope my information will be as welcome. (maryellengadell@hotmail.com)

Leroy,
My great grandfather was Lucion Marion Dedmon. If you know anyone looking for his descendants, please give them my email address. Thanks Melanie Dedmon (madedmon@yahoo.com)

Dear Leroy,
I may have
already written

From the Mail Bag



you as I am trying to help my sister find her biological mother and any other siblings that there may be. She was born Kim Susanne Gammon to A Freda Jennette Gammon, who's aunts name was Jackie Dedmon, married to a Leonard that moved to Kentucky in the 60's Can you help have any trace???? Thank you, Joy (joysides@ctaz.com)

HELLO LEROY, NO I AM NOT THE DAUGHTER OF JAMES DEDMON. MY FATHER WAS DAVID EUGENE DEDMON. HE DIED JUNE 1, 1990. IF YOU HAVE ANYMORE QUESTIONS, PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO E-MAIL ME. I NEVER LEARNED THAT MUCH OF THE DEDMON SIDE AND AM VERY CURIOUS ABOUT THEM. I DO STILL HAVE LIVING DEDMON RELATIVES BUT I AM NOT IN CONTACT WITH THEM AT THIS TIME. I DO HAVE AN UNCLE NAMED JAMES DEDMON, THOUGH I AM NOT SURE WHAT HIS MIDDLE NAME IS. OTHER UNCLES INCLUDE: ANDY DEDMON & WENDELL DEDMON. THEY ALSO HAVE TWO SISTERS: ANNE WHITE & I CANNOT REMEMBER THE OTHER NAME. THEY ARE ALSO STILL LIVING. THANK YOU FOR CONTACTING ME AND AM LOOKING FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU AGAIN. HEATHER (DEDMON) PORTER (EJAY73@aol.com)

I am listed in the George Leroy Dedmon book p 450. My father was Rufus Paul Willis. I found your web page on the internet. I was looking for something on the Ed Willis family I need to add my daughter to it. Her name is Regina dale Willis Born 02-25-78. My phone no is 704-276-2982 and my mailing adress is Gene Willis 358 Hwy 274 Vale N.C. 28168 I would like to know more about the Dedmon's and more about how to find about the ED Willis Family. tks, Gene Willis (nc4us@email.com)

VISIT ME

Be sure to visit the Dedmon Family Home Page and view My Guest Book. Also if you have not already done so, be sure to Sign My Guest Book.

Hi Leroy, Well, I haven't found a great deal of info for you but here it is. I will try to find more when I can. Hope this is helps. This starts with my great great grandfather. John Henry's mother was Mary Blankenship John Henry Dedmon m. Bethilda Minera B: 1855 in Ala B: 1853 in Ala D: 1940 in OK D: 1929 in OK They had 7 children: Edwin, Will, Minnie, Mattie, John, Fannie & Stirlin (father of Bob Dedmon in Pampa, TX). William (Will) Dedmon m. Lily Wimpy B: 7/23/1879 ????? D: 5/09/1960 ?? They had 10 children: Rayburn, Viola, Lucille, A.J. (Jay), Jesse, Katherine, Ira, Wesley, & Lesley (twins) & Bill. A.J. Dedmon m. Sarah Alice Harris B: 10/28/1910 B: 4/16/1912 D: 1978? D: 3/01/93 Their 2 children: Armon Jacques Dedmon B: 7/24/1930 (my father) Geneva Daryl Dedmon B: 8/04/1932 Other Notes: Viola (died at 16, buried at Page Cemetery in 1902). Rayburn was born 5/13/1904 Lucille B; 5/ 18/? Jesse B: 5/07/1914 Katherine (Kay) B; 12/ 19/1922 Ira B: 6/05/1920 Wes & Les B: 19/19/ 1922 Bill B: 8/07/1925 Thanks talk to you later, Tracey (Dedmon) Halfhill (HeyTracy@aol.com)

Hi, I am Randy Dedmon, I am grandson of Alonzo C Dedmon. I have just started searching, thanks so much for your site. I have already communicated with Janna Richard, and I am sure she will be a big help. I know I can provide you with some information on the descendents of Alonzo, for example my father Howard V Dedmon was the third (and final) son. I will give you a comprehensive list at a later date. One thing that has puzzled me is the wives of Alonzo, the first wife has almost the same first name as the second, Alberta and Allberta, Maybe just a fluke. I only knew Allberta Birdie Banks, and was surprised to see there were two wives. How can I confirm this? (Computer@farmcredit.com)

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