



# *The Dedmon Connection*

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LEROY DEDMON - EDITOR

It is hard for me to realize that Y2K is almost here. I appoligize for being so late with this issue of the CONNECTION, but things have been rather busy lately. Dad had surgery on November 16 and we have spent a lot of time with him plus the holiday activities. He is doing very well, still a little weak, but that is to be expected. I appreciate all the inquiries that I have received concerning him... I am greatly blessed to still have my parents with me. Mom will be 88 in January and is still doing good. I remarked to someone the other day, that I hoped my mind would be as clear and sharp as hers when I was 88, to which they replied, "well it had better start improving if it will".... Friends are a wonderful thing.....

I still need your help with the newsletter, send me articles and pictures of the family. Also, I love hearing from you. Send me email, snail mail, instant message, etc. You can find me online with AOL or AIM as GLDEDMON. If you would like to edit one of the columns, be my guest. Presently I am looking for an editor for the "BRICK WALL" feature. I also am looking for someone who will prepare an index for the DEDMON CONNECTION. This would be an excellent tool to aid in our research. Don't be bashful folks, that's not a Dedmon trait...

Tentatively set July 1, 2000 as the date for the FAMILY REUNION. Plans are for it to be in Houston Valley (Catoosa County, GA) near Ringgold. There are several items of interest in that area for many of the family members. Many of our family members came from North Carolina to Catoosa County before moving to Arkansas and regions beyond. Check your calender and let me know how that date sounds....

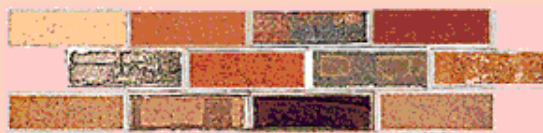
## Captain Gustavus DEDMAN

by Tommy Dedmon

I enjoyed the article "Captain Gustavus Dedman" by Jackie Dedman in the last issue of the Dedmon Connection. Captain Gus is listed on page 322 in the Catoosa County, Georgia Cemeteries and Genealogy book. He apparently was originally buried near the Chickamauga Battlefield on the Edward Fowler Farm (now the Tom Shirley Farm) in Catoosa County, Georgia before being relocated. The 2nd Kentucky Infantry was part of the 1st Kentucky "Orphans" Brigade. Captain Gus is listed with 3 others of the 2nd Kentucky Infantry: Dedman, Captain Gus Co. "I" .

*(Tommy is my brother and lives in Catoosa County, near Ringgold, GA. He is willing to help anyone with thier research for that county...)*

## THE BRICK WALL



### Problem Solved

For a long time I have been in contact with Tim Dedmon from Chattanooga. We have felt all along that he was part of the family, but never could come up with the "missing link". Well, thanks to the persistance of Tim and the help of May Bell Dedmon Armstrong, we have finally been able connect him to the family. In fact his gg grandfather was an uncle to my grandfather and he was also a second cousin once removed to my mother. So we ended up being kin on both sides of the family. (sorry about that Tim!!)

## DEATH NOTICES

*(Please keep me informed of the passing of our family members. There is much information to be obtained from the obituaries. Please send me copies if you have them...)*

### Lena H. Noggle

SHELBY — Lena Hamrick Noggle, 86, 310 Thompson St., died Dec. 8, 1999, at Gaston Memorial Hospital, Gastonia. She was a native of Cleveland County, daughter of the late Samuel Robert and Harriett Emma Blanton Hamrick, wife of the late J. Edison "Ed" Noggle, sister of the late Forrest, Ryburn, Winfred, Herman, Verna Hamrick, Eva Noggle, retired office manager with Dover Textiles, member of Central United Methodist Church SURVIVORS: Sons and daughter-in-law, J. Edison Noggle Jr., Danny and Patricia Noggle, Shelby; daughter and son-in-law, Kathy Noggle and **Dr. Keith Dedmond**, Lincolnton; sister and brother-in-law, Roberta and Blaine Baxter, Shelby; grandchildren, Kevin, Michael, Melissa and **Brian Dedmond**, Chapel Hill GRAVESIDE SERVICE: 11 a.m. Saturday, Sunset Cemetery, Rev. Carroll Lindsey VISITATION: 7-8:30 tonight, Cecil M. Burton Funeral Home MEMORIALS: Cleveland-Rutherford Kidney Association, 230 N. Post Road, Shelby 28152 or National Kidney Foundation, 5950 Fairview Road, Suite 708, Charlotte 28210

### Martha D. Sams

GASTONIA — Martha Luellen Dedmond Sams, 77, 2112 S. Gardner St., died Dec. 14, 1999, at Gaston Memorial Hospital, Gastonia. She was a native of Gaston County, daughter of the late William H. and Mary Todd Dedmond, member of First Wesleyan Church, Bessemer City, homemaker. SURVIVORS: Husband of 50 years, Earl Sams; sons, Michael S. Sams Sr., George T. Sams, Jimmy M. Sams, C. Earl Sams, E. Perry Sams, Gastonia; daughters, Jean Evans, Weddington, Pam Wyatt, Gastonia; sisters, Gussie Enloe, Agnes Falls, Gastonia; 16 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren FUNERAL: 11 a.m. Friday, Greene Funeral Service, Rev. Dick Whitener BURIAL: Gaston Memorial Park, Gastonia VISITATION: 7-9 tonight, funeral home, other times at the home PALLBEARERS: Butch Evans, Jack Falls, C. Earl, E. Perry, Jimmy and Michael Sams.

### E.V. Champion

MOUNT HOLLY — E.V. Champion, 82, 204 Henderson St., died Dec. 2, 1999, at Gaston Memorial Hospital, Gastonia. He was a native of Lincoln County, son of the late **Ezra and Vicie Dedmon Champion**, retired from Woolen Mill. and a member of New Covenant United Methodist Church, Navy veteran of World War II. SURVIVORS: Wife, Alice Beatrice McConnell; daughters and son-in-law, Juanita and Leon Johnson, Mount Holly, Rachel Howington, Stanley; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren FUNERAL: 2 p.m. Sunday, Carothers Funeral Home, Mount Holly, Rev. Mike Stanton-Rich INTERMENT: Hillcrest Gardens Cemetery VISITATION: 7-8 tonight, funeral home MEMORIALS: Covenant United Methodist Church Building Fund, 14514 Lucia-Riverbend Highway, Mount Holly 28120.

### Lucille Dickson

RINGGOLD -- Lucille Dickson died Saturday, Oct. 30, 1999, in a local hospital. She was 91. A native of Cherokee County, Ala., she was a homemaker and a member of Ringgold United Methodist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Alex Dickson, and a son, Paul Dickson. Survivors include two sons, Troy Dickson, Tavenier, Fla., and Carl Dickson, Ringgold; six daughters, Barbara Shields, Wilma Scott, Linda Dickson, Audrey Collison and Martha Baggett, all of Ringgold, and Doris Pitts, Tunnel Hill, Ga.; one sister Aleene Dewees, Lake Butler, Fla.; 17 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren. The funeral will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Ringgold United Methodist Church with the Rev. Steve Moore officiating. Burial will be in Anderson Cemetery. Visitation will be today from 4 to 10 p.m. at Wallis-Stewart Funeral Home.

*(Alex Dickson was a first cousin to my mom and a descendent of Hannah Dedmon and David McCarter Dickson. He was a policeman in Ringgold for many years. I remember when he was a security guard at Lake Winnepesaukah and operated the bumper cars. He always let me and my friends ride a little longer.)*

# MORE DEATH NOTICES

GASTONIA — Annie T. Davis, 88, died Aug. 22, 1999, at home. She was a native of Bridgeport, Tenn., daughter of the late Claude Andrews and Nora Elizabeth Harrell Thornburg, wife of the late Rev. Girlie R. Davis, retired from Threads Inc., Sunday school teacher of mothers class at Plainview Baptist Church, Victory Baptist Church in Grover, and charter member of Davis Memorial Baptist Church, where her husband was pastor. SURVIVORS: Sons and daughters-in-law, Charles L. and Patricia H. Davis, Charlotte, Robert E. and Patricia H. Davis, Columbia, S.C.; daughter and son-in-law, Shelby Jean and James H. Deaton, Kings Mountain; grandchildren, Renee Bailes, David Bradley, Chuck and Johnny Davis, Rick Deaton, Gina Johnson; great-grandchildren, Justin and Kelsey Deaton, Roger Bailes II, Chad, Kristin and Jared Davis, Bo and James Johnson FUNERAL: 10 a.m. Tuesday, Davis Memorial Baptist Church, Revs. Ken Lane, Larry McAllister BURIAL: Gaston Memorial Park VISITATION: 7-9 tonight, Carothers Funeral Home, Gastonia PALLBEARERS: Chuck and Dan Davis, Roger Bailes, Rick and Justin Deaton, Eddie Johnson MEMORIALS: Davis Memorial Baptist Church, 3358 Robinwood Road, Gastonia 28054 or Hospice of Gaston County, P.O. Box 3984, Gastonia 28053 Corey Mayfield.

Hi. I know it's been a while. Been real busy with my step-mom's cancer surgery and stuff. I just wanted to let you know that David E Dedmon, son of James F. Dedmon Sr., passed away on Dec. 4, 1999. His birthday is 12-15, 19??, if you need the year, just let me know. Also Wanda Sheppard(sp?), her husband Jim has also passed away. I don't know when. Wanda is Jim Sr's sister. She has already passed away. This has been a horrible year for our family. Well, I have to go take care. If you have any ?'s, let me know and I'll try and find the answers for you. Colleen (Dedmon) Shannon [CSHANNON10@aol.com]

MOORESBORO — Corey Glenn Mayfield, 7-month-old son of Jesse Glenn and Roxanna Marie Kitchens Mayfield, 2028 Bachelor Road, died Aug. 21, 1999, at Carolinas Medical Center, Charlotte. SURVIVORS: Sister, Katlyn Nicole Mayfield, the home; maternal grandparents, John and Tammy Kitchens, Shelby, **Dean and Debbie Dedmond**, Ellenboro; paternal grandparents, Roger and Judy Mayfield, Mooresboro, Janice White, Gaffney, S.C.; great-grandparents, Thomas Motts, Pacolet, S.C, Marion Eaton Sr., Hickory, Kenneth and Shirley Kirby, Shelby, **Randy and Carolyn Dedmond**, Cliffside, Eula Mae Hamrick, Mooresboro. FUNERAL: 4 p.m. today, Camp Creek Baptist Church, Revs. Steve Durham and Marion Eaton; body will be placed in church an hour before service BURIAL: Church cemetery VISITATION: Held Sunday MEMORIALS: Cleveland-Rutherford Kidney Association, 230 N. Post Road, Shelby 28150 .. ARRANGEMENTS: Cleveland Funeral Service

TOWNVILLE, S.C. — Joe Alexander Carroll, 73, 103 Townville School Road, died Dec. 24, 1999, at Anderson Area Medical Center. He was a native of Bessemer City, son of the late Joe Alexander and Eva Dedmond Carroll Sr., brother of the late Andrew Carroll, Navy veteran of World War II, served on the USS Omaha No. CL4, graduate of Erskine College, received his Masters degree from Western Carolina University, player/manager of Lebanon team in the Anderson County Textile baseball league, retired teacher, coach and principal in Anderson School District No. 4, charter member of Townville Volunteer Fire Department board of directors, Townville Lions Club, past president of Anderson County Education Association, past board member of Erskine Flying Fleet Athletic Club, member of Townville Baptist Church, Sunday School teacher, past Deacons chairman, choir member, church clerk. SURVIVORS: Wife, Katherine Abercrombie Carroll; children and spouses, Susan and Joseph Bryant, Lewis Carroll, Townville, Karen and Tom Alexander, Robert and Page Carroll, Pendleton, S.C., Mary Jo and Jim Bridges, Charlotte, Michael and Susan Carroll, Accokeek, Md.; brothers, Bill Carroll, Logan, W. Va., Bobby Carroll, Bessemer City; sister, Nancy Nichols, Bessemer City; grandchildren, Mark Bryant, Kate and Reese Alexander, Allison and Chris Bridges, Robyn, Bobby and Nolan Carroll..



## In the Mailbag

*I wrote Teresa Bean regarding her inquiry in issue #10: Teresa, do you have any info on Arty Carolina Dedman . We have a Arozena Caroline Dedmon married to an Unknown Bomen. She was born in Rutherford County NC abt. 1833. Please let us know.. thanks, Leroy..*

I discovered her name on the death certificate of my great grandfather, Elijah Moloney Bowen, listed as his mother. His father was James Y Bowen, the Y possibly stands for Young. On the census, I found out that she was born in NC and her parents were born in SC. James was born in VA as were his parents. I found their tombstones listed on the Hardin County, TN website cemetery census. It is known to have some errors, but it lists her as born October 16, 1832 and dying December 28, 1915. James was born August 11, 1829 and died October 20, 1910. I am very eager to learn more of your Arozena Caroline Dedmon. It seems likely that she is my ancestor. I am planning a trip to Hardin Co, TN in October and hope to find out more about my Bowen and Spencer lines, and perhaps more about the Dedmans as well. It has been a bit difficult to trace James Bowen and his wife due to their travels. I know that he was born in VA, but not which county(the name James Bowen is very common in VA). I know he married Arta Caroline Dedman around 1850. Their first five children were born in Miss, the sixth in Ill, and the last three, including my great grandfather, in Hardin County, TN. I have not found them on the census in VA or Miss. Let me hear more from you on your Arozazina. If she is my Arta Caroline, this may lead me further in my search for the parents of the elusive James Bowen and on into Arta's line. Let me know if I can be of any more help. I will let you know if I find out anything new about them while in TN. Teresa Merz Bean [tmbean@ne.infi.net]

It's been a while since I wrote or visited your site. Nice to see us there! I do have a couple additions and corrections on my line: \* Martin Luther Dedmon, my grandfather, was born on 12-16-1893, not 12-06 \* 1548 - My Aunt Dorothy's middle name is Saraneal and her second husband is John Livingston; no children by him \* 1551 - Uncle Bobby's middle name is Dean, not Gene. This will also change middle names for Bobby Jr. (2301) and Bobby III (2995) \* 2303 - Bronda and Phil have divorced; no children \* 2290 - Linda Dedmon's middle name is Jean (as a kid they used both names - Linda Jean) \* 2280 - Ronnie Dedmon's first wife was Linda Schrum, second wife was Frankie Schonce, and third wife is Patricia (Patty) Ann Sain - I know all three of them and have seen two in the past couple weeks! \* 2979 - Tamatha (Tammy) Link and her husband, Dr. Britt Vinson, now have a daughter, Sidney Savannah Vinson born in Raleigh on 03-04-99. \* 2979 - Chuck Propst is married again, wife Gwen ???; no children (but trying to adopt) Hope this helps you. Keep up the EXCELLENT work! Pat Link Hovis- daughter of Virginia Dedmond Link (she uses the final d) [Hovis@w3link.com]

Dear Leroy, I was surprised and excited to have such a quick response to my E-mail. I visited your website this evening and I just couldn't believe it. You have been a very busy guy! It's absolutely wonderful. I would love it if you could send the information you have my way! I will double check my facts and fill you in on what I have for my little branch. I surely don't have near as much info as you do. I may be able to get some pictures to you of Joseph and Della Dedmon ,I will ask my Grandmother. Our address is: Bruce and Denise Hoenicke 4812 E. Kirkland Rd. Phoenix , Arizona 85054 I'm very happy to have found a piece of my family history. I will be happy to be able to give my daughter Renee(18 mos) a better connection to her ancestry. Thank you. I will keep in touch. Your "cuz", Denise [Hoenicke@compuserve.com]

Dear Mr. Dedmon,

I enjoyed talking to you yesterday on the phone. I'm sorry our conversation had to be cut short, but I run a home day care and it is so hard to concentrate with little ones underfoot. I checked out your web site last night, well some of it. It was getting late and I didn't have much time.

## From the Mail Bag



I was glad to see that you are Church of Christ! My family and I are members of the church and worship at the Pennville Church of Christ. Robby Eversole is the minister here and before him was Jim Lewis. Mr. Lewis is now with a congregation in Tennessee.

I can't be sure that the story of Henry, Malissa, and Mattie has not been colored over the years because my aunt that told me will be 88 in October. Her memory still seems sharp as a tack though. All I really know about them is what I told in the letter and that they were married in Walker Co., GA. Saturday I did find Malissa on an 1880 Dekalb Co., Alabama census report living with her father Anderson, mother Bethany and brothers and sisters. Malissa was 20 years old, which would have made her about 28 when she married Henry instead of 19. Martha (Mattie) was 14. I don't know where they lived after their marriage, but I presume, they lived in Catoosa County.

It is such a shame the 1890 census was destroyed, because much of the information could be found there. Do you know anything about when Henry died or what happened to him after Malissa died? My aunt now says she thinks they might have had children together. It seems almost impossible that they would not have had children together unless she became ill immediately after they married.

One thing that interests me about the article from the Catoosa Co. Heritage book is that you say many of William Dedmons descendants went to Arkansas. Well, recently I was doing some research on the Crawford side of the family, Crawfords married Peppers. I seem to have lost my great great great grandfather Crawford. My aunt kept saying they were all from Arkansas and they had all went back there. I checked all the counties with the names I was looking for on the census reports and there are no Crawfords anywhere in Arkansas that even come close to what I'm looking for. So, I thought maybe she has them confused with the Dedmons. Also you say several moved on to California. I have always been told Oscar Peppers, Mattie and Henry's alleged son, moved to San Francisco, California.

I will appreciate any information you have that might help me with my search. I will be glad to furnish you with anything I have on the Peppers that might be of interest to you. Just let me know what you need. I will go before I take up too much of your time. Keep in touch. Angela Mitchell [Angie70252@aol.com]

## VISIT ME

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