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Editor

## TWENTY YEARS AND COUNTING

When I began this project twenty years ago, I had no idea where it would take me. So here we are in March of 2018 and 146 issues of the Dedmon Connection published and posted at Dedmon.org. Before I say anything else, I must say thank you to each and everyone who has helped me along the way and you know who you are so I will not take the space to try to remember and list each name. However, there is one name I must mention and that is Hazel Inglis. We became acquainted via the social media referred to as Facebook. This was about the time I had open heart surgery and contemplating the cessation of this newsletter as I had the proverbial, "*too many irons in the fire*".

She graciously offered to help and as I was familiar by then of her Genealogy Facebook page, I knew she was capable. So for the past year she has been, "my right hand man... (or, er I guess I need to be politically correct), woman". She has been writing the "Down Memory Lane" column articles and assisting in research. We, of course, are cousins as we join at Thomas Charles Deadman (b. 1920). When she asked to go solo on the February Issue, number 146, I had no idea what she had in mind and was "knocked for a loop" when I discovered. No doubt she did her homework and successfully humbled me as I read the pages she so skillfully put together. Her talent and knowledge of the family has proven to be extremely valuable. ...*Thank you cousin Jackie Dedman*, encouraged me to "*take up the mantle*" to publish "THE DEDMON CONNECTION". Several years ago (B.C.), before computers, she published a newsletter called "THE DEDMAN CONNECTION". It has been my intent to digitize them and post them on the website as I have most, if not all of them. However,



up to now at least, good intentions have not accomplished the task. She was married to Charles Owen "Chuck" Dedman, who passed away several years ago. She died Nov. 17, 2017. She was a great lady.

In 1983, Anna Laura Griffith, published, "*Dedman-Deadmon family history*". You can search <http://www.worldcat.org/title/dedman-deadmon-family-history/oclc/11369887>, for libraries that have copies. It is also listed at [https://openlibrary.org/works/OL3120310W/Dedman-Deadmon\\_family\\_history](https://openlibrary.org/works/OL3120310W/Dedman-Deadmon_family_history). As in all research there are some discrepancies, but it is a great book and documented the old fashion way. Anna Laura Deadmon (Find A Grave Memorial# 88201096) married Wayne Robert Griffith (Find A Grave Memorial# 88201032) on August 25, 1945. .



Jim Dedmon, from Fresno, CA, was the very first cousin I found when I began my research. We share the same lineage, as as my great grandfather, William D. Dedmon, was his great great grandfather. He did a tremendous amount of research before computers and had well documented to Mark Richard Dedmon, a Revolutionary War Veteran, who fought in the battle of Cowpens and Kings Mountain as well as a number of Indian scrimmages. There were approximately 750 Patriots at the two major battles Mark took part in. One of those Patriots was Daniel Boone's father. Prior to Mark, our ancestors spelled their name Deadman. Mark was the first recorded to spell his name Dedmon.



Taken from notes of Jim Dedmon: "The Deadman family adventure began in London, England in 1674. John Jr. and his two sons, John III and Thomas boarded the Good Ship Charles captained by Bentony Eaton, destination --AMERICA. The ship and our ancestors arrived at the Baltimore, MD port in the Chesapeake Bay in the same year of their embarkation. The family settled in a small Maryland township, which is today still called Patapsco. It is located about 20 miles northwest of Baltimore. They lived in Patapsco for about 100 years.

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The Deadman's were Tories, loyal to the king of England. In 1765, the patriots confiscated the Deadman's property because they refused to pledge allegiance to the newly formed government. Twenty-six Tory families, including Thomas Deadman II, migrated to Rowan County, North Carolina. There is a Deadman family cemetery at the fork of the Yadkin River in North Carolina, and, there are volumes of our historical documents in the Rowan County Library at Salisbury."

Several of the folk who were so helpful to me in the early days have left the "*Land of the Dying*" to their eternal abode in what I call the "*Land of the Living*". Among those are Danny McBee, a Deadmon cousin, who lived in Gastonia, NC, the youngest of ten children born to Fred and Dorothy Deadmon McBee. He passed away unexpectedly at the age of 67 on Sunday, April 19, 2015 at his home. Volume 90 of this newsletter is in his honor. Jim Dedmon introduced us and became good friends and shared information as we obtained it. One of his favorite sayings was, "*We are going to find all the Deadman family, one at a time*" and he showed his excitement and enthusiasm with each new find. He published a book entitled, "*Descendants of John Deadman I: One Man's Search for Family*". As far as I know this book is out of print, but some of the family members may have some extra copies.



Floyd Dedmon, was extremely helpful with the research and publication of *The Dedmon Connection*. One of my favorite stories among the many he submitted was "THE HOUSE". (see Volume 22 for the story.) If I remember correctly it is a house Floyd bought and restored. I should have dedicated a volume of the newsletter to him, but when he passed away in 2005, I had never done that and didn't think to do it. However, I did dedicate volume 91 to his son Michael.

Wanda Colvin, a descendant of Christopher Deadman, went to England in 1995 and found a record for Christopher Dedman in Suffolk County who married Ann Marten. She not only was very helpful in providing material, but also published a book entitled, "*The Dedman Genealogy with Allied Families Anthony, Mason, Steelman, Williams, etc*". As far as I know the book is out of print and I have been unable to find a copy, but I am still looking. Her husband was sick and under Hospice Care the last time I heard from her. There is a head stone with Wanda Williams name, but only a



birth date which usually indicates the stone was put there when the husband died and the wife's name engraved and will be added at her death.

John W. Henson, III has been a great supporter and encourager of the newsletter, having submitted many articles. He recently told me he has printed every issue and has them in notebooks. Volume 136 of THE DEDMON CONNECTION is about John and family. We are related at least four different ways according to Family Tree Maker. Although, his grandmother was a Dedmon, we are related mostly through the Dickson side of the family, but of course the Catoosa County Dedmon and Dickson families are close relatives. He lived near me for several years and we visited each other. He moved to Michigan a few years ago to be near his children.



Among the "early" contributors to the project was cousin Eddie Hightower. He connects to the Deadman family through the Cavender connection. The North Georgia mountains are full of relatives descending from Clemeth Cavender and Rebecca Deadman. That is a story within itself. It is said Clemeth Cavender walked to Northeast Georgia, selected a home-site in the Cherokee Nation, and returned to South Carolina to bring his family to Georgia. I have written about him a few times and dedicated Volume 105 to the Cavender family. Eddie and I almost met once as he was visiting family in Villanow, GA and called to meet me. I got his voice mail about five minutes after he left.



I don't remember exactly when Jim Dedman and I began corresponding as there are several family members with the name, Jim Dedman. However, there is only one James Monroe Dedman, III, and he is a true gem. We first met when he was at the University of Houston, then he moved to South Carolina and retired from the National Advocacy Center at the University of South Carolina. Several issues contain material he has provided. (See Volume 109 for the email exchange when he retired). He has provided me with many articles on his branch of the tree which stems from Christopher Dedman. I have not published all the material he has sent as I am saving some for future issues. You can see page 3 of volume 114 and most of volume 131 for interesting information.



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Tim Dedmon grew up in Chattanooga and of course my family was also in the Chattanooga area. I don't really know how we missed each other, but in those days we didn't have the social media as we do today. We didn't have a telephone until I was eight to ten years old and television, well that's another story altogether. I was almost fifty when I got my first computer and didn't have email and webpages until I was almost sixty. Tim must have found me through the dedmon.org web site, which was very common twenty years ago. One of the first things a person would do when they got a new computer was to search their surname. That was my motivation



for creating dedmon.org and the newsletter. I found it was easier for them to find me as not all Dedmon descendants wear the surname Dedmon or one of its many variants. Tim has not only been a great help but also is the administrator of the DNA website.

<https://www.familytreedna.com/public/debenham/default.aspx?section=news>.

I just found out one of my cousins and loyal supporter of the newsletter, Glenda Tucker, passed away last month. She was a great help in the research of the Thomas Charles Dedmon branch of the family tree. Thomas (1788 - 1850), was the son of Mark Richard Dedmon and brother to my great great grandfather, William Dedmon. One of her articles was published in Volume nine (Down Memory Lane). My deepest sympathy is extended to her husband, Bill, and sons, Scott, Greg and Kent. She was 75 years old.



Of course, there are many others who have contributed much material to the newsletter and I assure you, my omission of your name is certainly not intentional, but there have been so many and some were mentioned in the "Centennial" edition of the newsletter (Volume 100). I have had several proof readers through the years and can't recall all the names and I have lost contact with some. Carole Thomason, was my first proof reader and did it for several years. She was connected through the Cavender family. I have lost contact with her. For a while



there was a Jim Dedmon or Dedman, who proofed the newsletter. Presently there are several and I try to spread it out as not to overload anyone. Marianne Deadmon does much of the proofing these days. She was married to Charles Edwin Deadmon (1928-2009), a descendant of Jonathan and Susanna Hunt Dedmon/Deadman, etc.

Others who have helped or are helping with proofing and/or providing material include: Bob Deadman, whom I met through research. He is from Woodstock, Ontario and presently lives in Lake City, Ontario. He is the administrator of The Deadman Family Page.



Brenda Bridges, a descendant of Mark Richard and Hanna Bailey Dedmon was the administrator of the Dedmon cousins website for several years, but it is no longer in existence. Her mother was Edith Corrine Dedmon, the daughter of Evans Van Buren Dedmon.

Dottie Parker, the daughter of Talmage Lee and Claudia Lee Spake Dedmon is also one of the proofers and helpful with her branch of the tree. Her grandfather is Evans Van Buren Dedmon, so she is a first cousin to Brenda Bridges.



Jackie Bishop, has been much help with the newsletter for many years. I think she descends from John Henry and Minerva Bathilidia "Tillie" White Dedmon. Her husband is sick and caring for him has limited her time lately.

Ken Price, is my nephew, the son of my sister, Carolyn. He is an excellent proof reader and much help. He is an engineer in Chattanooga and also very helpful in other family projects. His knowledge of computers is very helpful.



Susan Dedmon Miller is one of my cousins who found me through the research project. She descends from Albert Burton Dedmon, who is a half brother to my grandfather. She and her family have been tremendous help.

Tommy Dedmon is my brother and "partner in crime" as he is always on the lookout for some very interesting family connections. He has discovered connections to the frontiersman, Davy Crocket and county music singer, Faron Young along with several others. I really miss living down the street from him as we had coffee together often and discussed the newly found treasure.



***Thanks again to everyone who helped making the past twenty years great ones. I could not have done it without you.*** -Leroy



## THE WAY VANCE PAPERS ARE MADE

**The North Carolina Standard; Friday, June 17, 1864**

Our readers are always aware that Gov. Vance protected Col. McRae from conscription after his return from France, by not requiring him to settle his accounts as State Agent, the Colonel being exempt as long as he remained State Agent; and that in return for this, and in consideration of a salary paid him by the "patriots and property holders." Col. McRae, as Editor of the *Confederate*, agreed to support Gov. Vance in re election. It is also known that *Conservative newspaper* of this City, which is devoted to the support of Gov. Vance, was established by a few wealthy persons, and is sustained by them with the view of securing to themselves for the next two years, by the re election of Gov. Vance the monopoly of office, blockade-running, the purchase of provisions at State prices, and the like, which they are now enjoying. So much for the use of money and patronage to influence the elections; but we learn from an entirely reliable source, that (force) has been resorted to in order to make another Vance organ in the Western part of the State.

*The Hendersonville Times* is the property of Mr. William Dedman and its Editors have heretofore been Dr. S.L. Love and Dr. L.F. Sensabaugh, the former a Surgeon in the State service. Formerly, until the possession of office began to operate on the opinions of these gentlemen, they were good Conservatives. "*The ox knoweth his owner; and the ass hid master's crib.*" Some four or five years ago the enrolling officer called on Mr. Dedman and notified him that his paper must change its *Conservative tone* or be suppressed, and he arrested and sent to camp as a conscript. Dr. Love was on hand to rent the establishment, and Mr. Dedman, to save himself from conscription, was compelled to rent to Love and Sensabaugh, and then print the paper for them. The next issue of the paper hoisted the names of Vance, the destructive candidate for Governor.

These are facts. Gov. Vance. if he was not a party to the transaction, now knows all about it, and is taking the benefit of this *forcible suppression*, by a *Confederate Officer*, of a Conservative journal. The

calculation of the *Destructive Leaders* about Hendersonville is, that the subscribers to the *Times*, who are for the most part good Conservatives, are to be transferred like so many cattle to the support of Gov. Vance. We have no fears that this can be done. The men of the mountain country are too high-minded and too independent to be controlled in this way.

Having shown how Vance papers are made, we will remind our readers how a Vance paper was *not* made in this City. The Editor of the *Progress* states that after he had sold one fourth of that paper to Mr. Richardson, Gov. Vance approached Mr. Richardson on the subject of buying the balance, and promised Mr. R. that in the event Mr. Pennington would sell to him, the Governor, he, Mr. Pennington, would be retained as foreman of the office, and thus saved from *conscription*! Mr. Pennington refused to sell, whereupon the (*Conservative*) was established. If Gov. Vance denies this statement, it can be proved by Mr. Richardson.



**Western Kansas World, March 19, 1887**

*Downs Times*; At a debating society near *Downs*, while Henry Morton was speaking, Miss H.O. Dedman, the teacher of the district walked up behind and drawing a revolver said: "*Now Henry Morton, it is my turn to speak.*" Morton, turning around, at once tried to get the revolver from her and in the scuffle, before he succeeded in getting possession, it was discharged, the ball striking Florian Senti, fortunately, however, making only a flesh wound. It seems to be the opinion that it was Miss Dedman's intention to make young Morton publicly apologize for some statements that he had made in regard to her.

*If you have articles pertaining to any branch of the family (Deadman, Dedman, Dedmon, etc, etc...) from years gone by, please send them to Hazel at [havrebaby@aim.com](mailto:havrebaby@aim.com). Current rticles concerning death, birth and weddings may be sent to me at [leroydedmon@gmail.com](mailto:leroydedmon@gmail.com). Thanks, Leroy*



# IN THE MAIL BAG



*Since Facebook and Instant Messenger, I do not receive nearly as much mail as I did in the early days of the research project. I hope you enjoy this as much as I did.*

Hello, My name is France Bertram (nee Dixon). I am also related to Susanna Hambright and William David Dixon. I came across your volume 137 of your family newsletter and saw Frank Murray Dixon. He is my great uncle. He had three siblings, Max (my grandfather), Barbara, and George. Is this George your grandfather? Just wondering about the family connection.

*This was the first I heard from France, so it is good to know th newsletter is still reaching our "long lost relatives" My reply: Hey Cuz, It was good hearing from you. According to Family Tree Maker we are fifth cousins once removed (whatever that means). However, I am not sure exactly how the connection is made. It appears we are closer related via the Hambright connection rather than the Dixon. My mother's father George Dickson was the great grandson of Thomas and Sarah McCarter Dickson. I have not been able to prove my Dickson relative beyond that. What I have suggests Thomas father was John Dickson born in Ireland 1756 and his father was Thomas Dickson, Sr. b 1740. I don't have proof of that. I have been unable to make the connection to Franklin M. Dixon. My grandmother, who married George Dickson was Pearl Templeton and her grandmother was Frances "Fanny" C. Elizabeth Hambright, the daughter of Lawson Black Hambright, Sr. who was the son of Henry Hambright, the brother of Sophie Susan Hambright. The Dickson/Dixon family is so large and difficult to trace. I have been searching for years. However it appears we are still cousins. I would love to exchange information on anything you have on the family....*

Her response: Hi! Good to be in touch, cousin! If I come across a connection, I will let you know. The Dickson/Dixon family is huge, as well as the Hambright family. I've just started getting back into research. I see that you have done LOTS of research! I love your informative newsletters. I am at the beginning of organizing my notes on scraps of paper, emails, etc. If you can connect the governor, Franklin Murray Dixon, to your family, then you are also connected to the Graves family gen. 169. You can follow the 169 to Frank Dixon and Launa (I think they have it as Laura or Louise) Murray, listed as living at St. John's Place. I found that hint in an old article about him, just a one line notation! I was very happy!

--France

URGENT... I'm sorry to bother you, We made a trip to Talisay City, Philippines and had our bags stolen from us with our phones and credit cards in it. The embassy is willing to help by letting us fly back home since we still have our passports, We just have to pay for our ticket and settle Hotel bills. Unfortunately for us, I don't have access to funds without my credit card, I've made contact with my bank but they need more time to come up with a new one. I was thinking of asking you to lend me (\$1,850USD) that I can give back as soon as We get home. We really need to be on the next available flight. I'm so confused at the moment I need urgent help.

Money gram is the best option to send money to us. Let me know if you need my details(Full names and Present location) you can also reach me via email. I will forever be grateful if you can help me. Best Regards, John Henson  
**Suspecting this as a fraud I replied:**

*I hope the money arrived safely as we put it in a bottle at the Tennessee River bridge near Chattanooga with your name on it.... -Leroy*

**The real John replied:** Sorry! But some idiot broke into my eMail contacts and tried to make illegal money. We have never been in that part of the world. On Saturday, June 3, Audrey and I will celebrate our 66th anniversary. I have been calling your cell phone ever since your surgery but with no answer. How are you doing? I hope you are most fully recovered from a serious piece of surgery. We have kept you in our prayers daily since your surgery. --Your Cousin, John

**The above are exerps from several emails. My reply:** What a milestone, where do we send the Sympathy to Audrey? I am recovering but slow.. I have what they call I-Fib. Heart rate 125. May have to have it shocked. Six weeks tomorrow. New phone.## \_\_\_\_.

Leroy, Now that you've got twenty years of (all spellings) Dedman, have you considered combining them into one large pdf file? Anyone with Adobe Acrobat could do that for you--perhaps you have the program. If you don't, don't know anyone, but are interested, my wife and I could do that for you. It would produce a book-sized file, but you could put it on a CD for distribution. People could send you a blank CD and a self-addressed return envelope to get a copy. We'd be happy to help you with this. It could be downloaded, but I think it would have to be zipped in some fashion which creates un-zip issues for the more novice computer users. Us SC Dedmans is willin'. -- Jim (D)

**Sounds like a good idea, let's go for it... -Leroy**

## GLEND A SUE TUCKER

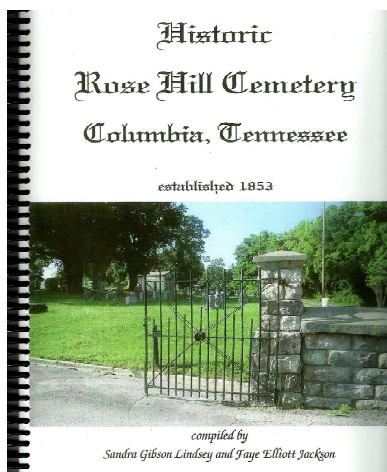


Glenda Sue Tucker passed away on January 11, 2018 at the age of 75. She was the beloved wife of William Tucker of Foristell, Missouri; She is survived by her three sons, Scott (Becky) Tucker of O'Fallon, MO, Greg Tucker of Weldon Spring, MO, Kent Tucker of O'Fallon, MO; sister, Judy James of Meredith, NH; three grandsons, Joshua Tucker, Robert Tucker, Kyle Tucker; granddaughter, Kaitlin Tucker. She is preceded in death by her father, Richard Glen Whitcomb, mother, Clarkie Geraldine Dedmon. Glenda enjoyed quilting, handcrafts and genealogy research. She loved raising her 3 boys and her family. She will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Memorials/Donations may be made to the Donor's choice, in care of

**Pitman Funeral Home  
P.O. BOX 248  
Wentzville, MO 63385.**

## Rose Hill Cemetery Columbia, Tennessee.



Recently, during a visit with our good friends, Harold and Faye Jackson of Springfield, TN, I discovered she had published a book with all the names listed in the Historic Rose Hill Cemetery at Columbia, TN. Knowing we had Dedman relatives buried there, it peaked my interest. The book was published by Fay and her friend, Sandra Gibson Lindsey. There are 13,000 names buried in the 45 acre cemetery that was established in 1853. I was very impressed that these two ladies walked every inch and recorded every name in the cemetery. The book sells for 65 dollars, but Faye knew I was just a poor preacher (she has heard me preach over 1000 times), so she gave me a copy. If you have interest in one it may be ordered from her at:

Faye. E. Jackson  
2203 Bracey Drive  
Springfield, TN 37172

## MARY DEDMON

Services for Mary Scott Dedmon 76, will be held at 1:00 PM Thursday, February 27 2003 at Shelton-Hunt Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Rose Hill Cemetery; Humboldt, Gibson County, TN. Mrs. Dedmon, a homemaker, died Monday, February 24, 2003 at her residence. Survivors include one son, Robert Dedmon of Smyrna, TN; one sister, Margie S. Jones of Humboldt, TN; three grandchildren, Marianne Kathryn Dedmon of Murfreesboro, Kenneth Patrick Dedmon of Murfreesboro, and Jennifer Amelia Dedmon of Smyrna. Memorials may be made to the American Leukemia Lymphoma Society 446 Metro Park Dr. Suite A-200 Nashville TN 37211. Shelton-Hunt Funeral Home 731-784-1414  
**MEMORIAL ID 149017968**

## MARY R. DEDMON

Portsmouth - Mary R. Dedmon, 88, passed away on Aug. 2, 2017. She was predeceased by her husband, Charley Dedmon, sons, Ricky L. and Larry G. Dedmon, and grandson, Brian Dedmon. Mary is survived by her four children, Charles, Kenneth, Daniel Dedmon and Annette St. Clair; 8 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. A service will be held at 2 pm Sunday in Loving Funeral Home with burial at Meadowbrook Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends in the funeral home Saturday from 7-8 pm and online condolences may be made at LovingFuneralHome.com.

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Virginian Pilot on Aug. 4, 2017  
MEMORIAL ID 182144955**

## DORIS JACQUELINE DEDMAN

Dedman, Doris J. "Jackie", 76, Tarpon Springs, died Nov. 17, 2017 she was the widow of the late Charles Owen Dedman. Survived by sons, Ricky and Timothy; daughter, Drema; 4 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren; sister, Dora. A graveside service will be held on Friday, November 24, 2017 at 2:30pm at Bluegrass Memorial in Nicholasville, KY.

"The Dedman Connection" is a family newsletter to aid in research for all related families which include, but not limited to- DEDMON, DEDMAN, DEADMAN, DEADMON, DEDMOND, DEADMOND, DEDMONDT and all others

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