

The Dedmon Connection

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GOODBYE Y-2K

I can't believe the year 2000 is almost over and my computer is still going. However, some of you may not think so as I have done very little on the family research project this year. In fact, I have not published a newsletter since June. I have some photos, etc. of the reunion in July, which I will try to publish in the next newsletter. I have been rather busy lately and the year 2000 has gone rather quickly. It was my privilege to be Santa to over 100 boys and girls recently. This was a new experience for me, but one that I really enjoyed.

I realize that I have been very slow in producing the issues of the DEDMON CONNECTION. I wish I could tell you that I will do better in 2001, but I am afraid that will not be the case. I must be the world's greatest procrastinator. I guess I need to "practice what I preach". Please be patient with me and I will eventually get the publications finished... I still need articles and pictures from you to publish in future issues.



WEDDING BELLS FOR CARRIE JANE

The old courthouse in Buchanan, GA was the scene for the wedding of my grand daughter, Carrie Jane. Carrie is Gwen's only child. September 6, was the date of the event. Needless to say it brought tears to my eyes as I performed the ceremony. She married Doug Webb of Buchannan and of course will make that their place of residence. I baptized Doug's grandfather, Curlis Agan, several years ago while I was the preacher at Bremen, GA. Jane worked hard decorating the courthouse to make it a beautiful place for the wedding to take place. The picture to the left is of Carrie, me and Jane. I am the one in the black tuxedo.

SUBSCRIPTION INFORMATION

Since this is an on-line version it is free to all. Feel free to print it out if you wish to keep it. Later, if we decide to publish a mail-out version, we would only expect to charge for the cost to print and mailing. You may need to adjust your printer margin settings to make it print correctly... If you have any problems, please let me know. This is your newsletter, and I solicit material from you. Please send me all the information you can on the family. Also, I will publish articles, poems, etc. written by you. Any thing you think the family has an interest in, send it.

REUNION-2000..... A GREAT SUCCESS

Hickory Grove Baptist church was the site for the reunion. The church is located in Houston Valley, Catoosa, County, GA. (near Ringgold) This is one of the areas the Dedmon family settled when leaving North Carolina and coming to Georgia. Several family members then went on to Arkansas and eventually Oklahoma and points west. There was a great turn out for the reunion with folks from California, Arkansas, Florida, Alabama, Tennessee and Georgia. After lunch several of the "braver" souls journeyed to the site of the "Dedmon Cemetery". The cemetery is located at Taylor's Ridge, the final resting place for several of our ancestors. The unmarked graves and hard to read head stones makes it difficult to know who is actually in the graves. There is a list of all who are buried there and a few of the stones are readable. Along with the Dedmon's, there are several other families buried there. The Blacks and Dicksons are represented quite well at the Dedmon Cemetery.



(L-R) Tommy Dedmon, Jesse Dedmon, and aunt Daisy Fincher Dedmon (Daisy was married to my uncle Paul Dedmon, and Jesse is their son)

DEDMON REUNION 2003

Our next reunion is tentatively set for June 7, 2003. However, this is subject to change, but we will keep you posted. The place has not been selected. Please communicate with me your suggestions and ideas for our next reunion. There is a family reunion held annually in North Carolina. I will try to get information and pass on.



HICKORY GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

This is from a lithograph by a Chattanooga, Tennessee artist, Ron Cory. He donated a number of these to the church to sell to assist in the building of the new church.



Standing (l-r): Maye Belle, Robert, & Neal Armstrong, Joel Boyd. Seated (l-r): Sheri Pyles West, her daughter, Tommy Dedmon (my brother) in the front.



(L-R) Standing: ? (help) Seated (l-r): Ruth Ann Dedmon Richard, Janna Shereen Richard, Ruby Dickson Dedmon, Glenda Sue Hines Dedmon, and Daisy Fincher Dedmon



Obituaries are a good way to gain information on family information. I am always glad to receive them. Please pass any you have on to me that I am publish them for others to share the information. Also, I am always looking for articles for the newsletters. Please write some "stories" of your family experiences. I know out there among all us Dedmons there are some great authors.

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.

Clyde Barton RINGGOLD — Clyde Charles Barton died Tuesday, April 18, 2000, at his home. He was 85. The funeral will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at Wallis-Stewart Funeral Home. Burial will be in Anderson Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be today from 6 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home. (Chattanooga Times & Free Press, April 19, 2000)

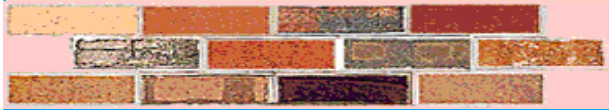
Ed Note: Clyde was a descendent of Molly Louise Walker, who was a sister to my grandmother Alice Alma Walker. Alice died when my father was a baby, therefore I never knew her. Dad was "raised" (to you non North Georgia family members thats reared) by his aunt Tony who married Charles Cline.

Another Poem from Tayna CANDY

Born too soon. But never too late.
 Fighting and screaming. A miracle was made.
 Strawberries and vanilla. Swallowed up by a crib.
 Blue eyes that light the sky.
 A scared and delicate soul.
 A two pound baby, That the angels want to hold.
 They wanted her from the beginning.
 Over the years they let her know.
 Every day was a struggle.
 A moment of peace between tears.
 I'd hold her hand. She'd close her eyes.
 I'd give her a kiss. She'd try to smile.
 They would tug at her heart strings.
 I held her as long as I could. She's mine!
 She doesn't belong to you!
 Bring back her sight. Bring back her mind.
 Bring back her health. Bring back her life.
 Bring her back to me.
 To let us live the way It was meant to be.
 Today I can only see her face.
 In the tiny little frame. That sits on top of the piano.
 Wanting to come out to sit and play.
 Yesterday she sat there.
 Pounding notes that screamed She was alive.
 Tomorrow the notes will be silent.
 We won't hear music anymore.
 But when the sun goes down, And it starts to rain.
 I'll sit on the piano bench, And she will be there.
 My mother Candy.... As sweet as her name.
 Tanya Jewel -Feb. 19, 1998

Tanya has sent several poems and I am glad to publish them. Her mother was Candace Jewell Peterson, the daughter of Billie Jewell Dedmon

THE BRICK WALL



THE MISSISSIPPI DEDMONS

The Dedmons of Mississippi still remain a mystery to me for the most part. I do have some information from known relatives living in Mississippi. Katheryn Kellum Bentz, who lived in Mississippi at the time I talked to her, gave me some helpful information of the Dedmons who came from Georgia to Mississippi via Alabama. Most of these were the descendents of William James and John J. Dedmon. I believe if we could get more information from the present generation as to their grandfathers and great grandfathers we could connect the missing pieces. The following are inquiries I copied from Ancestry.com in hopes that it will "ring a bell" with some of you. --(Leroy)

Date: 6 Jul 1999

I am looking for anyone who has information about Lucian Marion Dedmon. He is my great grandfather. He was born in 1894 and died in 1955 in Washington County, Mississippi. He married Hattie Miley. Melanie Dedmon

Date: 27 Dec 1999

My maternal Great-Grandfather was Frank Dedmon. He was the Sheriff of Sharkey County, MS. He died before I was born so that was before 1962. He married Amanda Louella Jones Kettleman. He died in Sharkey County, MS. He children were Ruby, Christine, Mabel, Willie (Female-my Grandmother), Ethel, R.E. (Female), and one son that I don't remember the name. Melanie Dedmon
(madedmon@yahoo.com)

Genealogical Humor:

The following conversation was overheard at a party attended by high society people: "My ancestry goes all the way back to Alexander the Great," said one lady. She then turned to a second lady and asked, "And how far does your family go back?" "I don't know," was the reply. "All of our records were lost in the Flood."

I found this piece of e-mail while cleaning up one of my old hard drives. I am not even sure I ever answered it. If someone has information, I am sure Bryce would appreciate it.

Date: Tuesday, September 07, 1999 11:12 PM
Subject: Sarah Cavender

I am interested in Sarah Rebecca Cavender that you have on your web page. Do you know if she married a William T. Roberts in May 25 1857 in Carol Co. GA., Bryce L Hager. (bryce@gulftel.com)
To see our line of Hager's click: [here](#) :
<http://www.parsonstech.com/genealogy/trees/bhager/family2.htm>

Editor's note: I have a Sarah Rebecca Cavender but according to our research she was married to James A. (Jink) Thomason in 1859 and they had a son named Young Pinckney Thomason, who was born in 1869. She was born in 1842 and was only 17 at the time of her marriage. However, this is no proof that at the age of 15 she did not marry William Roberts. Does anyone have any information on this.

Heredity: Everyone believes in it until their children act like fools!

Theory of relativity: If you go back far enough, we're all related. The concept of the "brotherhood of man" is a biblical concept. Despite the differences around the world, despite the different cultures, despite the different skin tones, we are all related. Paul said to the men of Athens: "And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; for in Him we live and move and have our being..." ([Acts 17:26-28a](#)). Why would Paul make such a statement? Perhaps to say that if you trace your ancestry back only to the time of Abraham, you live in a divided world because you are either a Jew or a Gentile. But, if you trace your ancestry back even further, we are once again united in the realization that we are part of one human family, created by God to be in fellowship with Him. Our realization of the brotherhood of man ultimately affects not only our relationship with one another, but our relationship with God as well. Have a great day!



In the Mailbag

Thanks so much for reminding about the newsletter. Its good to hear from you. We are all ok, I am having some back problems. My folks are still doing fairly well for being their age. I printed your newsletter for my dad. He enjoys reading them. I am sure that you have heard this many times before, but I really believe that we are related somehow. Your photo on the newsletter resembles my father so much. He has grey hair, mustache and glasses, and you all look like you are related. Hope your family are all ok. Talk to you later, [Beth Dedmon Barker](mailto:Bb7157@aol.com). [Bb7157@aol.com]

Dear Leroy, I haven't heard from you in sometime.....is there a new Dedmon newsletter available? I realize that you have conversed with some of my family and they told me that you had lost my e mail address.....hope to hear from you soon [Gail M. Ford](mailto:GFord69789@aol.com) (Brenda Gail McSwain Ford) [GFord69789@aol.com]

Annabelle Messer (Margaret Ola Mae Carter, Ruben, Meredith, Mary Polly Jacks, John Nicholas, Richard, Thomas) was born December 07, 1907 in Hollywood, Ala., and died August 20, 1975 in Elk City, Ok.. She married (1) Edgar Lee Dedmon . She married (2) Thomas Edward Nichols March 04, 1925 in Sayre, OK, son of John Nichols and Mary. Notes for Annabelle Messer: Quote from Anna belle "I am Annabelle eldest living child. It is said that I resemble my mother in looks, but I can see I also resemble my father in many ways. I am not as impatient as my mother. Child of Annabelle Messer and Edgar Dedmon is: Clarence Lee Dedmon, born June 13, 1923; died December 12, 1993 in Fairlawn Cemetery, Elk City, Ok.

Thanks very much. I will download and join when I get to my home computer. I work at a middle school and cannot download just anything here. I am the ggranddaughter of Ada Dedmond and "unknown" Brown. Is there any information anywhere on him? Our line of Browns will end with my dad. I know nothing much about any of my paternal family. My grandparents divorced before my birth. (Esby Sewyn Brown and Vidalia Berry Brown.) Thanks to you, at least now I know about the Dedmonds. [Jackie Hamilton](mailto:jhamilton19@hotmail.com) (jhamilton19@hotmail.com)

I traveled to Camp Nelson National Cemetery on Friday last to attend a funeral of my cousins husband. Since the route took us thru Versailles we took the opportunity to stop in the Versailles Cemetery and check with the office there to try to locate some grave sites of my ancestors whom I knew were buried there. Very productive visit and the caretaker was most helpful. I was able to locate the sites of all the ones I knew about and , this is the real kicker, one that I had no record of at all. I had not seen his name in any of the census records or in any of the other sources I have looked at. Here is all I know at the moment. His headstone reads " Hawkins Dedman 1870-1907" and he is buried in the family lot alongside Robert E. Dedman 1835-1901, Sue Jelf Dedman 1835-1908, and Brother Philip Reif 1861-1903. There is also one unmarked grave in the lot and no record of the occupant is in the caretakers log book. I'm, of course, interested in both of these unknowns but particularly Hawkins since I have both a name and date to go on. If either of you can make any connection with this name please let me know. I now have site numbers for all the Dedmans buried in Versailles cemetery. Next time over there we will try to take photos of the headstones. Time and opportunity just didn't present itself on this visit. We also need to visit the Lexington Cemetery to locate some other Dedman sites which we know are there. [Bill Beheler](mailto:WBeheler@aol.com) [WBeheler@aol.com]

From Marie Pierson: Marie Elizabeth Johns Pierson b 1939 Houston TX daughter of Russell Vernon Johns (1907-1998) & Frankie Esther East (1918-1986) R V Johns is s/o Samuel Wesley Johns (1877-1962) & Louisa Elizabeth Robinson (1885-1971) Sam Johns is s/o Robert Wesley Johns (1854-1905) & Nancy Avialine Green (1853-1877) Nancy Green is d/o David Woumagh Green (1822-1865) & Margaret Ann Hill (1821-1862) "Peggy" Hill is daughter of John Hill (1784-1868) & Sarah Ann Deadman (b&d;dates unknown to me) "Sally" Deadman is daughter of Thomas G. Deadman (1763-c1845) & Nancy [Tatum] (1782- ?) Thomas G. is s/o Thomas Deadman (1722-1771) & Sarah Griffith (c1727-?) Thomas is s/o Thomas Deadman (c1690-?) & Sarah Edmund This is my lineage as I know it. If you have any different data, please advise. If you want the info for your records, I would furnish birth & death places as I know them. Thank you for your interest in our family ties. Do we have a reunion of the tribe? [Marie](mailto:pierson@nwol.net) (pierson@nwol.net)



From the Mail Bag

NEWS FROM YORBA LINDA

Softball and Baseball season has officially started here in Yorba Linda. Kris is now playing for Esperanza High School Aztecs. She is a Freshman and playing Varsity. They just played in the Brea Olinda tournament. They haven't finished top three in 18 years and have never won it in the 20 years of its existence. But... welcome to a new era and millennium. Kristen Dedmon is in the house! Esperanza won! Kris pitched all four games. Had 48 strike outs in 29 innings and only 1 earned run. Not bad for this youngster! Let's not forget Corey Dedmon. This RHP 12 year old plays for the Cubs! He throws a mean 2 and 3 seamer and has his share of K's too! He is certainly fun watching. Lastly, he has a beautiful bat swing. Likes them high pitches but he knows exactly what to do with them... send them to the fence! Anyway, the Dedmon family is out at a ballpark 6 days out of the week and loving it! We're all having fun watching our kids grow up. Hello to all the Dedmon's in GA. Wish I could bring the kids to the reunion. I will definitely put in on my calendar! Oh and let's not forget our fearless leader. Jeff turned 40 this month! You should see him squirm in his seat when the kids are on the mound! Quite a funny sight to see! Hope to hear from you soon... LIKE THE NEWSLETTER. Love, [Wilma Dedmon](#)

WILMA IS THE WIFE OF JEFF DEDMON. FORMER ATLANTA BRAVE... I RECEIVED THIS E-MAIL ON MARCH 14, 2000

Leroy, I found my family file the other day and can give you some specifics on Alfred and family I think. There are a few inaccuracies in the attachment. How can I best correct them? Will you be able to find the changes if I make them in capital letters?" [Judy](#)

Editor's Note: It was good to hear from Judy Dedmon Coyle again. She descends from Alfred Burton Dedmon, who was a half-brother to my grandfather. --Leroy

Hi Leroy, I have found Victoria Deadmon, married to Robert Nixon in Dekalb County TN in 1883. I went to Smithville TN this week to the library. I found a few of my missing links. Then went to Smith County and found more info. Smith County TN is where my Deadmon and Nixon's lived before moving around to other parts of TN. I wanted to let you know I finally found something. [Sue Nixon Winnett](#)

I recently had the opportunity to review your file at Ancestry.com. I believe I may have more information for you regarding the marriage of Emma Dellinger and Samuel Leard Roberts. In addition to the child you have listed, Ezma Ethel Roberts, I believe he also had a son, Ivon Leard Roberts, born 9-22-98, died 1-69. Ivon was married and went on to have four children, three girls and a boy. Ivon is my husband's grandfather. I was doing some research on the name Leard and found your information which matches what I have for Ivon Leard's parents. If you are interested in having the names and dates for this branch of the family tree, please contact me and I will provide the information for you. Do you know how to get in touch with the Dedmons who would be my husband's cousins? We would like to get in touch with them, if possible. Thank you for your help and thank you for all of your hard work on the family tree so far. [Kathy Roberts](#)

Ed Note: Ezma Ethel Roberts was married to William Wray Dedmon

Sorry to be so long getting back to you. I received the Dedmon book from Danny and I have been busy loading and reloading the info. Now I have finished, out from under the snow, and got to play golf the last two days. Today it is in the 60's and is beautiful. After 4 weeks of snow on the ground I am glad to see the grass. Most snow at one time I believe we have had. We usually play golf about 45-50 weeks a year here. Maybe from now to years end we can. Now to the family. Do you have any info on my family; Dedmons, Martins, Bridges, Fosters, Wattersons, Griggs, Morrows etc? Can I do anything to help you? Please stay in touch. Thanks for contacting me.

--[Larry D. Martin](#)

Ed Note: Larry is a descendent of Hezekiah (Kiah) Dedmon, Sr. His great grandmother was Cecila Victoria Dedmon

Leroy Dedmon, Hello, Hope all is well where you are. I will give you what I have on my family line, I still have some places to fill in but this is a start. I just bought this computer Nov 19, 1999 and two days later started my Searching and trying to learn the computer at the same time. I've finally came into the 20th century and then the century changes (grin). I will start with my mother and father. Mother: Margie Lee Fortune Oates born 12-19-1922 still living, born in Cleveland County, NC Father: Robert J. Oates born 12-24-1916? his date of birth was different when we received the death certificate, when he died 8-7-1987 and I don't have access to it. He was born in Macon County, Ga., and buried at Park Hill Cemetery, Columbus, Ga. He was a WW2 veteran, and Korean Veteran. He retired from the Army in 1962 at Fort Benning Ga. Siblings: Brother: Ronald J. Oates Married to Pam Carter lives in Atlanta, Ga., still living, doesn't want birth info given out. They have 2 sons. Brother Raleigh Oates married to Ann Stephens, they have one daughter which brother number 1 has legal custody of. Myself: Melanie Oates Wells Malone, 2 grown sons, 6 grandchildren. Married to Eugene Malone 11 years, was married to 1st husband 16 years divorced for 7 years till Eugene And I married. I am a retired RN, and my husband is an Insurance Adjuster. He travels all over the US when there is a storm or Earthquake. My Grandmother: Minnie Ethel Grigg Fortune born 6-1890, died 1967, buried Rehobeth United Methodist Cemetery, Shelby, NC. Grandfather: Raleigh W. Fortune, born 6-1891, died 10-1972, also buried at Rehobeth. Greatgrandmother: Nancy Ellen Wolf Grigg, born 4-7-1857, died 9-6-1941, Buried at Rehobeth in Shelby, NC Greatgrandfather: Dock Franklin Grigg, born 4-5-1855, died 1-27-1939, 2x Greatgrandfather William Cathey Wolf, born 11-14-1833, died 5-9-1914, buried Beulah Methodist Cemetery, Waco, Cleveland, NC 2xGreatgrandmother Phoebe Lee, daughter of George Lee, born 6-9-1837, died 8-4-1915, also buried at Beulah Cemetery. 3xGreatgrandfather: Jacob Wolf born 11-1-1798, died 12-11-1865, buried Beulah Methodist Cemetery, Waco, Cleveland, NC. His mother was Polly Dedmon born 1785, don't have date of death or where she is buried. Jacob's gather is Unknown Wolf, at a BRICK WALL on him. 3xgreatgrandmother Nancy McIntire born 1-5-1799, died 1-27-1876, she is the daughter of Aaron McIntire. Nancy is also buried at Beulah Cemetery. If you have any questions just email me. I'm very glad to have found another Cousin and enjoy the correspondence. My husband and I live in Seale, Al. and have 2 catfish ponds and a good size garden in the spring and summer. I have a small winter garden with cabbage, broccoli, kale, mustard, brussels sprouts, kohlrabi, carrots, sugar snap peas, collards, and a couple other things I can't recall at the moment. We also have 4 miniature poodles who run the house, and a menagerie of cats outside (good to have in the country). We also have two catfish ponds which until the past week we were really worried about, it has been a drought and they were lower than they ever had been. But in the past week we have received some substantial amount of rain and they are filling back up. I will close for now and will await your reply. Walk in Peace and Love, [Melanie Malone](#) (Ed. note: I have received many letters regarding Jacob Wolfe. Most of these come from [Melanie Malone](#). I am including several in this issue...)

KINSMAN

**original poem by
Wayne Hand, 1999**

Alas, my elusive kinsman,
You've led me quite a chase.
I thought I'd found your courthouse,
But the Yankees burned the place.
You always kept your bags packed,
Although you had no fame,
And just for the fun of it,
Twice you changed your name.
You never owed any man,
Or at least I found no bills.
In spite of eleven offspring,
You never left a will.
They say our name's from Europe,
Came state side on a ship.
Either they lost the passenger list,
Or great granddad gave them the slip.
I'm the only one looking,
Another searcher I can't find.
I pray (maybe that's his fathers name)
As I go out of my mind.
They said you had a headstone,
In a shady plot.
I've been there twenty times,
And can't even find the lot.
You never wrote a letter,
Your Bible we can't find.
It's probably in some attic,
Out of sight and out of mind.
You first married a Smith,
And just to set the tone.
The other four were Sarah's,
And everyone a Jones.
You cost me two fortunes,
One of which I did not have.
My wife, my house and Fido,
God, how I miss that yellow lab.
But somewhere you slipped up,
Ole Boy, Somewhere you left a track.
And if I don't find you this year,
Well Next year I'll be back!

Ed Note: I enjoyed this poem, so I am passing it on to you. The email of the sender of this poem is Ktdidyvgs@aol.com, but I don't remember who this is.

Melanie, I don't have any proof of a marriage between Polly Dedmon and Mr. Wolf. Since she was so young, at least 13, she may not have been married to him. She did marry Horbert Procter and they had two children, Mark G. Dedmon Proctor, born Aug 17, 1806. Polly would have been around 21. If she did marry Mr. Wolf, it wasn't for very long. The second child was Didamy Proctor, born Feb. 14, 1812. Both were born in Rutherford County, North Carolina. I'll bet that the confusion of the birth date of Jacob is because there were two Jacobs. Your date is probably the correct one. I would bet that Jacob's father was Indian. His name was probably "The Wolf" The surname, "Wolf" has its origins in Indian. The most abundant tribe in North Carolina in those days was Cherokee. Other Deadmans of this line did marry Cherokee and some had children out of wed lock by Cherokee partners. Below is the information I have about Mark Dedmon. More information will follow on another e-mail message because of the size factor. I don't want to load everything on one message.

MARK DEDMON/DEADMAN Mark Deadman was born August 15, 1755 in Baltimore, Maryland. He died March 23, 1839 in Cleveland County, North Carolina. He is buried in the Zion Baptist Church Cemetery in Shelby, NC. He was a private in the Revolutionary War. An application for pension was made by Mark Deadman. Here is the complete transcription of this application. STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, RUTHERFORD COUNTY That on the 12th day of September 1834 personally appeared before me the subscribe Justice of the Peace for said County, Mark Dedmon, Resident in the County of Rutherford and State of North Carolina, Age 76 years, who being first duly sworn according to the law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 7th day of June, 1832. That he entered the service of United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated and that he entered the service of the United States in the County of Rowan, North Carolina, on the 5th day of August, 1779. As a drafted military man under the command of Captain Lions and Colonel Lock, and General Rutherford Regiment and marched to fight the Cherokee Indians and returned home to Rowan County, N.C. under Captain Lions and served three months. Then entered the second time in service in the year of 1780 as a volunteer in

Rowan (Roan) County, N.C. In Captain Hitens company and afterwards under Captain Wilson in General Davidson Regiment and afterwards Major Dowell and General Modrgun and was in the Battle of Cowpens in South Carolina in 1781 and was discharged at Sherrills Ford on the Catawba River in North Carolina and served three months. Then entered the third time in service in 1781 as a volunteer in Roane (Rowan) County, N.C. under Captain Hiten in the House Company and under Major Smith and General Rutherford and march to Fayetteville, N.C. and served three months. That he was born in the state of Maryland and afterwards moved to Roane (Rowan) County, N.C. and lived there until was 28 years old. Afterwards he moved to South Carolina, Greenville District. Then moved to Rutherford County, N.C. where he lived for 40 years past and that he had no record of his age, that he was living in Roane (Rowan) County, N.C. when called into the service and that he was drafted then first called into service and afterwards volunteered himself for the last two times and that there is no person in his acquaintance that he can prove his service by but that he was acquainted with General Rutherford and Colonel Locke and Major Smith and that he never had a discharge only one and that only one was given by Captain William Wilson but has lost it since, and that there is no clergyman in the neighborhood where he resides that he can certify as to their belief as to his being a soldier of the Revolutionary war but that he is acquainted with Louis Campe and William Weathers who can certify that he has character for and give his belief as to his service in the revolutionary war and that he does hereby relinquish every claim whatsoever to a pension 02 except the present and declare that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. Sworn to and subscribed to this the 12th day of September 1834. Signed Mark Dedmon. Witnesses: William Weathers - Y.B. Izondicia That we, Lewis Campe and Willis Weathers, are citizens residing in the county of Rutherford and State of North Carolina, and hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Mark Dedmon who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration that we believe him to be 76 years age, that he is and he lives in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a

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soldier of the revolutionary and that we concur in that opinion. Sworn to and subscribe to the above date and year written. Signed by William Weathers: Signed by Lewis Campe and Willis Weathers. On January 27, 1842, Hannah Dedmon, age 76, widow of Mark Dedmon, made application for pension for widows, granting them half pay STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA - RUTHORFORD COUNTY On this the 27th day of January, 1842, personally appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace for said County and State. Hanna Dedmon, a resident of North Carolina in the county of Ruth-erford, age (76) seventy six years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 7, 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows — that she is the widow of Mark Dedmon who was a private of the military in the war of the Revolution, and was a pensioner under the Act of Congress passed the 7th of June and entered on the pension list of — Carolina Agency — That she was married to said Mark Dedmon sometime in the year of 1784 and her husband, the aforesaid Mark Dedmon, died on the 23rd day of March 1839. She was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous on the first of January 1797, at the time above stated. Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written, before - Harrill/ by Hanna Dedmon. The following family data was shown at the time of the application: Polly Dedmon, born Nov. 13, 1786 Thomas Dedmon. born Jan. 15, 1788 William Dedmon, born March 12, 1791 Sally Dedmon, born Sept. 29, 1793 (These are the children of Mark Dedmon and Hannah Bailey Dedmon. Mark and Hannah were married Nov. 7, 1785 in Rowan County.) Grandchildren: Jacob Wolf, born Dec. 26, 1794 Hampton Pager, born Sept. 29, 1815 Mary Dedmon, died Feb. 3, 1826 Thomas H. Crafford Dedmon, died Feb. 15, 1826 (could these two have been infant twins?) Mark Dedmon Proctor, born Aug. 17, 1806 Jessey Dedmon, born March 20, 1809 John Dedmon. born March 30, 181? (torn) Didamy Proctor, born Feb. 14, 1812 Carssey Dedmon, born July 15, 1813

Hanner Dedmon, born Nov. 29, 181? (unclear) Hannah Dedmon requested to be buried on her plantation in Cleveland County, North Carolina, about a mile from the cemetery where her husband was buried several years before. A large white cedar tree stands at the head of her grave. There are no other graves. Mark Dedmon/Deadman was the son of Thomas Deadman III 1720-1771 and his wife, Sarah Griffin. Thomas III died at the age of 51 leaving Sarah with 10 young children. Thomas III was the son of Thomas Deadman II, born 1690 and died around 1760, and his wife, Sarah Edmond. (Thomas III is your ancestor. I descend from Thomas III's brother, Edmond Deadman) Thomas II was the son of Thomas Deadman I, English immigrant, and his wife, Margaret, who died 1749. Thomas I, ,born about 1651, was the son of John Deadman II (born around 1631) English immigrant, who was the son of John Deadman I (born about 1617) English immigrant. Lois [Arthur](mailto:parish@smithville.net). (parish@smithville.net)

Genealogy:

- Tracing yourself back to better people.
- I trace my family history so I will know who to blame.
- Can a first cousin, once removed, return?
- Searching for lost relatives? Win the lottery!
- Do I even WANT ancestors?
- Every family tree has some sap in it.
- Friends come and go, but relatives tend to accumulate.
- Genealogists never die, they just lose their roots.
- A haystack full of needles. It's the threads I need.
- Where you confuse the dead and irritate the living.
- I think my family tree is a few branches short of full bloom
- Life is lived forwards, but understood backwards.

This letter, I think, was written to Shirley Pitman. I am including it along with Shirley's response.

Hello, I'm Melanie and I'm researching Wolf, McEntire, Dedmon, Fortune, Grigg, Oates. Polly Dedmon was 4xgreatgrandmother who had a son named Jacob Wolf. The father is listed as unknown Wolf. Do you have any info? I don't think she was married to unknown Wolf, as I haven't found any marriage info. I know that sometime around 1806 she married a Horbert Procter and had another son named Mark Dedmon Procter. Her father was Mark Dedmon and mother was Hannah Bailey. I haven't done any research on Bailey line yet, I wish I could answer your question. If you have any info I would be most appreciative. Were any of the Dedmon's Native American? Walk in Peace and Love, [Melanie Malone](mailto:Whitewolfe0510@aol.com) (Whitewolfe0510@aol.com)

Hi Melanie, I see that we are related; Polly Dedmon's sister, Sarah "Sally," was my 3rd great grandmother. She married Abraham Padgett. She also named a son (Mark Dedmon Padgett) after her father, Mark Dedmon. I wish I could help with some info on Mr. (Unknown) Wolf, but I think that I must have the same information that you already have, which was taken from Mark Dedmon's Rev. War Pension Application. I do have a copy of the Pension Application which I ordered from the National Archives. I have not done any research into the Baily connection and really don't know exactly where to start. I have not found the names of any Baily's in the Rutherford/Cleveland County areas that would be of age to be Hannah's parents. I assume they must have remained in Rowan County, after Hanna and Mark moved to Rutherford (now Cleveland) County, but I have no absolute and proven data on her family, other than NC State Archives confirmation of Hanna's marriage to Mark Dedmon in 1785 in Rowan County. The bondsman for that marriage, along with Mark Dedmon, was "William Bailey." It is certainly possible that this may have been Hanna's father, or at least a relative. Then, some years later, in 1802 in Rutherford County, NC, a "Samuel Bailey" witnessed the deed transfer of 50 acres of land from Mark Dedmon to William McKinnish. This "Samuel Bailey" could also have been a relative of Hanna's, but this is merely speculation on my part. I will hang onto your E-mail address and keep my eyes open for any clues to Mr. Wolf or the Baily's and I will let you know if I am able to turn up anything helpful to us. Before I go, have you checked out the DEDMON webpage of Rev. Leroy Dedmon of Georgia? The site address is <http://www.dedmon.org/>. He has a lot of really interesting information plus an on-line DEDMON family newsletter. I hope you will be very successful with your research. Your cousin and friend, [Shirley Pittman](mailto:moochie@rfci.net) (moochie@rfci.net)

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.

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

One of the best ways to communicate with our "on-line" family is with the instant messenger. (AIM) America On-line subscribers are very familiar with this aspect of "talking" on the net. With instant messenger you can send real time



messages to any AOL member and all others who have downloaded and installed the FREE software. Do it right now and send me your screen name. If you are already on AOL or have AIM, you also need to send your screen name. The limitation of AIM is that you can only "talk" one on one, while AOL members are able to participate in private group chats. In the near future I hope to establish an internet chat room for our use.