

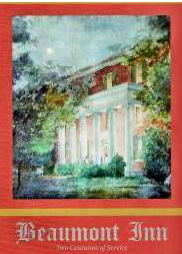


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## NEW BOOK TELLS FASCINATING HISTORY OF BEAUMONT INN

After many years of research, the book “Beaumont Inn: Two Centuries of Service” by John David Myles traces the evolution of Kentucky’s oldest family-operated inn. The book release kicks off the 100th anniversary celebration of the inn and the 200th anniversary of this location welcoming guests. This 125-page hardback book by historian Myles is the first written documentation of many oral accounts and recently discovered tidbits about the beloved American landmark operated by five generations of the Dedman family.

“Most of the knowledge we had of this wonderful building and property was from family lore, stories passed through generations, but no actual research,” says Helen Dedman, fourth generation owner of Beaumont Inn. “John David Myles researched tedious and fascinating deed chains back to the beginning of time. You’ll love the vast array of characters from Kentucky pioneers to a United States Supreme Court Judge who have a connection with our establishment – a true historical drama.”

Located in Kentucky’s oldest town, Harrodsburg, the journey begins some 200 years ago as the first tourists journeyed to the natural mineral springs. In fact, the summer of 1808 welcomed 1,500 guests in cabins and modest rooms. Read endless interlocking stories of the springs and the creation of Kentucky’s trailblazing college for women. After the college closed, the Dedman family journey began as a graduate-turned-teacher bought the grand building and transformed it into the landmark inn and restaurant that opened in 1919.

Read how it became one of the top culinary and bourbon destinations in the country. Their trailblazing into hospitality and known-for dishes such as yellow-legged chicken, corn pudding and two-year old Kentucky country ham led them to win the prestigious James Beard Foundation American Classics Award in 2015. Also, their early years of distilling in the Bourbon capital of the world led to fifth generation Dixon Dedman’s return of Kentucky Owl Bourbon Whiskey, about 135 years after his great-great grandfather first distilled it.

“I love the pictures John David has included—early settlers, long gone properties, and intriguing items he found during the process,” Dedman adds. “John David’s research revealed the actual facts related to the family stories of ‘Whisky Thieves and Bourbon Heists.’ Just this past year, we created the Bourbon Tasting Room decorated with the Dedman Distillery history.” Constructed in 1845, the present Main Inn was a school for young ladies known as Daughters College, later becoming Beaumont College until 1916.

Today, visitors are welcome to tour the first floor of the Main Inn to see a fascinating collection of historic photographs, artifacts and antiques. This book accompanies the recent release of the 6th version of the Beaumont Inn Recipes Cookbook. Purchase the book for \$28 at the Inn’s gift shop or [beaumontinn.com](http://beaumontinn.com).

### About the author

John David Myles is an attorney, former Circuit Judge, and preservationist. He has written and lectured on architecture for the Filson Historical Society and prepared historical and architectural reports on a number of southern hunting plantations for Plantation Services, Inc., in Charleston, South Carolina. Myles has also consulted on numerous restoration and renovation projects. His *Historic Architecture of Shelby County, Kentucky 1792-1915* received the 2017 Samuel W. Thomas Book Award from the Louisville Historical League and a 2017 Publication Award from the Kentucky Historical Society.

*The above story was published in the Advocate Messenger on February 20, 2018. I have written about Beaumont Inn on several occasions. (LD)*

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## **THE INDIANS on DEEP CREEK.**

**Two Scouts Missing- Families Moving to This Side of the Missouri - Great Excitement Soldiers and Citizens Gone to the Front**

**FISHER'S FERRY, JULY 28, 1875**

To the Editor of the Herald,

On yesterday our people were thrown into a state of commotion occasioned by the return of two gentlemen who have been acting as pickets in the neighborhood of Deep Creek Pass. These men have been on picket duty for about six days, in connection sent by others sent by the citizens of Missouri Valley. They reported seeing forty Indians, and being chased by them for a distance of five miles. These two men are Messrs. Deadman and Fowler. There were two others on duty, Messrs, Grason and Teige. These two latter have not been heard from, although a previous agreement was made to meet at a point named. Deadman and Fowler reached the point agreed upon, but Grason and Fowler did not come, and have not up to the present time. Thirty citizens and ten soldiers have gone in search of them, and fears are entertained that they have been murdered by the Indians. The women and children are coming on this side of the Missouri. Meetings have been held at Canton and Centreville by citizens, and great excitement prevails. Couriers went last night to Diamond City and procured some muskets. I have distributed stand of arms in my possession, belonging to Jefferson County. This I had no authority to do, but in the emergency I assumed this much.

Respectfully, Robert Fisher

### **ADDITIONAL**

**We have the following particulars to add, given us by a person who left Centreville yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock:**

About a week ago the citizens of Missouri Valley, hearing of the Indian depredations in Judith Basin, held a meeting and appointed four scouts- Fowler, Deadman, Grason, Teige - to reconnoiter the pass at the head of the valley, promising these men that should any trouble befall them they should immediately receive assistance. On Tuesday,

Fowler and Deadman returned to the settlement, with startling news. Upon going out the scouts divided up in two parties, agreeing to meet at a certain time at a certain point near the summit. On Tuesday morning Fowler and Deadman came within sight of this point "a few hundred yards distance", and saw Grason and Teige surrounded by Indians. They immediately dismounted to open fire on the savages, but their horses becoming unmanageable, and the Indians deploying out to surround them, they mounted and fled for their lives. The Indians followed them for 5 miles, and it was only the speed of their horses that saved their lives. They estimate the number of Indians seen at forty. Simultaneous with the return of the scouts at Centreville.

Lt. Nelson and ten soldiers arrived from Camp Baker. He had been sent out to scout the country from Camp Baker over the range and along the foot hills to Fort Ellis; but becoming convinced of the immediate presence of a large body of hostile Indians, he came down from the foot hills to warn the settlers. The excitement produced by the reports of the scouts and soldiers can scarcely be described. The news spread like wildfire throughout the valley. With perhaps one exception, all the families in the valley hastily packed up and came into Centreville.

A party of forty men, well armed and mounted, was hastily formed, and together with the soldiers "except three, left as a home guard", started Tuesday afternoon for the pass in the mountains where the scouts were seen surrounded by the red devils. Accompanying the party was a one-handed man named Ballard, who was to return that night and report progress. Up to three o'clock yesterday afternoon not a single word had been heard from the expedition, and in consequence the excitement was every moment getting more intense.

Norton and Spencer are running a saw mill on one of the tributaries of Deep Creek. There are two ladies at the mill, and on Tuesday afternoon two men were dispatched to the mill warning them of the threatened danger and advising them to come to Centreville. No word in reply has been received. The supposition is that they have had trouble, or else did not consider the danger imminent.

The state of affairs, even though it should prove only a bad "scare", is truly deplorable. The farms in the beautiful Missouri Valley, one of the choicest garden spots of

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Montana, have been abandoned - crops, horses, cattle and poultry left to take care of themselves. A few days absence of the farmers from their homes will cause a serious loss of property; and, at this season of the year, a protracted absence would materially damage the prosperity of the settlement.

More troops are sorely needed in this Territory. The companies at the several posts should be fitted to the maximum with recruits, and an additional, full regiment of cavalry is necessary to guard the exposed frontier from incursions of the hostile Sioux.

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### **A BIG SCARE !**

#### **The Supposed Hostile Sioux in Deep Creek Prove to be Friendly Flatheads.**

*We are glad to lay before our readers the following correspondence, explaining the great Indian scare on Deep Creek, which, by advises received yesterday, threatened such disastrous results:*

**( FISHER'S FERRY , July 28,1875 )**

To the Editor of the Herald,  
I must now give you a sequel of our Indian scare, as related to me since writing you this noon. It seems that as soon as the news reached Lieutenant Nelson, he started immediately to Deep Creek Pass in command of twelve men, accompanied by Major Cooper in command of twenty-nine citizens. They traveled all of the night on the 27th. Reaching the place indicated by the pickets, they surrounded the Indian camp and took it by charge. The camp surrendered, and proved to be a Flat-head camp, composed of five bucks, two squaws and three Indian children, together with Dr. Bembrick, who it appears was camped with them on the way from his herd of cattle. So ends this Indian scare. I had almost forgotten to tell you that one of the scouts who brought in the news in the first place was put in front under a guard of regulars, but just as the charge was made he failed to do the part of a good soldier, and was not to be found. This is rather a laughable and funny end of what was considered 24 hours ago a very serious matter.  
Respectfully, ROBERT FISHER

**Helena Weekly Herald , August 5, 1875  
Helena, Montana**



### **A PLEA FOR DIRTY SOCKS**

A short time since while George Grayson and Riley Deadmond were encamped for the night on the south fork of the Judith near the mouth of the Yogo, in a dark, dismal canyon, a mountain rat made a raid on the camp after they had retired, and carried off Mr. D.'s knife, purse, pocket-book, shoe and hat; and last, but not least started with one of Mr. D.'s socks, but this proved to be a hot stove to the burglar of the forest; it was more than he could get away with. Stopping to sneeze he aroused the sleepers, who at once proceeded to hunt for their missing property. There was no trouble in tracing the thief to his hiding place by the various articles scattered along his trail, such as hats, shoes, etc. Digging into the ground four or five feet they came to the den, and the purse, knife and pocket-book were found. They also found a lot of spoons, purloined from some unfortunate camper some time previous.

**The Weekly Miner - May 17, 1881  
Butte , Montana**

*Editor's note: "I suspect it was the socks that caused the sneeze, however, I am a Genealogist, not a Detective" <wink>. --Hazel*

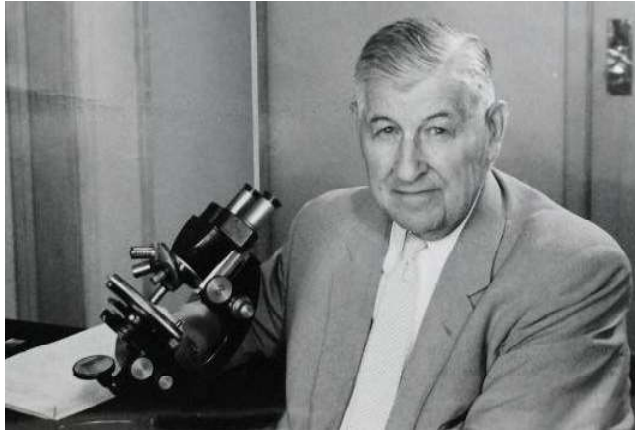
### **WEDDING BELLS ARE RINGING IN THE CHAPEL**

**Deadman-Raney Wedding  
December 31, 2017**

Lindsey Deadman grew up in Glendale, AZ with her parents, Dave and Marci, and sister, Erica. She studied education at Arizona State University and taught second and third grade in Surprise, AZ. She moved to Oklahoma in 2014 and teaches third grade in Edmond. Caleb Raney grew up with his parents, Larry and Sherri, and sisters, Lauren and Rachel, in Edmond, Oklahoma. He traveled to Alaska to play music after graduating from Oklahoma Baptist University. He is now studying to be an Industrial Engineer at the University of Oklahoma.



## THE DR. WILLIAM JAMES DEADMAN ENDOWMENT FUND



*Dr. William James Deadman, Pathologist and Bacteriologist, Hamilton General Hospital circa 1947*

Dr. William Deadman was a pioneer in the field of forensic medicine and believed in the necessity of continuing education. His family is honouring his commitment in a way that will help forensic pathology students for years to come. Dr. William James Deadman, Pathologist and Bacteriologist, Hamilton General Hospital circa 1947. Dr. John Deadman and Beatrice Deadman have made a one-time gift in addition to establishing a permanent fund to honour John's father, Dr. William Deadman.

The Dr. William James Deadman Endowment Fund will pay tribute to Dr. Deadman, who established the largest forensic medicine lab outside of a university teaching centre at Hamilton General Hospital and served as its pathologist from 1919 until 1956. The \$100,000 endowed fund will be used for bursaries to support continuing education and training for students, fellows and clinicians in the pathology program.

"This gift will enhance my father's lifetime of pioneering work in forensic pathology. If you have a cause you are passionate about, do something to support it. Giving an endowment gift is a very beneficial thing to do."

— Dr. John Deadman

William J. Deadman was one of Canada's first forensic pathologists. After completing his medical training, he served in WWI and thereafter become city pathologist in Hamilton, a position he held from 1919 to 1956. He was an in-demand expert witness and became known across Canada during the Evelyn Dick trial in 1946, one of the most sensationalized trials in Canadian criminal history.



*Dr. William J. Deadman (BSc Med 1913 Toronto)*

## THE LATEST FAMILY MEMBER

On Saturday, March 24, 2018, I, Leroy Dedmon, became a great great uncle. Savannah Caitlyn Smith was born at 9:56 pm weighing 5 lbs 12 oz and 18 1/2 inches long. She is a beautiful baby girl and has her whole family wrapped around her tiny finger. The happy parents are Seth and Hollie Smith. Seth is the grandson of my sister, Ruth. Since she was 4 weeks early she stayed in the NICU several days. In the photo below we see daddy admiring his offspring.



They brought her home on March 30 and one can not help admiring her beauty, but what else would you expect, she does have Dedmon blood in her veins.

To the right you see the happy couple as they have Savannah dressed out in her "Easter Bonnet" and it may have been her first visit to "church". If not, I know there will be many visits in store for her as these two Christian parents will "bring her up in the Lord" Congratulations to Seth, Hollie and both families. Maybe it won't be long before I see her.





## JAMES AUSTIN NEAL

James Austin Neal died February 22, 2014. He was born November 23, 1935, the son of the late Charles Albert Neal and Jane Anderson Neal Cole. He is survived by his wife Margaret Leonette Dedmond Neal, their daughter Heather Anderson Neal-Stone, and her husband Charles Rivers Stone, Jr. (Chris). He was a loving grandfather to two grandchildren, Benjamin Neal Stone and Addison Ivey Stone. A sister Nina Jo Neal Carson and her husband Don, and a brother Charles David Neal and his wife Debbie also survive. After graduating from Greenville High in 1959, Jim pursued his lifelong dream of becoming an architect. He earned a Bachelor of Architecture degree from Clemson University where he was active in campus activities. After receiving a commission and serving in the Army, he returned to Greenville and practiced with various architectural firms.



In 1969, he opened a one-man architectural practice, which eventually became Neal-Prince and Partners, a thirty-person firm. One of his first commissions was to design the offices of the Greenville Chamber of Commerce. In 1989, he moved his office to 110 West North Street and became an early advocate for and participant in redeveloping downtown Greenville. Noted for its contribution to religious architecture, his firm designed approximately 300 churches, including the Billy Graham Chapel at the Cove in Black Mountain, NC, and Bethany Bible College Chapel in Sussex, Canada. In 2010, his office merged with LS3P, a Charleston firm founded by a Clemson classmate and friend. With this merger the company grew to over two - hundred employees in six cities in North and South Carolina.

Active in his profession, he was past president of the Greenville Council of Architects and of the SC Institute of Architects and a board member of the National Institute of Architects. He was the third recipient of the SCAIA Medal of Distinction and was elected in 1997 to the national AIA College of Fellows. The consummate professional, he was on the national board of the Interfaith Forum of Religion, Art and Architecture. As an avid supporter of Clemson University, he was often a visiting professor and lecturer.

In further service to his community and state, he was a graduate of Leadership Greenville, chairman of the Mayor's Advisory Committee, president of the Leslie Meyer Developmental Board, member of the Winthrop Board of Visitors, designer of the 1974 Greenville Arts Festival, member of the Advisory Board of Wells Fargo Bank, Chairman of the Board of Upstate Senior Living, and vice-president of Genesis Homes, an organization providing low-income housing.

Since 1963, he has been a faithful member of First Baptist Church. He has taught pre-school children, chaired the Building Committee for the present sanctuary at Faris and Cleveland Streets, served as a member and chairman of the Board of Deacons, chairman of

Pastor Search Committee, chairman of the Moving Forward Committee, and as a member of the Long-Range Planning Committee and Personnel Committee. In other denominational service, he was a member and chairman of the Baptist Courier Board. A member of the Cotillion Club, he has also been a member and president of the Poinsett Club. His hobbies included aviation and running marathons. An outstanding and versatile leader, he was often called the "velvet hammer" because of his inner strength and gentle ways. His employees called him the fairest person they had ever known.

A memorial service celebrating Jim's life will be held at the First Baptist Church on Thursday at 3:00 with visitation following the service in the Activities Youth and Ministries Center (AYMC). The Neal family wishes to thank friends and caregivers who have provided support during his illness. Those that choose to make a memorial may send them to First Baptist Church, 847 Cleveland Street, Greenville, SC 29601, or to Palmetto (Miracle Hill) Boys Home, 2709 Wade Hampton Blvd., Greenville, SC 29615.

### Find A Grave Memorial 125926719

*Margaret Leonette Dedmond Neal was the daughter of Leon Addison and Margaret Inez Bomar Dedmond. Her grandparents were Thomas Russell Watson Susan (Suddie) Margaret Cantrell Dedmond. They are the descendents of Thomas Charles and Sarah Griffin Deadman, which places them on my side of the ole family tree. Thomas Charles was a brother to Mark Richard Dedmon, my 3rd great grandfather. Margaret and James daughter, Heather Anderson Neal married Charles Rivers (Chris) Stone, Jr. and they have two children, Benjamin Neal Stone and Addison. I originally had this listed in as an obituary, but decided it was more of an interest story and moved it to this location/ I hope you enjoy it. - Leroy*

## EVA TUTTEROW DEADMON

Aug. 7, 1923 - Feb. 11, 2017

MOCKSVILLE, NC - Mrs. Eva Tutterow Deadmon, died at age 93 on Saturday, February 11, 2017 at Kate B. Reynolds Hospice Home in Winston-Salem from complications of Alzheimer's Disease. Eva was born on August 7, 1923, in Davie County. She was employed by the Davie County Public School System as a Cafeteria Assistant. Eva loved to paint, giving her art work away freely. She was generous with her time and affection, heading the altar guild of the Episcopal Church of the Ascension where she was a member. She is survived by her son, Edward Deadmon and wife Rebecca of Cary; sister, Doris Berrier of Goose Creek, SC; daughter-in-law, Karen Deadmon of Mocksville; granddaughters, Kara Deadmon of Durham and Erin Deadmon of Boston, MA; Michelle Damato of Buffalo, NY, whom she considered as a daughter; and other loving family members. Eva survived her husband, Edward Deadmon, who died in 1981, and her son, David Deadmon, who died February 8, 2017. A memorial service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, February 18, at Episcopal Church of the Ascension at Fork, with Father Dan Wall officiating. Inurnment will follow in the church columbarium. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be considered for Church of the Ascension Memorial Fund, 183 Fork Bixby Road, Advance, NC 27006 or to Alzheimer's Foundation of America. Online condolences may be made at: [www.eatonfuneralservice.com](http://www.eatonfuneralservice.com)  
**MEMORIAL ID 176273874**

## HELEN JEAN DEDMON 1936 - 2018



### "Together Again"

Helen Jean Fort Dedmon, age 81, of Mineral City, passed away Friday, March 23, 2018. She was born November 11, 1936, in East Sparta, OH, to the late Andrew and Dorothy (Willaman) Fort. Helen was a graduate of East Sparta High School. She is preceded in death by her husband, Johnny Dedmon Sr. in 1998; two brothers, Andrew and Curtis Fort; two sisters, Violet Willaman and Cecilia Roush.

Helen is survived by seven children: Candy (Ronald Jr.) Nelson, Penny (Terry Sr.) Lambert, Holly Gilmore, Johnny Dedmon Jr., Chip Dedmon, Sherrie Dedmon and Scott Dedmon; 12 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Virginia (Paul) Shubert and Elsie "Maxine" (Paul) Jasper.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, March 27, 2018, at 1:00 p.m. in the Kreighbaum-Sanders Funeral Home. Burial will be in Eden Cemetery. Calling hours one hour before services on Tuesday (12-1 p.m.).

**Condolences or fond memories may be shared online at:**  
[www.sandersfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sandersfuneralhomes.com)  
**Kreighbaum-Sanders**  
**Find A Grave Memorial**  
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## DONALD RAY YODER



Mr. Donald Ray Yoder, age 82 of Hopkinsville, passed away on Wednesday, June 14, 2017 at Jennie Stuart Medical Center in Hopkinsville of natural causes.

He was born October 16, 1934 in Hammond, IN the son of the late Mose Adam and Chole McCarty Yoder. He was a Vietnam Veteran where he served two tours with the United States Army and was an active member of the VFW. He loved his family and anything that had to do with cars such as car shows and Nascar.

He was preceded in death by his parents as well as one daughter Rita Thomas; two brothers Bob and Jack Yoder and one sister Ion Matthew. He is survived by his wife Patsy Yoder of Hopkinsville; two daughters Gwen Grogan and Connie Stroud both of Springfield, TN; one step son Allen Knight-Moore of Albuquerque, New Mexico; one step daughter Teresa Jones of Guthrie; eleven grandchildren and twenty-seven great grandchildren. There will be a graveside service on Monday, June 19, 2017 at 1:00 at the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West.

**MEMORIAL ID 180414196**

*Donald was the grandfather of my grandson, Jonathan's wife, Michele Grogan Dedmon. -Leroy*

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