



# The Dedmon Connection

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## ARIZONA SHERIFFS TAKE WESTERN LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

The Western States Sheriff's Association held their annual conference in Reno Nevada, this week.

Yavapai County Sheriff Scott Masher was installed as the organization's new president. Cochise County Sheriff Mark Dannels was appointed to assume the position of Immigration and Border Security Chairman. Masher and Dannels were joined by Navajo County Sheriff KC Clark, Apache County Sheriff Joe Dedman, Gila County Sheriff Adam Shepherd, Yuma County Sheriff Leon Wilmot, Pinal County Sheriff Mark Lamb, Pima County Sheriff Mark Napier, Coconino County Sheriff Bill Driscoll and Graham County Sheriff PJ Allred.

Topics of discussion included travel management on federal lands, and fighting to keep lands open to the public, as well as border issues that affect Arizona communities.

During this conference Sheriff Dannels presented an overview of Border Security topics, specifically to agencies with jurisdiction directly on the international border between the United States and Mexico. Sheriff Dannels' presentation included information stressing that Sheriff's Office deputies are not immigration deputies, but they will continue to work closely with our federal partners to promote community safety and security.

As Immigration and Border Security Chairman, Sheriff Dannels is required to coordinate with Sheriffs throughout the United States and the Department of Homeland Security/President Trump's leadership team to be the voice of all Sheriff's regarding border security and other border issues.

Sheriff Dannels said, "It is vitally important to have participation from those on the front lines who know what is needed to realistically address border security. I am honored to be selected by our Sheriff's Association President and his team to this position and I will fulfill the duties required to the best of my ability."

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All sheriffs from the western states are here wearing purple shirts promoting the Man-Up Crusade against domestic violence. (L\_R) Sheriff KC Clark (Navajo County), Sheriff Joe Dedman (Apache County), Sheriff Adam Shepherd (Gila County), Scott Masher (Yavapai County), Sheriff Leon Wilmot (Yuma County), Sheriff Mark Lamb (Pinal County), Sheriff Mark Dannels (Cochise County), Sheriff Mark Napier (Pima County), Sheriff Bill Driscoll (Coconino County) and Sheriff PJ Allred (Graham County)

-BY ADI NEWS SERVICES MARCH 11, 2017



## **TOWN FRENZIED BY THE CRIME OF SEVEN BRUTES and LYNCHING IS FEARED**

### **Husband Forced to Submission at Muzzle of Revolver and Wife is Overpowered**

#### **PETERSBURG SENDS OUT POSSE**

### **And Two Youths are Arrested at Flora, Ill. Placed Under Heavy Guard.**

#### **Special to the Indianapolis Journal:**

**PETERSBURG, Ind.,** Jan 23, 1904 - This city has been aroused to a frenzy of excitement by one of the most atrocious crimes in the history of the State. Late yesterday evening in Madison township, about three miles southwest of this place, Mrs. Lafayette Dedman, wife of a well known farm hand of Madison township, was victim of an assault at the hands of a band of seven men who forced her husband to submission at the muzzle of a revolver. Dedman and his wife were on their way to the little village of Bowman, west of here. They stopped at a church on the way. While in the building they were seized by seven men. Dedman was forced to stand in a corner, covered by a revolver, while his wife was overpowered by the brutal captors. When they were released Dedman carried his wife, who had lost consciousness, to the carriage, and hurried to this city.

Posses of officers and citizens were formed immediately upon receipt of Dedman's information, and a thorough search of the country near here has been instituted. Dedman charges Willard Catt with being the leader of the gang, and others are thought to be known. A warrant has been sworn out against Catt, but he has not yet been captured.

### **TWO ARRESTS**

Today an eighteen year old youth named Thomas and a fourteen year old boy named Sumner were apprehended by Clinton Thomas, father of the first, at Flora, Ill., and were returned to Pike county tonight. They are heavily guarded at a secret spot near Petersburg. Open threats of lynching have compelled the authorities to take every precaution against any outbreak. Sentiment against the atrocious deed is extreme, and threats of summary mob vengeance are frequently heard. It is

feared that neighbors of the Dedmans, near Winslow, will organize a band and come to Petersburg.

Dedman lives not far from Winslow. With his wife he started from Winslow to visit relatives near Bowman, four miles from Petersburg. They arrived at Gladdish Chapel just in time for the assembly of a singing school. They went in and attended the school. Dedman and his wife again started on their journey at the close of the entertainment, but the hour being late they returned to the church intending to spend the night there. The men who committed the crime saw them enter, and later forced their way into the church after breaking down the door. Some of the ruffians seized Dedman while others caught his wife.

Dedman and his wife have always borne good reputations. He is a member of a prominent family. Dedman visited Petersburg and told Postmaster Curll of the crime and the prosecuting attorney was summoned. A warrant was issued tonight for one more of the men still at large and there is suspicion that he has been surprised in his hiding place. Four of the men are still unknown by name.

Feeling at Petersburg is intense. The fathers of both Thomas and Sumner are farmers who stand high among their neighbors. Dedman and his wife are twenty-eight and twenty-five years old, respectively.

### **Leader of the Gladdish Chapel Gang of Criminals Is Arrested, but Regains Liberty, and Later Takes the Marshal by Surprise Says Good-Bye and Hides in Woods. Mrs. Dedman Critically Ill.**

#### **The Indianapolis Journal, Petersburg, Ind., Jan. 25, 1904**

Willard Catt, Leader of the gang of twelve men and boys who committed the crime at the Gladdish Chapel, of which Mrs. Lafe Dedman was the victim is hiding somewhere in the woods with a bullet in his body. He was wounded today by Marshal Jesse Watson while making a sensational dash for liberty after having been surprised and captured. Nothing more dramatic than the capture and escape of Willard Catt has ever occurred in this vicinity. After being hunted down, surprised, arrested and given a hearing, at which his bond was fixed, he turned the tables on the marshal and escaped amid a shower of bullets, one of which took effect. How badly Catt is wounded is not known, but it is

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believed he was forced to rest in the woods tonight and that he will recaptured in the morning.

Willard Catt for whom a warrant was issued, was located at the home of Peter Gladish, a farmer living six miles west of Petersburg. The authorities here were immediately notified and left for the Gladish home with the warrant for Catt's arrest. He was taken by surprise and yielded to arrest. Marshal Watson brought him here, where a preliminary trial was held, and Catt was placed under a \$500 bond.

Marshal Watson, in company with Catt, went to the home of Hoke Smith, living in the west part of the city, to get Smith to go on the prisoner's bond. Mr. Smith refused and then as the marshal and the prisoner were leaving, with a mighty leap, Catt made a dash for liberty. He was twenty feet away before the marshal had time to start in pursuit, but drawing his revolver he ordered Catt to halt. Catt only ran faster, and with a "good-bye" to the marshal, he darted around the corner of the house and the race began. The marshal emptied his revolver at the fugitive, who managed to get off his overcoat and was rapidly leaving the marshal far in the rear. Catt ran toward the woods west of town, but was seen to fall. As the officer approached him he jumped to his feet and started to run again. Watson fired four more shots at him and pursued him some distance, when he struck his leg against a stump and could go no further. Deputy Marshal Young took up the chase, however, and trailed Catt about five miles. Spots of blood were found along the trail and it is believed that Catt was badly wounded and that he will soon be retaken.

The Indignation of the citizens runs high, but they are determined to let the law take its course. The Sumner and Snyder boys who are implicated in the crime, and who ran away to Illinois but were brought back here by the latter's father, Saturday night, are held by many of the citizens to be blameless of wrongdoing. However, they may suffer for keeping bad company. Several more warrants have been sworn out and a number of more arrests will be made. Catt, the ring-leader of the gang, is a dangerous man, and it is feared that unless he is again taken by surprise the authorities will have trouble before he is captured.

Mrs. Dedman is in a serious condition. It was learned today that twelve boys and men, whose ages range from fourteen to thirty-five years, participated in the crime. Some of the men are married and have children.

Some men and boys saw them go into the chapel and planned the crime of which they are being charged. They waited until about 10 o'clock, then pushed in the doors of the church and committed the deed. Mrs. Dedman screamed for mercy, and Leslie Gladish and two other farmers living near the chapel heard her cries and hurried to the church, but were held at bay by the gang.

**Petersburg: January 26 , 1904**

The snow in Pike county in many places is twelve inches deep now and the officers refused to venture out. They know nothing of the report now that Catt was seen to cross the White river on the ferryboat, and he told the ferryman he expected to go South for his health. Sheriff Peed says he will make an effort to serve three warrants in his possession as soon as the weather permits. Mrs. Dedman is now thought to be out of danger and her health is getting better.

While the officers were were making an effort to run down the seven assailants of Mrs Lafayette Dedman a similar crime was committed at Blackburn, near the place where the first crime was committed. The fourteen year old daughter of Elijah Ficklin was caught by two men, carried into the coal mines and raped. The girl refused to give the names of the men or reveal the crime at first on account of fear, but later she told her father, who swore out a warrant for the arrest of the men names Tox and Brown. The warrants were sworn out against the alleged assailants today and arrests are expected to follow in the morning.

**January 28, 1904**

Jack Williams, owner of the Williams factory on White river, has informed the authorities that Catt crossed the river in his ferry at 2 p.m. Sunday. to Illinois. Catt alleged that he was going south for his health. His left hand was bandaged with a bloody handkerchief, and when questioned by Williams as to what was the matter he replied that he had cut it with a pocket knife. Farmers have already subscribed \$300 for the capture of Catt. The sheriff will make no more arrests until after an investigation by the special grand jury, which has been ordered to convene next week. It was learned that Catt has left his business dealings in the hands of relatives.

**Petersburg, February 3, 1904**

Charles Sumner, aged 17 , has been arrested and placed under \$1,000 bond for complicity in the rape of Mrs. Lafayette Dedman in Gladish Chapel a few weeks ago. He is the son of a prominent farmer and politician.

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**Petersburg, February 4, 1904**

Albert Taylor has been arrested here, charged with complicity in the rape of Mrs. Lafayette Dedman in Gladish Chapel some time ago. No attempt is being made to arrest William Catt, who escaped from Marshal Watson while under arrest charged with the same offense.

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**WARRANTS FOR GLADDISH CHAPEL MEN**

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**February 5, 1904**

The Pike County Circuit Court issued five bench warrants in the Gladish Chapel case today and placed them in the hands of Sheriff Reed for execution. One is for the arrest of the leader of the gang, Willard Catt, and the others are for four of his colleagues. Two of the boys concerned have come to town and surrendered to the authorities, both being released under \$500 bonds.

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**CRIMINAL'S FREEDOM CAN'T BE HELPED  
(Catts Get Away) Governor Durbin  
is advised of the situation in Pike County!**

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**February 11, 1904**

According to a message received yesterday from Pike county, Willard Catt's liberty is not by grace of any officials there. Catt is wanted for a brutal assault upon Mrs Lafayette Dedman, wife of a farmer. Governor Durbin, hearing complaints of negligence on the part of Pike county officials, ordered an investigation, which clears the officials of any blame.

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**Young Taylor and Sumner Receive Fines  
and Imprisonment for Their Crime**

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**February 25, 1904**

The jury returned a verdict in the Taylor and Sumner cases charging the boys with assaulting Mrs. Lafa Dedman at the Gladish Chapel. They found the boys guilty and find Albert Taylor \$5 and twenty-five days in jail and Carl Sumner \$5 and forty-five days in jail. The Thomas boys case will be tried later. It was learned that Catt has left his business dealings in the hands of relatives. It is thought that he will return one day.

*Indianapolis Journal, (Special Edition)  
Petersburg, Indiana (1904)  
The Plymouth Tribune,  
Plymouth, Indiana (1904)*



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**Justifiable**

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**That Seems to be the Circumstance  
of Yesterday's Killing at Fallon**

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C.H. Thompson, the man who killed the half breed cook at Fallon yesterday morning, was brought to the city by Deputy White on last evening's train. It would appear, from the only story obtainable, that the killing is one of justifiable homicide. The story as told by eye witnesses before the coroner's inquest held at Fallon yesterday is as follows:

Sometime early yesterday morning, Deadman, the half breed got into an altercation with a cowboy who was much smaller than himself. Thompson, who was near by, saw the man was being severely and without any apparent cause for such a thrashing, and so stepped in and pulled the men apart. This act enraged Deadman, who said, "You -----  
-----, I'll go and get my gun and kill you."

Thompson waited for the man to re-appear, which he did shortly, swinging a gun by his right side and approached Thompson swearing like a trooper. It now became a case of kill or be killed, and Thompson, who was the handiest of the two, pulled his gun and fired striking Deadman in the abdomen, the bullet ranging up toward the vitals. Deadman only lived five minutes after the shot was fired. Thompson, as soon as the affair was over, turned his gun over to Deputy White and surrendered himself.

**The Yellowstone Journal, Sept 26, 1894**

**Miles City, Montana**

*Please submit articles for "Down Memory Lane" and "Back Then" to Hazel Inglis (havrebaby@aim.com). Other items may be sent to her or me (leroydedmon@gmail.com) (LD)*

## OLIVIA HEBERT AND JOSHUA DEDMON'S WEDDING

### Our Story - How we met:

In the Spring of 2014, I met Olivia at a mixer that my SAE brothers were hosting with her Theta sisters at UT Dallas. We exchanged contact information and I continued to find any excuse that I could to talk to her. I got that excuse when the Spurs played the Mavericks in the first round of the 2014 NBA Playoffs. Knowing that Liv was a proud MFFL (Mavs fan for life), I made sure to message her about every game of that series, which was (unsurprisingly) won by the Spurs in 7. In the following series, the Spurs took on Portland and I wanted to keep talking to Olivia, but I didn't want to dwell on her Mavs recent playoff elimination. So I made a dinner bet with her on the Portland/Spurs series. The Spurs won, but Portland covered the generous point spread I gave her, so I "lost" the bet, but got my first date with her. The Spurs went on to win the Portland series and the NBA championship that year, just for the record. Go Spurs Go.



Our first date was easily the most I've enjoyed "losing" any bet. After a couple months of dating, I asked Olivia if she wanted to be my girlfriend. Since then, we have been through a lot together as a couple including a year of long distance while Liv was working in Arkansas. Through it all, our relationship has only grown stronger. I have known since I met her that I wanted to spend the rest of my life with her. After 3 years of dating her, I decided it was time to make that happen. With an upcoming trip to visit her sister and brother-in-law, whom were living in Anchorage, Alaska at the time, I knew I had a perfect opportunity to propose. I purchased a ring, but the center stone was priceless. The center diamond on the engagement ring was the same one that my grandfather gave my grandmother 61 years ago. He gave the diamond to me in honor of my grandmother, whom now battles Alzheimer's disease, to serve as a beautiful reminder of faithfulness and long-loving commitment in marriage, for better or for worse, in sickness and in health

The trip to Alaska happened to coincide with my 23rd birthday and I knew that I wanted to give myself the best birthday present imaginable. Already invested in the ring setting and the plane ticket to Alaska, I figured it would be worth the money to spend a little more to make the proposal truly spectacular. So on my birthday, August 19th, we chartered a float plane



### The Proposal:

that flew us around the Harding Ice Field of the Kenai Peninsula in Alaska, before landing us on Lost Lake, where we disembarked. Once on shore, we took a few moments to take in the remote Alaskan surroundings.

I took Olivia by the hand and led her to a peaceful stream that was feeding into the lake. I told her that I wanted to give myself the best birthday gift possible, one that I could celebrate for the rest of my birthdays, before I got down on one knee and popped the question. After she said yes, we enjoyed a champagne toast with her sister Ali, and Ali's husband, Aaron, whom had both helped plan the epic proposal, before getting back to the float-plane and continuing our flight around the ice field. It was indubitably the most memorable and perfect birthday I could imagine.



### Ceremony and Reception

Friday, January 12, 2018 - 6:00 PM

**The RoseMary Barn**

2919 Co Rd 338, McKinney, TX 75071

The following week, we started thinking about when we wanted to get married. One date seemed to stand out - January 12th - the date of my grandparents 61st wedding anniversary. We could not think of a more appropriate way to honor their marriage and legacy than to make that date the beginning of our own marriage. One that will hopefully last another 60+ years as well.

***Congratulations to Justin and Olivia. I don't know where Justin hangs on the family tree, but I found Olivia on Facebook and if she accepts my friend request, maybe we will find out. -Leroy***



## CAROLYN FOURNIER

June 2, 1934 – June 16, 2018

Marian Carolyn Shirley Fournier, age 84 of Jefferson, GA, passed away Saturday, June 16, 2018. She was an active member of Bogart United Methodist Church for 37 years. Carolyn was a medical transcriptionist and worked until she was 78 years old. She took her first job at 18 with Blue Cross Blue Shield in Chattanooga, TN, then spent 17 years with Athens Neurology, 25 years with Dr. Vandyke and another 20 running her own business from home. She was preceded in death by her parents, Claude Thomas and Martha Jane Greene Shirley and a sister, Wanda Faye Skipper. Carolyn is survived by her husband of 62 years, L.T. Fournier of Jefferson, GA; a son, Steve Fournier (Mary) of Clarkesville, GA; a daughter, Cathy Elizabeth Fournier of Carl, GA; three grandchildren, Steve Fournier Jr, Emly Fournier Harrel and Spencer Fournier and one great-grandchild, Oliver Harrel. A funeral service will be held at 11:00AM Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at Bogart United Methodist Church. The interment will follow in the church cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to The American Diabetes Association or Bogart United Methodist Church, Children's Church. Smith Funeral Home, Winder, GA is in charge of the arrangements.

*Carolyn was my wife's 1st cousin. She and Legrand moved to Huntsville, AL while we lived there. We became great friends. She was a true lady and will be missed by all. (Leroy)*



## DIANE SPARKMAN

DEDMON



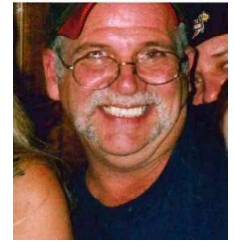
Diane Sparkman Dedmon, 73, of Ringgold, Georgia passed away on Thursday, July 5, 2018 at her home.

A lifelong resident of the North Georgia, Chattanooga area, she was a former employee of Country Inn and Suites in Dalton where she worked for over 10 years and was of the Baptist faith. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Teresa Dedmon Guerrero; and parents, Robert Henry and Ruby Mae Childers Sparkman. Diane is survived by her husband of 52 years, Thomas Dedmon of Ringgold, GA.; two children, Jennifer (David) Grant of Ringgold, GA., and Tony Dedmon of Dalton, GA.; and grandson, Gavin Grant. Memorial services will be held 2:00 P.M. Saturday, July 7, 2018 in the funeral home chapel with Bro. Bill Dedmon officiating. The family will receive friends 12-2 P.M. Saturday at the funeral home. Arrangements are by the Wilson Funeral Home Wallis-Stewart Chapel Ringgold, Georgia.

*Diane was my sister in law, she and my brother, Thomas (Tommy) Gordon Dedmon were married on December 16, 1972. (Leroy)*

## MICHAEL GILBERT

Michael Gary Gilbert, 62, of East Ridge passed away Thursday, April 26, 2018 in a local hospital.



He was employed as a truck driver for SESE Logistics. Michael was preceded in death by his father, Don W. Gilbert. Survivors include his son, Christopher Gilbert; mother, Carol (J.L.) Perkinson; brother, Daniel Gene Gilbert; two sisters, Donna (Gary) Mitchell and Karen Gilbert; step-sister, Tammy Branham; nephew Shawn Mitchell; beloved dog, "Baby Girl". Funeral services will be at 4 PM Sunday at the East Chapel of Chattanooga Funeral Home, 404 South Moore Road. The family will receive friends from 1-4 PM Sunday at the funeral home. A graveside service will be held at 2 PM Monday at Decatur Cemetery in Decatur, TN with Rev. Rodney Dunn officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the Hamilton County Humane Society, 212 N. Highland Park Avenue, Chattanooga, TN 37404.

**Find A Grave Memorial  
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*Michael's sister, Karen, is my second cousin as his father was once married to my cousin. (LD)*

## ROBERT DEADMON

Robert Deadmon was the son of Sarah Boyd Deadmon and Edmund Deadmon. A young school boy, ROBERT DEADMON lived and was loved by his Mom and Dad for sixteen years, and sadly passed away from injuries he sustained from falling. On May 27, 1926, ROBERT DEADMON was laid to rest at Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Hallsville, Texas. His father, Edmund Deadmon, was the informant on the death certificate.

**J.W. Halloway of Hallsville, Texas was the undertaker who managed his burial arrangements. Source: Texas Death Certificate 16722 MEMORIAL ID 158106747**

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