



THE NAME LaFAYETTE

Several years ago I was asked why some of our family were given the name LaFayette. I just assumed it was because the county seat of nearby Walker County was LaFayette. I really never gave thought to where the name was derived. However, of late, I began to see the name LaFayette attached to family members who never lived, to my knowledge in this area. I, also, had not looked to see where the of LaFayette got it's name. So being the curious one, I decided to look it up and discovered the city was renamed, *from Chattoga*, in 1836 after Marquis de LaFayette, the French aristocrat who assisted American colonists during the Revolutionary War. The city was incorporated on Sept. 30, 1835. This, of course, leads me to believe all the LaFayette names were derived from the Frenchman, who was so prominent in American history.



Marquis de LaFayette

Marcus Lafayette Dedman - (1832-1904)

Son of William Howard and Elizabeth D. Haile Dedman. He married Nov. 1, 1857 in Greene County (now Hale), Alabama to Martha Louisa Scarff, daughter of W. D. C. Scarff and Mary Boyd Coats Scarff. His brother, Col. James Monroe Dedman, married Martha Louisa Scarff's sister Mary Ann Scarff. He was a town Marshall and Captain of Mechanics Fire Company in Selma, AL. He moved to Monroe, Louisiana where he was proprietor of The Corner Saloon at DeSiard and St. John streets. He owned M. L. Dedman & Co., Ice Manufacturers, in Monroe. M. L. and his wife Martha moved to Vicksburg, MS, where he was the proprietor of Vicksburg Steam Bottling Works, manufacturers of seltzer and mineral waters. Lieutenant, Company D "Greensboro Guards", Fifth Alabama Infantry Regiment.

*"The Greensboro boys are anxious for a fight
With Hobson in the lead and Dedman all right
We'll soon show the Yankees if we'll only try
How quick we can learn'em to sing, root hog or die."*

**From John Henry Cowin, Company D, Fifth Alabama Infantry Regiment, included in "Voices of Company D--Diaries of the Greensboro Guards", ed. G. Ward Hubbs, p.6
Find A Grave Memorial# 39545640**

Marcus Lafayette Dedman - (1866-1939)

Son of John Thomas and Lydia Elizabeth Forehand Dedman. He married Margaret A "Maggie" McMillan and they had one daughter, Leah. He is buried in the Mountain View Memorial Park Cemetery; Lakewood, Pierce County, WA. Find A Grave Memorial# 54849599

LaFayette Dedman (b. 1871)

He was the son of William Harrison and Mary Ann Miley Dedman. I don't have much info on him except he was born in Pike County, IN. There is an article in Volume 151 of this newsletter about a LaFayette Dedman in Indiana, which could have been this person.

Mark LaFayette Dedmon - (1820-1869)

He was the son of William and Margaret Daniels Dedmon and brother to my great grandfather, William D. (Billy) Dedmon. He married Rebecca Macon in 1842 and after her death in 1866 he married Lou Bridges in 1868. He was killed by revenue officers for making moonshine and buried in the Dedmon Cemetery, Catoosa County, GA. Find A Grave Memorial# 70958222

Marcus Lafayette Dedmon - (1849-1923)

He was the son of William Daniel (Billy) Dedmon and Ellender Nellie McEntire. He was my grandfather's half brother. He married Evalina Beeze in 1876 and they had at least 9 children, among which was:

George Lafayette Dedmon (1880-1927)

He married Alice M Howarth and they had 3 children.

OTHER "LaFAYETTE RELATIVES"

Marcus D. LaFayette Broom (1862-1896)

Lafayette (Fate) Picklesimer (1868-1926)

Rufus LaFayette

Joel Lafayette Broyles (1863-1943)

Nathan Lafayette Woods

Richard LaFayette "Fate" Wimpy (1860-1929)

Henry Lafayette Madaris (1872-1927)

Marcus Lafayette "Fate" Dyer (1850-1921)

Robert Lafayette McElhaney (b.1828)

Lafayette Winfred Nuckolls

A QUIET GAME OF MARBLES



As the National Marbles Tournament is underway in Wildwood, NJ, here is a photo of boys playing marbles in North Carolina in 1908. The caption provides some cultural information: "A quiet game of marbles".

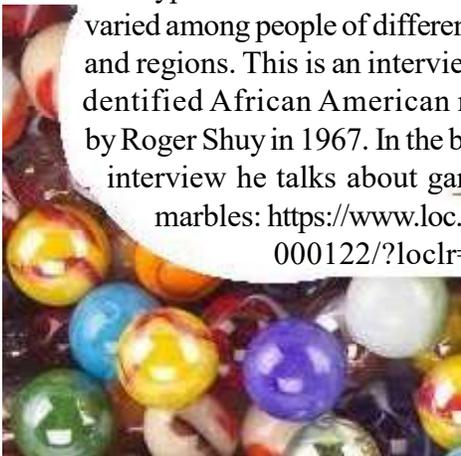
All the boys work in the Salisbury (N.C.) cotton mill. The boy shooting is Henry Dedman, a warper. Been in mill 5 years. His grandmother said 'I don't like to have 'em play marbles on Sunday, but when can they play?' 'Yes he stands the mill work pretty well. Early getting' up is the makin' of 'em.' " Location: Salisbury, North Carolina. Photo by Lewis Wickes Hine. Prints and Photographs Division, Library of Congress.

Marbles is among the traditional games studied by folklorists. William Wells Newell, one of the founders of the American Folklore Society and the first editor of the Journal of American Folklore, included marbles in his ground-breaking book, Games and Songs of American Children (1883).

Marbles is also among the games of interest to linguists studying American English dialects. Since it is a traditional game with many variations, the terms used for various types of marbles and actions in the game

varied among people of different ethnic groups and regions. This is an interview with an unidentified African American man in Detroit by Roger Shuy in 1967. In the beginning of the interview he talks about games, including marbles: <https://www.loc.gov/item/afccal000122/?loclr=fbafe> (Center

for Applied Linguistics Collection, AFC 1986/022:AFS 24,316 b01)



I found this picture on a message board and thought it might be of interest to some of our readers. In researching this, I came across some other interesting articles that I have reserved for future issues of the newsletter. -Leroy

I have an interesting picture that you might be interested in. My grandfather is standing in front of a veterinarian clinic of a C. A. Deadman. My grandfather was born in 1900. Time looks about right. My grandfather was Albert Franklin (Frank) Lines. His friends called him "Doc" because he was somehow connected to vet. medicine. Have no idea why he would have been in Wis. He lived in Indianapolis. He is in a uniform, may have been stationed there for a time. -jlanelines@gmail.com



ETHEL MARY DEDMAN DEAD

To the human mind the above headline conveys a sad and cruel meaning, but to an All Wise Providence we must bow in a humble submission. Each and every human being must at some time meet death and our God.

Ethel Mary Dedman, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Dedman, after much suffering of complications of diseases, died Saturday, July 15, at 4 o'clock p.m. All that human hands could do was done to save the life of the dear little one but relief was found only in death, if relief we must call it. The devoted parents spared neither money nor attention nor anything else for the benefit of their darling child, and their duty performed death claims all.

Ethel Mary was just past 2 years of age. She had been afflicted nigh all her life. Last year Mrs. Dedman kept the child in California and for a time all thought the worse was over. Some ten days before death it took sick again and no relief could be found.

Funeral last Sunday at 5 p.m., services conducted by Rev. White of the Episcopal Church. Burial at city cemetery and the grave. Father Egan of the Catholic Church recited a prayer. The sad hearted ones have our sympathy.

LITTLE DOROTHY DEAD

Thursday night at 8 o'clock at Cloudcroft Baby Dorothy, child of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Dedman, died, age 6 and one-half months.

In less than one week after the death of little Ethel Mary, death claims the last and only child of heartbroken parents. Our efforts to say anything are paralyzed at the thought of the two babies dying within a few days time and leaving parents childless. Men stood about the streets yesterday morning and seemed dumb at the sad thought and tender hearted mothers cried in sympathy. Burial was at the city cemetery yesterday afternoon.

**The Alamogordo News.,
July 22, 1905
Alamogordo, N.M.**

MR. CLICK'S SISTER DIES IN SALISBURY

Mr. J. F. Click received a message today stating that his sister, Mrs. J. R. Deadmon, had died in her home in Salisbury this morning. Mrs. Deadmon was aged 68 years. Her funeral will take place tomorrow.

She was the mother of fifteen children, ten of whom are living. Nine have families. She has forty grand children, twenty-six of whom are living. One great grand child is also living. The death of Mrs. Deadmon leaves only two children of a family of twelve. They are her full brother, Mr. J. F. Click of this city, and her youngest half brother, Mr. H. W. Deadmon who lives at the old homestead in Davie County.

Four of the twenty children died in infancy, sixteen of them lived to be grown and fifteen of them were members of the Baptist Church. Ten of them have families of children, two of them were in the civil war, one having died in the trenches.

In this family there were three marriages, two husbands and fathers. H.H. Click and Hailey Deadmon. There were three sets of children, six of the first set, three of the second set, and eleven of the third. Mr. Click and sister were of the middle set. Their parents were married twice. The three children of the middle set were half brothers and sisters to all of the other seventeen children. The first set of six children and the last set of eleven children, though half brother and sisters by marriage and always lived as full brothers and sisters, yet they were no blood kin. Mr. Click leaves this evening to attend the funeral.

**Hickory daily record, February 12, 1919
Hickory, N.C.**

If you have information on any branch of the Deadman family, send us the articles and any pictures you may have. We will be delighted to publish them in the DEDMON CONNECTION newsletter so all the other family members can enjoy them. Dig that old shoe box out of the closet and look at the pictures, it will jog your memory. Even if you do not think it news worthy, send it anyway and let us decide. We want to hear from you. Send the material for "Memory Lane" and "Back Then" to Hazel at havrebaby@aim.com. - Leroy Dedmon

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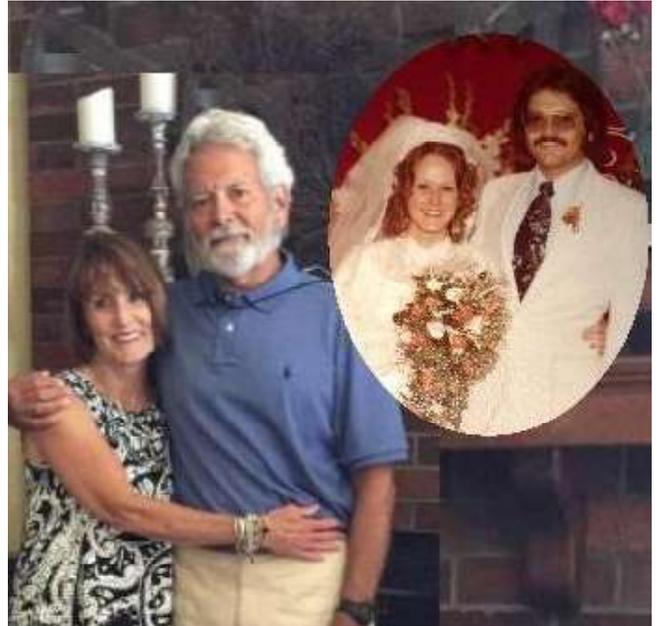
KENTUCKY CONNECTIONS

William Gooch, in 1751, bought land from John Graves in the Everettsville neighborhood, nine years after he sold to Benjamin Sneed, and it is believed, removed to Amherst. Another William, being denominated Junior, is presumed to be his son, purchased land on the south fork of Hardware in 1764, but in 1770 began buying in the Ragged Mountains south of Ivy Depot, and in that vicinity fixed his residence. His dwelling stood where his son Dabney afterwards lived, and where still later W. O. English taught school. He died in 1796. He and his wife Lucy had ten children, Matthew, Philip, Dabney C, Nicholas L., William, Thomas W., Elizabeth, the wife of **Nathan Dedman**, Martha, the wife of William Thurmond, Susan, and Mary, the wife of William Moore. Matthew, who was admitted to the Albemarle bar in 1796, and Nicholas removed to Kentucky. Philip removed to Amherst, and to him his father transferred the land which he first bought on the Ragged Mountains, and which somehow acquired the name of Little Egypt, included the present reservoir, and was sold by his son Claiborne to the Houchens and Mayo families that still live on it. Claiborne Gooch removed to Richmond, became Adjutant General of the State, and was associated with Thomas Ritchie in publishing the Richmond Enquirer.

Dabney married Elizabeth, daughter of Rev. William Irvin, of the South Garden, and had a daughter Mary, the wife of her cousin, Dr. William F. Gooch. He died in 1844. Thomas W. married Nancy, another daughter of Mr. Irvin, and for many years kept a tavern at the D. S. He died in 1838. His children were Alonzo, Edwin, Meade, Angelina and Elizabeth, the wife of John Fray Jr. Alonzo was for some years a merchant in Charlottesville, and a magistrate of the county, and lived on the lot west of the Episcopal Church, now occupied by Capt. H. Robertson. His wife was a daughter of B. F. Porter, of Orange, and died in 1897 in Bluefield, W. Va.

Dr. William F. Gooch was a grandson of William Jr., and came to Charlottesville from Amherst about 1823. The next year he married his cousin Mary, the only child of Dabney C. For many years he practiced his profession actively both in town and country. His town residence was the house now occupied by James F. Burnley on High Street. He was appointed a magistrate in 1843. Not long before the war he removed to his farm south of Ivy, where he died at an advanced age in 1881. He had two daughters, Maria, the wife of Paul H. Goodloe, and Elizabeth, the wife of W. O. English.

CONGRATULATIONS FOR A GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENT 43 YEARS AND COUNTING



On Saturday evening, September 20, 1975, Johnita Dedmon and Scotty McCorkle said "I do!" Johnita is the youngest daughter of Ira John and Isabell Delois Dedmon. They have two children and three grandchildren.



MAN'S BODY BLOWN OVER TREE TOP

An explosion occurred in the Casey sawmill at Winslow, IN, which instantly killed William Casey, owner of the mill and also Jacob Dedman, and employee, and seriously injured Lemuel Morton and Cleveland Beard, employees. The force of the explosion was terrific and shook the country for miles around. The firebox was defective. The broiler was blown fifty feet and the body of Casey was blown over a tree top sixty feet high, striking the earth 210 feet away.

**The Plymouth tribune.,
November 09, 1905
Plymouth, Ind.**



MOONSHINE

(That stuff will kill you)

THE MEMPHIS
DAILY APPEAL
SEPTEMBER
10, 1869.

HORRIBLE AFFAIR.

An U. S. Officer Deliberately Murders
a Prisoner.

The Murderer Arrested and Lodged
in Jail.

U. S. Troops sent to Rescue Him
etc., etc.

A passenger who arrived by the Memphis and Charleston Railroad last night, gives us the following particulars of a most atrocious and infamous outrage—a deed characteristic, however, of the present “powers that be,” and rule over this “free and enlightened country:”

On Monday evening last a man named Trautweine, (a Deputy U. S. Internal Revenue Collector, withal a dirty rad-republican, *sans culotte*,) accompanied by another of his ilk, named Whitmore, (a thief and liar by his own confession) went out to his farm to arrest an old man named Dedman, whose alleged crime was that he had converted a few bushels of peaches into brandy for home consumption.

On arriving at Mr. Dedman's, they found him engaged in some occupation about the stable, and immediately placed him under arrest. Not knowing “wh r more,” he demurred, but was forced by the two brutes to mount their wagon *nolens volens*. About midway between the stable-yard and house, he was told by either Trautstein or Whitmore to “run for his life.” This he essayed to do, and as he made the attempt he was shot down by the two Yankee “universal suffragists,” who had merely enticed him to make the attempt in order to murder him the more scientifically.

The poor old man was killed, but the shots, reverberating among the hills and vales around, Ringgold drew out a number of the better class of citizens, who immediately arrested the two thieving, murdering *universal suffragists*, and committed them to Ringgold jail.

They, relying of course on the support of the “General Government,” immediately sent by telegraph for United States troops to protect and rescue them. The last we heard (through our informant mentioned above) no less than one whole battalion of United States troops had been sent and were on their way (Wednesday evening) to take these murderers out of jail. We await further developments by telegraph.

Thanks to Jim Dedman, III for this news article. The victim was actually Mark LaFayette Dedmon, my grandfather's half brother. In Volume 54, I published a detail account of the incident as reported by Tim Dedmon from the court house records in Ringgold, GA. There is some difference in the description the Memphis newspaper reported, but remember this was in 1869, almost 150 years ago. We didn't have Fox News and Sean Hannity to “set the record straight”. This was a story that I heard about my father's uncle all my life and I lived about a mile from the location where it happened. I didn't realize until now it made national news. The family always said, “Mark should not have been making the whiskey, but he should not have been killed for doing it.”

HENRIETTA BAILEY FLETCHER



On March 24, 2018, God whispered into Sister Henrietta Bailey Fletcher's ear and said, "Servant of God, job well done, time to take your rest from your labor and come to your heavenly

home." Henrietta Bailey Fletcher was born December 10, 1921, to the late Celestine Bailey and the late Ellen Washington Bailey in Wallace, Louisiana. She was united in holy matrimony with the late Gilbert D. Fletcher, Sr., and through this union five children were born: the late Leonard Bailey, Gilbert D. Fletcher, Jr., the late Rickey Fletcher, the late **Wanda J. Fletcher Dedmond Sanders**, and Sheila Fletcher. She is survived by two children: Sheila Fletcher and Gilbert D. Fletcher, Jr. (June); nine grandchildren; Aaron N. Fletcher (April); Rickey Clark (Renette); Joy Fletcher-Chairs (Kelan, Sr.); Tedra Moses (Theron); Leonardo Bailey; Vanna Bailey; LaTasha Banks (Louis); **Sheena Dedmond**; and Camille Fletcher-Barns (Gregory); thirteen great grandchildren and one sister Vernita Lewis. Also survived by a host of other relatives and friends. Family and friends are invited to attend the Homegoing Celebration Service of Henrietta Bailey Fletcher on Saturday, March 31, 2018, at Greater Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, 3721 N. Claiborne Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70117 for 12:00 p.m. Visitation will begin at 11:00 a.m. Rev. Ernest Johnson officiating Pastor. Interment will follow at Mount Olivet Cemetery & Mausoleum, 4000 Norman Mayer Ave., New Orleans, LA 70122. Online Guestbook: www.anewtraditionbegins.com

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JANET L. DEDMON



JANET L. DEDMON, 58, of Little Rock, departed this life Dec. 6. She is preceded in death by her mother Lorene Reed Dedmon, sister Monica Dedmon Bell and brother Clemmiet C. Dedmon.

Janet leaves cherished memories with her children: Charlotte Dedmon-McDaniel (Vincent), Shanel Smith (Jason), and Bryant Lewis, father: Elder C.C. Dedmon, siblings: Esther Dedmon, Cathy Dedmon, Carl Dedmon (Ermma), and Arnold Dedmon, six grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends. Visitation Friday Dec. 15, noon- 6 p.m., at Robinson Mortuary and Funeral Saturday Dec. 16, at Antioch Full Gospel Baptist Church College Station, Ark. Service entrusted to Robinson Mortuary 1201 Dr. MLK Jr. Drive Little Rock, AR 72202 (501) 371-0111

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NANCY DEDMON

Nancy Carol Dedmon of Livonia passed away at the age of 71 on March 31, 2017. Nancy was the beloved wife of Ray Dedmon and the dearest sister of Robert (Carol) Nickels and Jack Nickels. Nancy cherished her god-daughter Jennifer (Raymond) Adams and her grand god-daughter Raina Adams.

The family will receive visitors on Wednesday, April 5, 2017, starting at 10 a.m. until the time of service at 1 p.m. Services are being held at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home Northrop-Sassaman Chapel, 19091 Northville Road, Northville Michigan (at 7 mile Road). Nancy will be laid to rest at the Rural Hill Cemetery, Northville Michigan.

LORENA DEADMON

Lorena Hester Deadmon was the daughter of Mrs. Penina "Penny" King {Horton} Hester and John Hester. Her siblings are Mary W. {Horton}, Sylvester {Horton}, Anna, Rachel, Rosa, Lola, Leo William, Arthur, Tom and Adolphus.

She was the wife of Primos Deadmon whom she married on November 19, 1924. To their union, at least three children were born including Claude, Rosa and Frank. She preceded her husband in death. She was laid to rest on July 1, 1956 on the grounds of Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Hallsville, TX. Robert A. Rambo with Rambo Funeral Home managed the burial arrangements. Source: Texas Death Certificate 31446; and the 1880-1940 US Census Records.

Find A Grave Memorial
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