

THE DEDMON CONNECTION

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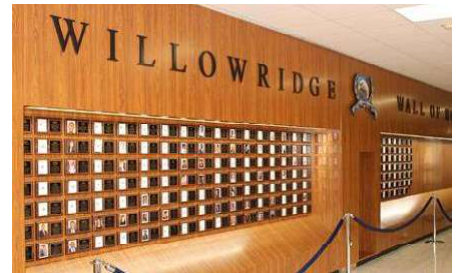
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THE WILLOWRIDGE WALL OF HONOR, INC. JOINS T.J. FORD IN HOSTING ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET, SEPT. 15 (8/22/2018)

FORT BEND ISD (August 22, 2018) – The annual Willowridge Wall of Honor banquet is soon approaching and the community is invited to attend. The event will take place on Saturday, September 15 at the Power Center (12401 South Post Oak Rd., Houston, TX 77045), beginning at 7:30 p.m. Hosted by the Willowridge Wall of Honor, Inc., in conjunction with former NBA player T. J. Ford and Willowridge High School (WHS) alum, the event honors outstanding WHS alumni and community supporters for enriching the lives of WHS students, serving their communities and achieving success in their personal and professional lives. The 2018 Wall of Honor Inductees include: Cleotha Aldridge, Oscar Beltran, Henva Bhola-Medlow, Barbara Brigance, Cecilia Crear, **Ashley Dedmon**, Shavonne Henderson, Brenda Long, Martin Polar, Dr. Vanessa Powell, Monica Riley, Pete and Brenda Rouse, David Sincere, Jr., Erma Trevino, Tony Wilson and Booker T. Williams, Jr. Vascola Stoney will serve as keynote speaker for the event. Stoney is a writer, actor, poet and motivational speaker. Serving as Master of Ceremony is Kevin Riles, a 1989 WHS graduate and current real estate mogul and motivational speaker. Tickets for the event are \$60. For tickets or sponsorship information, please visit the Willowridge Wall of Honor, Inc. website at www.whswallofhonor.com.



About the Willowridge Wall of Honor, Inc.

The Willowridge Wall of Honor, Inc., is a 501(c)(3) organization, which awards scholarships, supports academic and extracurricular programs, and supports student activities at Willowridge High School. The Willowridge High School Wall of Honor was organized in the spring of 2006 to honor persons whose contributions have enriched the high school's academic and athletic programs.

The purpose of the Wall of Honor is:

*To recognize Willowridge's academic and athletic graduates, whose accomplishments during and after their high school careers have brought positive recognition and honor to the school.

*To recognize those individuals who have demonstrated successful roles in public and/or private life after leaving Willowridge High School.

*To recognize teachers, coaches, counselors, and administrators who have dedicated their lives to the betterment of the students of Willowridge High School.

*To recognize those graduates and community residents who have worked tirelessly and continually volunteering and serving in the communities in which they live and work.

Additionally, proceeds from the event will be used for scholarships to be awarded to Willowridge High School seniors.



Ashley Dedmon is the founder of Pink Legacy 50/50, a platform that educates, equips, and empowers individuals who are impacted by breast and ovarian cancer and high-risk for cancer. She is a wife, mother, former school teacher and a cancer advocate. She has a passion to help those affected by cancer, including fighters, survivors, previvors, caregivers and children.

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As a 40 year Genealogist, I have found many documents and articles. I have been to a couple of places too. There is one place for me however that really gave me my "aww struck" day when I found it. It was one that "I had no words" for how I was feeling. All I could do was walk around and just look at first. To me, I struck GOLD that day. For the first time I found FAMILY. To find so many in one place is what left me with no words. I still to this day couldn't tell you how I was feeling on that day because there are no words. When I came home, a few days after, I put it down on paper.

ABBOTTS CREEK CEMETERY

As I sit here looking upon your gravestones, I can only wonder what it was like when you were alive. Did you have a hard life, were you happy? When you died, family and friends dressed in dark colored clothing gathered to say, "Good bye". Flowers of many colors with ribbons attached are set upon the graves. Were hearts grieving as prayers are said and songs are sung? Were the ladies hankies wet with water as the tears fell from the cheeks? Were they still crying as they picked up the long dresses and turned away to never see you again? Did many hats tilt for you before the men walked away? Days and perhaps weeks go by and they come back again to say "Hello" only to say "Good -bye" again. Then your visitor goes home. As time passes the visits get fewer and fewer, to become no visits at all.

You may think you have been left behind as generations pass you by, but you haven't. Weather and time have just put marks upon your headstones. Some of you are breaking, some have fallen to the ground from where they once stood. Some are leaning, some have sunk into the ground as though mother earth is saying, "This person was yours once, now they are mine". Though they are dirty and covered with moss, some are still standing tall. You thought you were forgotten, you weren't. Even after so many years .

Your names are written down in the families bibles, your children's names too. Even your grandchildren can be found in many books and generations after them. Your names can be found in libraries all over the country. You are written about in old family journals, I wish I could

read some of those, to read about the way you lived back then and how you worked. How you played, what school was like. What your Sundays were like. I have no old journals written in your own hand, so all I can do is look at these gravestones and let my imagination take me to the 1700 and 1800's. Until then my search continues for a journal, and books about you. I want you to know you are also included in many family trees. All of your descendants are far to many to count. Many are piecing together "your story", in a way it makes you all come to life again. So you see, you are not forgotten. Your memories are cherished, your life is cherished.

As I sit here, I can see many of these headstones so clearly, many you can't read at all. What happens with those you can't read? I wonder how future generations will find you? They have to find you just like I did. I know others will come looking just like I did, I won't be the last as I know I wasn't the first. Yes, I came looking for you. You may not know me, but I know you. I'm your 8xGranddaughter. And I'm your 7xGranddaughter. And I'm your 6xGranddaughter. And 6x-7x-8xGrandniece to all of you. The rest of you, you are my Cousins. This won't be the last time I will be here to visit you, I will be back again. Rest well my family, rest well.

You may be asking yourself, "Why was she so Aww struck". People find cemeteries everyday right ? This is very true. Researchers with a few dollars to spend do travel to find cemeteries everyday and they go home again. Let me tell you a little bit of my own story now if I may. I was born in the northwest, in Montana, about 70 miles from the Canadian border. I became interested in Genealogy when I was about 18 years old and didn't have a few dollars to spend. My husband was in the military so I have lived in a few places. Lets face it, unless you've been associated with the military you don't usually leave the place your born in. When we retired from the military, we retired in North Carolina. Call it fate, call it what you will. Was it meant to be ? Was I suppose to find the cemetery ? Was I suppose to come full circle ? I am now living in the state where several " different lines" of my family migrated to back in the late 1600's ! Abbotts Creek Cemetery is in High Point N.C. just less than 2 hours from where I live. Back then they lived in "Browntown", later to be N.C.. Full circle or Fate? It was both, fate and I have come full circle. I was meant to be here. I came back home.

--Written by Hazel Inglis



POURS HOT WATER ON HUBBY
Bearville Woman Charged with Killing Her
Husband in Shocking Manner Dies While Asleep

Associated Press. MERCED, March 22.
Mrs. James Dedmon is accused of having murdered her husband at Bearville, Mariposa county, by throwing boiling water on him while he was sleeping. The tragedy occurred early on Monday morning and he died Wednesday afternoon. Mr. James L. Dedmon conducted a store in Bear Valley.

Mrs. Margaret Dedmon, the former wife of James Cavagnaro, who ran a store in Yosemite and also in Fresno Flat. Cavagnaro was killed by an Indian eight years ago and his widow married Mr. James L. Dedmon in Yosemite. Later they moved to Bear Valley. She is under arrest and charged with murder.

Los Angeles Herald , March 23,1906
Los Angeles, California

THE DEDMON MURDER
Ghastly Details of the Bear Valley Tragedy

One of the most dastardly murders ever known in the criminal annals of this state was committed at Bear Valley, Mariposa county, at 3 o'clock Monday morning, when Mrs. James Dedmon threw boiling water on her husband while he was sleeping in bed, and from the effects of which he died Wednesday afternoon.

It appeared from Dedmon's statement that his wife arose at an early hour Monday morning and after heating a big pan of water on the stove, went to the bed where her husband slept and deliberately threw the boiling water on him. James Dedmon then ran out of the house to a neighbor's a block away, and said his wife had tried to kill him. They took him back to his house and his wife denied the charges of attempted murder.

A physician was not called until 3 o'clock in the afternoon, it being thought that James L. Dedmon's burns were not serious. Then Dr. Gallison was summoned from Mt. Bullion, and he found Dedmon badly scalded. He lingered until Wednesday afternoon at 2:30, when death relieved him of his sufferings. Coroner Beriken, of Mariposa, is holding an inquest on Dedmon's remains this morning. Mrs. Margaret Dedmon is under arrest at her home, under two guards. She will be taken to the Mariposa jail today.

Madera Mercury, 24 March 1906
California Digital Newspaper Collection

MRS. DEDMON ON TRIAL

The case of the People vs. Margaret Dedmon, upon a charge of murder in having killed her husband, James L. Dedmon, in Bear Valley a short time since, was begun in the Superior Court last Wednesday.

The general venire of jurors was exhausted and only five men were qualified to try this case, namely: J. F. Sumner, Chris Peterson, J. T. Chapman, John Heslin and Frank E. Ashworth. A special venire for forty jurors was then issued and made returnable for 1:30 p.m. yesterday. The work of securing a jury was in progress when we went to press. It is likely that a jury will be secured and that the taking of testimony will begin Monday.

R. B. Stolder and Senator G. G. Goucher are representing Mrs. Dedmon and the case is being prosecuted by District Attorney J. A. Adair.

Mariposa Gazette; 16 June 1906
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SUPERIOR COURT

The Week's Record of Judicial Proceedings
HON. J. J. TKABUCCO, JUDGE, CRIMINAL

People vs. Margaret Dedmon. The following jurors were sworn to try the cause, to-wit: F. E. Ashworth, John Heslin, James Sumner, Christian Peterson, W. W. Chapman. James Foran, James Helm, R. S. Calhoun, George Leidig, Frank Latchaw, Walter McNally and Marion Dehl. An additional juror was selected known in the law as an alternate juror. Wm. Warner was also selected.

Testimony in the case commenced on Monday, June 25th, and closed on the morning of June 28th. The cause was argued by the respective counsel, the court charged the jury as to the law, the jury then retired in charge of the Sheriff to consider their verdict. Jury returned into court with the following verdict, to-wit: "We the jury find the defendant not guilty."

Mariposa Gazette , 30 June 1906
California Digital Newspaper Collection

James Lewis DEDMON was about 37 years of age and a native of Tennessee. His wife was formerly Mrs. Angelo CAVAGNARO, whose husband, for a great many years, conducted a general merchandise store in the Yosemite Valley and also at Fresno Flats, Madera county, at which later place he was shot and killed by an Indian about ten years ago. Mrs. CAVAGNARO afterwards met Mr. DEDMON in the Yosemite Valley and they were married and moved to Bear Valley, this county, in 1899, where they have since resided.

DEDMAN GIFT ESTABLISHES DISTINGUISHED CHAIR IN NEUROLOGIC DISEASE



Nancy McMillan Dedman, a longtime friend of UT Southwestern and Southwestern Medical Foundation, hopes that her most recent philanthropic investment serves as a catalyst for others to give. Through a transformational gift of \$1 million to Southwestern Medical Foundation, Mrs. Dedman established the Dedman Family Distinguished Chair in Neurologic Disease at UT Southwestern Medical Center, a permanently endowed Chair that will benefit work at the Peter O'Donnell Jr. Brain Institute.

"Southwestern Medical Foundation is a great steward of the funds entrusted to it and has been a devoted partner with UT Southwestern in improving the quality of health care for our community," said Robert H. "Bob" Dedman Jr., Chairman of the Dedman Foundation and Mrs. Dedman's son. "We believe that UT Southwestern is the one institution that can make a meaningful impact in brain health within our lifetimes. The O'Donnell Brain Institute has the ability to attract the right talent and resources to unravel the mysteries of the brain."

Scientific teams at the O'Donnell Brain Institute are currently working on more than 500 leading-edge research pursuits that are bringing us closer to answers about some of the biggest medical problems facing our society, including Alzheimer's disease, depression and mood disorders, brain tumors, stroke, and brain injury.

"All of us have family and friends that have been affected by brain health issues," said Mr. Dedman. "With Edith and Peter O'Donnell's commitment and willingness to have the Institute named after them, I know it will be successful." Dr. Daniel K. Podolsky, President of UT Southwestern, said, "Mrs. Dedman's generous support enables UT Southwestern to support faculty whose paradigm changing research provides hope to those suffering from brain-related illnesses."

The Dedman Foundation has a long history of giving to UT Southwestern, including a gift of \$12 million in 2008 to establish the Dedman Family Endowed Program for Scholars in Clinical Care at UT Southwestern. The gift, made to Southwestern Medical Foundation, was matched to create a \$24 million endowment that allows UT Southwestern to recruit promising early career physicians to be mentored by senior clinicians and physician-scientists.

Twenty Dedman Scholars have been appointed since 2008, with the Program supporting their innovative research across fields such as Type 1 diabetes, organ transplantation, cystic fibrosis, liver disease, and many more. In 2009, Southwestern Medical Foundation presented the family with The Sprague Award, one of the most prestigious awards in health care philanthropy. In 2012, the Dedman Foundation made a gift of \$1 million to support the capital campaign for William P. Clements Jr. University Hospital. Mr. Dedman has been a member of the Southwestern Medical Foundation Board of Trustees since May 2000. He served on the Innovations in Medicine capital campaign at UT Southwestern, which helped raise \$770 million for medical research, education, and patient care.

The matriarch of one of the most generous families in Texas, Mrs. Dedman was married to Robert H. Dedman Sr. for 49 years before his death in 2002. She has served on the UT Southwestern University Hospitals & Clinics Board of Visitors, the board of the Shelter Ministries of Dallas, and the Salvation Army Advisory Board. She also supports the Dallas Museum of Art, the Texas Ballet Theater, and the AT&T Performing Arts Center. In 2004, she was honored with the Annette G. Strauss Humanitarian Award.

"At almost 90 years young, my mother continues my parents' legacy of caring for others," said Mr. Dedman. "It started in 1951 when my parents met in Dallas, fell in love, raised a family, and built a business with the help of many great employee partners that far exceeded their expectations of success. In essence, our family has lived the American dream. We believe part of the American dream is the responsibility of helping others."

The Dedman family name is synonymous with giving in North Texas. They've brought to life some of the most recognizable and inspirational programs in our area, including the Dedman School of Law, the Dedman College Interdisciplinary Institute in the Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences, and the Dedman Center for Lifetime Sports at Southern Methodist University.

"The Dedman family's generosity has been at the epicenter of so many of Dallas' key initiatives," said Kathleen Gibson, President and CEO of Southwestern Medical Foundation. "They are encouragers, innovators, and change-makers who are shaping our city with a vision that is full of heart and thoughtful insight."

"My mother is inspired by her faith first and second by sharing the gift of better health with others," said Mr. Dedman. "She has been blessed by excellent health and exceptional health care throughout her life and she would like to share that gift." Dr. Podolsky holds the Philip O'Bryan Montgomery, Jr., M.D. Distinguished Presidential Chair in Academic Administration, and the Doris and Bryan Wildenthal Distinguished Chair in Medical Science.

--by *Brittany Worley*



NANCY DEDMAN

(Back in the 1800s there was a story written about "Nancy Dedman". It was a work of fiction printed in MacMillian's magazine, perhaps serialized; but it was later produced in newspapers. It is basically typed as is, spelling corrections are attempted, but not the grammer construction.)

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One way and another they was always meeting, and young Kemp he lost his heart to she, and they say as he told his father as he must have Nancy Dedman or he would be off to the war The old farmer shook'd his head, but could never give his son any denial, and when once he brought Nancy to see the old man, he said he were bound to confess that Nancy had the ways of a lady, for all she was so brown, and was of the Dedman lot. It made for a great deal of talk, but old Dedman he took no heed, till one day -- it were soon after Dick come home; but I never heard who gotten him out, but it was soon after. Well, one day Nancy spoke up that she was going to get married and to young Farmer Kemp. There was a kick-up! the old man and Dick had set their minds to give Nancy to one of the crew to Portsmouth; to keep her in the trade, and to keep themselves fair with the head crew there. And the Whole crew was mad after Nancy Dedman. Nancy stood to it that she'd marry young Kemp; and they gave her a time of it! a regular persecution as ever you find in Fox's Martyrs, short of the stake we'll say,

But Nancy were none of the little sort; she stood to her say -- and one day when they was out of the house but not far off, for they never left her alone. Jim Kemp crawled in from among the bracken (she'd advertised he out of the danger) and tell her as his father was just dead, and he must have an end of this, and will she fix the day? He said as how he'd come to take her by force if need be, he and some of his old mates; and as she was puzzling how he could get a lot of sailors all a sudden, (you see she know'd nought of the coastguard's business). Dick looked in at the door! and his face was the devil's own as it flashed to him that there stood the man as had nailed him at the mill and had him to prison. And Nancy saw him; and Jim saw him, and turned milk-white; Dick's look was enough to curdle your very blood. "Traitor! Nance!" said he; "so you were a carrying on and we never know'd it and it was you as told on your own flesh

and blood, and your father's curse and mine too--" "Hold there", cried young Jim, hitting Dick on the mouth to stop his curses (they were afraid of curses there). "Hold there! She never knew" and he poured it all out as how it happened, and as how he was always thinking on Nancy. and so giv'd up the coast guarding, part on her account and part on his fathers. But afore he had ended Dick were gone, and Nancy was all on a heap with naught to say--but her look cut up young Jim, and no mistake. I won't say he'd been double with her--through love on her, no doubt, but it's always best to be straight, and so he felt too late, and that he had spoke the truth when he told his love he could but have lost her once, and now he had lost her twice, and the losing on her respect were worse no the losing she.

She were a wonderful power of a woman for all as was in her, and she had little love except from Joe, and he were dead. So she said to Jim she forgave him, but it were all to an end between they; she'd love he all the days, but she couldn't wed her brother's murderer, That were all... *(to be continued)*



Joseph S. Dedman, son of David D. Dedman and Ann H. Erwin Dedman, was born in 1849 in Madison, Alabama. He would be the gr-grandson of Samuel Dedman and Eleanor Howard Dedman He enlisted in the Confederate Army at age fourteen in 1863, and on April 3, 1865, just weeks before the war ended, he was killed in Selma, Alabama. He was a private in Ward's Battery, Alabama Light Artillery.

♪ On another note



Dedman, NM, is now Capulin, NM, the name change for an old volcano of tourist interest. It was originally named for E. J. Dedman, an official with the El Paso & Northeastern Railway.

CAROLYN DEDMON PRICE



ROSSVILLE, GA — It is with great sadness that the family of Carolyn Dedmon Price announces she passed away peacefully in her sleep in the early morning of March 5, 2019, at the age of 78. She will be lovingly remembered by her husband of 58 years, Claude Price; her children, Ken Price (Becky), Suzi (Susan Price) Youngberg (Scott), and Mark Price

(Carmen); grandchildren, Taylor Price, Ashley Ellison and Chance Williams; three brothers, Leroy, Tommy and Bill Dedmon, sister, Alma Ruth Smith, and numerous nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends from 5:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday, March 7, 2019, at the funeral home. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, March 8, 2019, in the chapel of Wilson Funeral Homes with Rev. Mike Greg officiating. Burial will follow in the Lakewood Memorial Gardens-South. The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to The Michael J. Fox Foundation (P.O. Box 5014 Hagerstown, MD 21741-5014), Heartline Hospice (1008 Professional Blvd. Suite 4, Dalton, GA 30720), or flowers for the Hospice nurses who took such loving care of her. Online guest book at www.wilsonfuneralhome.com. Arrangements by W. L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Homes, Fort Oglethorpe, GA. **(Find A Grave Memorial #197341468)** *Carolyn was my sister and the second child and first daughter born to Gordon Lee and Ruby Viola Dickson Dedmon. She was active in her church as long as her health allowed. She played the piano as well among other activities and faithful in attendance. She and my other sister, Ruth, took care of our mother to enable her to spend her last days at home. We will miss her very much. -Leroy*

WILLIAM SAMUEL WILDER

October 23, 1896, Boonville, IN- Enquirer (Townsend News)
One of our old citizens died on Friday night last after only one week's illness, William Wilder, aged 67 years. Mr. Wilder was well known as a consistent member of the Union M.E. Church and was quiet, pleasant and unassuming, respected by everyone. We all feel sad at his sudden death. His funeral was largely attended on Sunday morning. We noticed some of your Boonville people present. Services were held in the Union church conducted by Rev. Rawlins, who preached a most excellent sermon for the occasion: "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord and their works do follow them." Interment at Center graveyard. That is the third death in our immediate neighborhood in three weeks. Verily in the midst of life we are in death. William was the husband of **Julina E. Dedman Wilder** (3 Mar 1855-3 May 1910)
(Find A Grave Memorial 35712051)

TERRY W. LAMBERT, SR.



Terry W. Lambert, Sr., 61, of Strasburg went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, January 10, 2019 surrounded by his loving family. Born on June 19, 1957 in Portsmouth, Ohio, he was the son of the late Donna Jean Lambert. He was also preceded in death by his brother, LaRandall "Randy" Lambert and his sister, Mollie Bea Charles. He attended Perry High with the class of 1976. Terry worked at Shanafelt Manufacturing in Canton as a drill press operator for 25 years. He loved spending his time outdoors working in his yard or hunting. He also enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and loved animals.

Terry is survived by his loving wife, Penny **(Dedmon)**, whom he married on July 21, 1975. He will also be sadly missed by his children; Terry (Shanell) Lambert Jr. of Magnolia, Sabrina (Chris) Bailey of North Canton, Toby (Felicia) Lambert of Paris, Ohio, Jason Nelson of Strasburg, Vincent Nelson of Strasburg; nine grandchildren, Justin Bailey, Shelby Lambert, Tristen (Kori) Lambert, Lynsey Lambert, Salina Soto, Hayley Lambert, Lacey Lambert, Toby Lambert II, and Tanner Lambert; one great-grandchild, Oakley Bailey (he was expecting another great-grandchild soon); his brothers and sisters, Angela Lambert, Sherry (Troy) Heath, Rocky Lambert, Tony (Anita) Lambert, Chris Lambert, Lionel (Gary) Lambert, Shannon (Becky) Lambert, Scott (Juanita) Lambert; his very special aunt, who was very dear to him, Lucy Mullins of Sydney, Ohio; along with many nieces and nephews.

Friends are invited to call at the Toland-Herzig Funeral Home & Crematory in Dover on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 from 3-5pm. A funeral service will take place at 5:00 pm on Tuesday with Pastor Brian Flood officiating. Following the service, a meal will be served in the Canton South Social Hall. To sign an online guestbook for Terry, visit the obituary link on the funeral home's website. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Penny Lambert, 128 1st St. W, Strasburg, Ohio 44680 to help with funeral expenses.

(The Times Reporter on Jan. 13, 2019)

Find A Grave Memorial