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Dedman, a politician, was born on 2 June 1896 at Knowe, Kirkcudbrightshire, Scotland, son of James Baillie Dedman, schoolteacher, and his wife Mary, née Johnstone. John was taught by his father in village schools and imbued with the precept: 'whatever thy hands find to do, do it with all thy might'. After attending Ewart Boys' High School, Newton Stewart, he entered the faculty of science at the University of Edinburgh in 1914 and planned to study engineering.

On 19 March 1915 Dedman was commissioned in the British Army and posted to the 10th Battalion, Border Regiment. He fought at Gallipoli, in Egypt and in France where he was wounded in action in 1917. Transferring to the Indian Army that year, he saw active service in Afghanistan and Iraq. In 1922 he resigned and joined a schoolboy friend Walter McEwen in Victoria; in April they purchased a dairy-farm near Launching Place. Dedman bought out his partner's share and on 24 June 1925 married McEwen's sister Jessie Lawson at the Presbyterian Church.

During the early 1930s Dedman read widely in economics and emerged as one of Labor's more radical voices on banking reform. In 1932-34 he contested one Federal and two State seats. He was more successful in local government polls and served on the Upper Yarra Shire Council from 1926 to 1939 (president 1931 and 1937). In 1938 he enrolled as a part-time student at the University of Melbourne, hoping to increase his understanding of Keynesian economics. Having won Corio in a crucial by-election in March 1940, he soon established himself in the House of Representatives as an unrelenting debater on financial affairs. His principles were, and remained, socialist, but were tinged with healthy pragmatism and robust Christianity.

With the formation of the Labor government on 7 October 1941, John Curtin helped to secure Dedman's elevation to cabinet. He was appointed minister in charge of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, minister for war organization of industry and chairman of the production executive of cabinet. In December 1941 he was also appointed to the War Cabinet. His main responsibilities were to co-ordinate the Commonwealth's production departments and to reorganize industry so that resources were diverted to military needs and essential services.

While retaining his C.S.I.R. portfolio, on 2 February 1945 Dedman succeeded J. B. Chifley as minister for postwar reconstruction. The department's principal concerns were to implement Labor's full-employment objective, to retrain ex-service personnel and to foster a balanced peacetime economy based on manufacturing, exports and a national works programme. Dedman had responsibility for the White Paper on Employment, the Commonwealth and State Housing Agreement and the Snowy Mountains'

scheme, as well as for legislation to promote wool, and to establish the Joint Coal Board, the Universities Commission and the Australian National University.

He enjoyed shaping initiatives that removed the spectre of the hard times of the 1930s, but was frustrated when new programmes were transferred to other departments, or to the States, where they lost much of their vitality. Although sometimes at odds with Prime Minister Chifley, who increasingly urged financial caution, he remained his 'indispensable henchman' in national and international planning. Dedman, however, could be his own worst enemy, not least because of his rash remarks.

After barely losing Corio in December 1949, Dedman narrowly failed to regain the seat in 1951 and 1954. Unable to find employment, he eventually acquired a small sheep-property at Apollo Bay. In 1955 he became Australian director of the resettlement of refugees department of the World Council of Churches. Retiring to Canberra in 1962, he was appointed to the council of the A.N.U. in 1966 and graduated (B.A.) that year. The university had awarded him an honorary doctorate of laws (1964) and decided in 1970 to name a building after him.

Dedman wrote about his ministerial experiences during the war and was a frequent visitor to Parliament House. He retained his membership of the A.L.P., served as an elder of St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Forrest, and lived long enough to see the Whitlam government introduce some of the policies he had championed. Dedman died on 22 November 1973 in Canberra; he was accorded a state funeral and was cremated. His wife, son and two daughters survived him.



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AUSTRALIA AND U.S. BELIEVED NEAR PACT ON MANUS BASE USE

CANBERRA, June 4.- Belief that Australia and the United States are near accord on the future of strategically important Manus Island was expressed today after Defense Minister John Dedman had announced government proposals for establishing a permanent naval base there.

Observers linked Mr. Dedman's announcement, made in the House of Representatives, with the projected visit to Australia of Admiral Louis E. Denfeld, commander of the United States Pacific Fleet.

Admiral Denfeld is scheduled to arrive in Canberra by plane Saturday with American Ambassador Robert Butler, who is returning from a two-month visit to the United States. A dispatch from Honolulu today said Admiral Denfeld was going to Australia "for a series of conferences on Pacific matters with Australia authorities."

\$800,000,000 for Defence

Although no announcement on the matter has been made, it was believed here that the future of Manus - where the United States built a multi-million dollar base during the war after driving out the Japanese, would figure in the talks.

Mr. Dedman announced the government's proposals for Manus during discussion of an Australian defense plan on which the cabinet proposes to spend \$800,000,000 during the next five years. He said Australia would "welcome an arrangement for its (Manus') joint use by the United States on a principle of reciprocity."

Manus, large island in the Admiralty group north of New Guinea, is an Australian mandate, and the Australian position has been that this country must retain its rights to use the island, which it regards as vital to the national defense. The United States is understood to have sought unrestricted use of the island as a principal American naval base in the South Pacific.

Reported in "Caretaker" Status

There were reports several months ago that the United States was pulling much equipment out of Manus and the best information here is that it is now in a "caretaker" status." Mr. Dedman said the Australian plans called for

development of Manus as a major Australian naval base which would take the place of the present base at Dreger Harbor, New Guinea.

The defense plans announced by Mr. Dedman called for spending about \$106,000,000 for scientific research and the development of new weapons during the next five years. Much of this allotment would go into a British Empire rocket range spanning Australia. The plan includes establishment of a balanced naval squadron consisting of two light carriers, two cruisers, six destroyers, three escort frigates, 13 auxiliary vessels and 79 other ships.

(By the Associated Press)

The Evening Star, Washington D.C.

Wednesday, June 4, 1947

MAURY COUNTIAN MAKING GOOD IN HEALTH SERVICE

Dr. J. E. Dedman, brother of former Mayor receives splendid promotion, ... is Advanced to Colonel

Now Third Ranking Officer in Health Service in the United States, Advancement for Splendid Services Rendered.

In recognition of valuable services performed, the war department has promoted Major J.E. Dedman, brother of Former Mayor Joseph M. Dedman, to the rank of Colonel in the Public Health Service transferred him from Birmingham to Washington headquarters and placed him third among the ranking officers in the health department. The splendid promotion received by this former Columbian, who is known here as Dr. J.E. Dedman, is a deserved one. He has spent many years in the service of this country, first with the Alabama militia, later with the national army during the world war.

After signing the armistice Dr. Dedman entered the public health service with the rank of major. He has been in this branch of the service a short time when he was detailed to take charge of one of the government hospitals in South Carolina, and was promised that should he succeed in relieving certain condition, where others who had preceded him had failed he would profit there-by. How well he succeeded is shown by the promotion to the rank of Colonel, he having been promoted over the heads of many senior officers in the department.

The Columbia herald, April 23, 1920

Columbia, TN

EMOTION FRENCH KISS SOLDIERS AT PEACE CELEBRATION

**Paris Was Wild With Joy For Twwo Days
After Signing Armistice**

LETTER FROM BERT DEDMAN

*Describes scenes in French Capital and Says There
Has Never Been Anything Like it in History.
Coming Home When Peace Made.*

There has never been another celebration in history that would begin to compare with the demonstration in Paris when the news of the armistice was received in the French capital, according to a letter from Bertram C. Dedman, former city attorney now with the auditing department of the American Expeditionary Forces, who is stationed in Paris. The people went wild with joy and their pent up emotions were let loose for hours. They danced in the streets, kissed each other and imbibed wine until they were absolutely exhausted. Mr. Dedman's letter was written on November 12, the day after the signing of the armistice was announced. "The people simply thronged the streets all day yesterday and last night," he said, "and they are still parading tonight." "It would be impossible to describe it, but it is sufficient to say that there never has been another celebration in history that could begin to compare with it. I have never seen as much kissing in my life as I saw yesterday. Everybody that cared to, grabbed a girl and there didn't seem to be any objection to it at all. The soldiers especially were showered with kisses. The cafes and bars certainly did a rushing business, and believe me there were many who had as much under their belts as they could conveniently carry."

Mr. Dedman stated that he himself was not feeling well and was back at his hotel by 10 o'clock. He said that he does not expect to come home before the peace terms are signed, which may be two months hence, but that as soon as those documents are signed he is going to "beat it for Columbia."

Referring to another American associated with him in the work in Paris, Mr. Dedman said: "Chumbley told me this morning that he had some time last night. It seems that he got in with an American general and colonel and they proceeded to take in all the shows. He says that he guesses he kissed as many as 200 girls yesterday and I don't doubt it as I saw him kiss about 50 in about an hour's time."

Paris is a big city and the Columbian boys over there are far from home, but they get to see each other occasionally. Mr. Dedman stated that he received a letter from William Fry, telling him that Girard Brownlow was in the hospital in Paris suffering from wounds. He said that he was going to see Brownlow in a few days.

**The Columbia herald, December 06, 1918
Columbia, TN**



AN ANCIENT COPY OF A HISTORIAL IMPORTANT PAPER

**Mrs. James M. Dedman has a
Mecklenburg Declaration**

**PRINTED ON BIT OF CREAM SATIN
*Has been in the Dedman Family near
one hundred years, was once the property
of present mayor of Columbia.***

There is in the possession of Mrs. James M. Dedman, mother of Joseph M. Dedman, proprietor of the Bethel House, and incidentally the mayor of Columbia, a copy of the old Mecklenburg declaration of independence, and is a debt to the English government by the citizens of Mecklenburg, N.C.. It is dated May 20, 1775, and is printed on satin about 6X10 inches and is signed by twenty-four of the citizens of the county and is couched in language very similar to that of the declaration of independence.

This bit of satin was of cream color when new, but age has turned it some darker and in some places it is broken entirely through and the wording is entirely defaced. This, however, has been authenticated by Spencer's history. There is no way to definitely determine its age.

Mrs. Dedman is now eighty years of age, and says she can remember when she was only a child that her father had it in a frame and hung on the wall in her childhood home. Through all the years she has clung to it for the reason that it had so much to do with the early history of the country, and the sentiment of its family connections during the past hundred years.

The only difference in the copy and the verification by the history referred to is the date. Spencer says it was dated May 21, 1775, while the satin copy is dated May 20, 1775. The printing is of modern type and is clear and well done, while the names signed to the declaration are all in full.

**The Columbia herald, January 26, 1912
Columbia, Tennessee**

CONGRATULATIONS TO WILLIAM BRIAN DEDMON



On April 18th, 2019 Chattanooga Police Officers were pursuing an armed robbery suspect from Tennessee that entered into Georgia. The pursuit ended when the pursued vehicle crashed on SR#1 at Lafayette Road. TFC William Dedmon was responding to the area to assist with the pursuit. After the vehicle crashed, the suspected armed robbery suspect fled on foot. TFC Dedmon assisted in searching the area and buildings around the area. Upon searching within a storage shed at a private residence, TFC Dedmon located a male hiding underneath a shelf. The male was wearing camouflage coveralls and was only visible by his hands and legs. The male matched the description given to TFC Dedmon. TFC Dedmon had his department issued weapon drawn and gave verbal commands to the male. The male was then taken into custody and was confirmed to be the armed robbery suspect in question. He was also a validated gang member of the Rollin 20s Crips Gang (RTC),* identified as the second largest criminal street gang on the west coast with members in Chattanooga, Tennessee. TFC Dedmon is to be commended for his willingness to assist another agency, thoroughness of his search efforts, and dedication to protecting the citizens living within the area and their property. For these reasons, TFC Dedmon is being nominated for POAG Officer of the Year for Valor by Colonel Mark McDonagh, Georgia Department of Public Safety.



My nephew, Brian, the oldest son of my brother, Bill, has been in law enforcement and the local fire department for about 25 years. He has been a Georgia State Trooper for about 20 years. -Leroy

David Alan Deadmon



Mr. David Alan Deadmon, 60, died Wednesday, February 8, 2017, following a six year battle with prostate cancer. He was born June 9, 1956, in Elizabeth, New Jersey to Edward Albert and Eva Tutterow Deadmon.

David was a proud veteran of the U.S. Marines. He was employed by Honda Jet in Greensboro, had worked many years with U.S. Airways in Winston-Salem and Charlotte and also with TIMCO in Greensboro.

He was preceded in death by his father, Edward Albert Deadmon. Survivors include his wife, Karen Ratledge Deadmon; his mother, Eva Tutterow Deadmon of Mocksville; two daughters, Kara Elizabeth Deadmon of Durham and Erin Kathleen Deadmon of Boston, MA; a brother, Edward Deadmon (Rebecca) of Cary; sisters-in-law, Ann Barnes of Mocksville and Etta Ratledge of Winston-Salem; and many loving family members.

A memorial service will be conducted at 11 a.m., Saturday, February 11, at Episcopal Church of the Ascension at Fork, with Father Dan Wall officiating. Inurnment will follow in the church columbarium with Military Honors conducted by the Veterans of Foreign War Memorial Honor Guard. The family will receive friends immediately following the service.

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Alfred Vernon Caldwell Spartanburg, SC



Alfred Vernon Caldwell, Jr., age 85, the beloved husband of **Sara Dedmon Caldwell**, passed away Sunday, December 20, 2009.

Born in Woodruff, SC on November 2, 1924, he was a son of the late Alfred V. and Melissa Hughes Caldwell, Sr. Mr. Caldwell was a graduate of Fairforest High School. He honorably served his country in the United States Army during World War II in the European Theatre including participation in the invasion of Normandy. Mr. Caldwell retired from Spartanburg Steel after 25 years of service. He was a member of Cavins Baptist Church.

In addition to his wife of 59 years, Mr. Caldwell is survived by two daughters, Sheila Dobbins and husband, Bill, and Lewanna Caldwell and husband, M.B. Ulmer; six grandchildren, Brandon Johnson, Baron Johnson and wife, Ginger, Blake Johnson, Stephanie Chappell and husband Adam, Travis Caldwell and Hannah Caldwell; four great-grandchildren; two sisters, Pearl Morris and Ruby Morris; and a brother, Charles Caldwell. He was predeceased by his son, Mike Caldwell and two infant daughters.

Burial with military honors will be in Sunset Memorial Park.

Dunbar Funeral Home & Crematory
Find A Grave Memorial 46658460

Marjorie "Stewart" Dedman

Marjorie "Stewart" Dedman, 89, of Fort Wayne, died unexpectedly, October 22nd, 2006 at her home. Born on July 23rd, 1917 in Dana, Indiana to William W. and Florence Cloutier Stewart. Mrs. Dedman grew up in Goodland, IN and then later moved to Monticello, IN, where she graduated from high school with honors. She was very interested in the arts and music since childhood. She played the violin and piano and majored in art at Indiana University. She resided in Fort Wayne since 1937. She married Carl Dedman in 1938 and worked as a secretary at Wayne Knitting Mills. In 1942, Mr. and Mrs. Dedman started their family. Mrs. Dedman was a member of the Fort Wayne Artist Guild where she won awards in area juried show for her oil paintings. She was also a member of the Fort Wayne Women's Club and a charter member of the Orchard Ridge Country Club. Mrs. Dedman had a love of traveling, gardening, cooking and creating family photos and home movies. She was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She is survived by her two daughters, Jan Boissenet of Angola and Julie Albanesi of Dallas, TX; five grandchildren, Todd, Donavon, Chris, Kurt and Tim; seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl in 1995; her grandson, Shane; and brother, William Stewart. Memorial Service 4 p.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road with calling one hour prior. Memorials to Fort Wayne Art Museum. (Monticello Herald Journal 24, Oct. 2006) **Find A Grave Memorial 80708357**

Jeffery Lynn Hambricht



Jeffery Lynn Hambricht, age 76, of Tunnel Hill, passed away Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was preceded in death by his parents, Floyd and Omajean Hambricht; three brothers, Curly, Big Dennis and Trammel Hambricht; one sister, Jo Murray; one son, Ronnie Black; great-granddaughter, Alyssa Welch.

Mr. Hambricht was a member of Freedom Baptist Church. He is survived by his loving wife of 46 years, Willie Hambricht; two Daughters and son-in-law, Paula and Ronnie Amos of Tunnel Hill, Judi Rose of Tunnel Hill; Two sons and daughters-in-law, Dennis and Pat Hambricht of Varnell, Scotty and Teresa Hambricht of Dalton; one daughter-in-law, Rhonda Black of Tunnel Hill; sisters and brother-in-law, Linda and David Hair of Dalton, Pat Hambricht of Florida, Nancy Drew of Dalton; Grandchildren, Andrew Hambricht, Holly Hambricht, Tara Phillips, Sanna Evans, Nathan Welch, Jada Amos, Hunter Hambricht, Ben Amos, Nathaniel Amos; Great-grandchildren, Nicky Payne, Tori Phillips, Cheyenne and Zackery Craig, Moses Osborne, Lawson, Cole, Grant and Carlee Evans, Jacob, Lucas, Mason and Ellie Welch, Katie, Maddy, Annie and Griffin Hambricht, Aubrey and Nevan Payne. Several nieces and nephews also survive. The funeral service will be Saturday, August 17, 2019 at 2:00 pm in the Rocky Face Chapel of Julian Peeples Funeral with Rev. Tony Westmoreland officiating.

The family will receive friends at the Rocky Face Chapel of Julian Peeples Funeral Home on Saturday, August 17, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Burial will be at Westhill Cemetery. Funeral arrangements are by Julian Peeples Funeral Home, Rocky Face Chapel.

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Jesse was a fourth cousin to me on my mother's side of the family (Templeton). However, there are other Hambricht connections to the Dedmon family through Colonel Fredrick Hambricht, Sr., a historic figure in the Revolutionary War, especially at King's Mountain, NC. -Leroy

Wayne Kevin Dedman

Dedman Wayne Kevin Passed away peacefully at home on Wednesday 10th March 2010 aged 53. Husband to Sue, father of Sara, Dean and Wayne, father-in-law of Natalie and Jenny, grandad to Cameron, Kya, Maisie and Oliver. He will be loved and remembered forever. Funeral Service 11.00am Wednesday 24th March at Hastings Crematorium. All who know him are welcome. Family flowers only, donations if desired for St Michael's Hospice, c/o Banfield & Pomphrey, 476 Old London Road, Hastings.

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Janice (Dedman) Boissenet

Janice (Dedman) Boissenet, 74, of Fort Wayne, passed away on September 11, 2018. Born on March 4, 1944 in Fort Wayne, IN to the late Carl E. and Marjorie Dedman. Jan was a graduate of South Side High School then went on to stay at home and raise her 3 sons on Indiana Avenue. Jan brought much love and joy to all of her friends in her days of tennis and cross country skiing.



In 1989 she moved to Lake James where she started Bayview Realty. She owned Bayview Realty for 12 years before retiring. Jan married her husband, Jim in October, 1994. Jan loved relaxing in the sun, whether it be on a beach or poolside, with a good book and cold drink in hand. She enjoyed boating and having fun on the lake with family and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Boissenet loved traveling to the Gulf Coast and Caribbean, where they vacationed often and created many wonderful memories. She was an avid animal lover. Jan and Jim loved their 3 pugs "the other kids," Cruiser, Bogie, and Ally dearly. Jan enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, playing board games and watching football.

She is survived by her husband, Jim; sons, Chris DeLong, Kurt (Kim) DeLong, Tim (Mindy) DeLong; step-daughters, Courtney (Mike) Walker, Brook (Tami) Boissenet; grandchildren, Taylor, Kara, Kameron, Alec, Finn and Elowen; sister, Julie (Franco) Albanesi of Dallas, TX; and nephews. A celebration of Jan's life will be held on October 7, 2018 with visitation from 2pm to 4pm and a memorial service following at D.O. McComb and Sons Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46804. Directly after the service there will be a gathering at the Southwest Conservation Club, 5703 Bluffton Road, 46809. The family would like to give special thanks to Jan's friends, Sandi and Denny Malott and hospice for giving such loving care in her times of need

James L. Marcum,

Mr. James L. Marcum, age 89, passed away at Crestview Healthcare and Rehab, Thursday, November 13, 2008. He was preceded in death by his parents: Edward Marcum and Carrie Archer Marcum; his wife: Minnie E. Dedmon Marcum; a brother: Elmer Marcum; and a sister: Estelle Kirkpatrick. Funeral services will be conducted 2:00 PM, Saturday, November 15, 2008 at the Brownsville Memorial Gardens Mausoleum Chapel with Rev. Mark Conway officiating. Entombment will follow in Brownsville Memorial Gardens Mausoleum

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