

# The Dedmon Connection

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**Leroy Dedmon, Editor**

## 2002 ISSUE

This will be the only issue of the DEDMON CONNECTION for the year 2002. I am going to try to go back to a quarterly issue in 2003. Don't hold me to it as I reserve the right to change my mind.... MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR..

Well here we are at the end of another year.. It is amazing how time flies.. We must be having a lot of fun... At least goes the saying, "TIME FLIES WHEN YOU ARE HAVING FUN"...

The year 2002 was kinda "bitter-sweet" for me. In the spring we learned that dad had leukemia and would be expected to live only a month or two. He chose not to take treatment as he wanted his last days to not be filled with the sickness that often goes with kemo and radiation. At his age there was no real promise that it would help. He lived a little longer than might be expected and passed away on September 16.

We also lost a first cousin in August. Louise Lunsford, the daughter of Mary Ruth Vess Lunsford was killed in an automobile accident in August. Mary Ruth is my mom's sister.

Also, Maudie Black, the husband of Gordon Black passed away in August. Some of you may remember Gordon Black. Gordon has been faithful to attend the family reunions and has done much research. Gordon is a descendent of William D. Dedmon.

In November, Carl Dickson, a third cousin, passed away. Carl was the son of Alex Dickson, my mom's first cousin. We were close to the Dickson family growing up. In fact, we called Alex, uncle Alex, as he seemed like an uncle to us. We lived near the Dickson's at Graysville, GA. Three of Carl's sisters Wilma, Dorris and Audery, were the closest to me and my sisters. Alex was a policeman in Ringgold, GA and for a while he worked at Lake Winnepesaukah, an amusement park near Fort Oglethorpe, GA. He ran the bumper cars and always gave me and my friends a little extra time when we would ride the cars.

On the joy side of the equation, we celebrated my mom's 90th birthday and my great granddaughter's first birthday. That is five generations of Dedmons. In fact, Masie is now over 18 months old. It is hard to believe she is that old already.



**Masie Jane Webb, is the great granddaughter of Leroy and Jane Dedmon.**



Send me your old stories or articles relating to the Dedmon Family. Come on!!! Dig into that old shoe box in the closet and bring out the goodies!!!!



**Gordon Lee Dedmon (1918-2002)**

On September 16, 2002 my dad drew his last breath around 6:00 A.M. He was taken to the hospital the day before in an ambulance and was in a coma when he arrived. Most of the family waited around the hospital all day and into the night. Some of us had gone to bed, only to be awakened early with the news.

I was in Chickamauga, GA, where I was conducting a Gospel Meeting. We had just finished our noon meal which followed the morning worship service on Sunday morning. As we were leaving the church building my cell phone rang. It was my brother, Bill, "They have taken daddy to the hospital in Dalton and he is in a coma", was his message. We went straight to the hospital... He remained in a coma until he passed away on Monday morning.

Thirty years ago, I was at the same congregation when Jane called to tell me her mother had been taken to the hospital in a coma. She died two days later on my birthday, June 27, 1972

## I REMEMBER MY DAD

Dad lived a long time as 84 years surpasses the promised "three score and ten" and also the "if by strength four score".  
*(Psa. 90:10 The days of our years are three score years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.)*

I realize that the normal course of life is for children to see the death of their parents. Dad taught me many things that have stayed with me through the years. He taught me how to work with my hands. We never "hired" things to be done around the house. He was a "jack of all trades". When we added to our house, we did the work.... electrician, plumber, framer, roofer, sheet rock finisher, etc... we did it all. He was not much of a hunter or fisherman, but we did some of that.

He was a baseball and softball player. He pitched fast pitch softball (the old windmill style of pitching). He was my coach during the early days of my playing. He instilled in me a love for the game, which I still have. He taught me the joy of winning and the acceptance of losing.

Our favorite "family sport" was badminton. I remember when I finally was good enough to beat dad at this game. I was almost twenty and he was over forty when that happened. He was my favorite team mate when we played doubles.

I never was ashamed to be known as Gordon Dedmon's son. He was a respected community and church leader. He was a hard worker and loyal to his employer. For almost thirty years he worked for the Western Union Company and was able to retire at the age of 55 as his time of service and age equalled 80.

We were always the first to arrive and the last to leave church. He was my Sunday School teacher when I was a boy. He quit smoking when I was about ten years of age. He said he wanted to set the right example for his children. Today, to my knowledge not one of his five children or their mates smoke. Of his children and grandchildren you can count on one hand those that smoke....Thanks Dad....

I am thankful to God for the gift of longevity for my dad....Thanks Father



Five generations: (L-R) Leroy Dedmon, Gwendolyn Jane Dedmon Rawls, Gower Ruby Dickson Dedmon, Masie Jane Webb, Carrie Jane Rawls Webb

You would think it would not be too difficult to get all of us together for a group picture. But I believe this is only the second time we have all been together. This picture was taken at my father's funeral. I am hoping we will be able to get together again soon and take a better photo.

## OBITUARY

Cynthia Louise Lunsford

**Cynthia Louise Lunsford, 51 of Ringgold passed away on Monday, August 12, 2002 from injuries sustained in an auto accident. A lifelong resident of the Catoosa County area, Miss Lunsford was an LPN with Quinton Memorial Nursing Home. She is survived by her mother: Mary Ruth Lunsford of Ringgold; two brothers: Jerry W. Lunsford of Crandall, GA and Donnie Lunsford of Orlando, FL, several nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, August 17, 2002, at 11:00 A.M. in the funeral home chapel with Rev. Homer Cantrell officiating. Interment will follow in Catoosa Memorial Cemetery. Serving as pallbearers will be Seth Lunsford; Chris Lunsford; Bart Lunsford; Quinton Lunsford; Danny Headrick and Kelton Rowe. The family will receive friends on Thursday, August 15, 2002, from 2 - 9 P.M. and all day on Friday, August 16, 2002. Arrangements by Wilson Funeral Home, Wallis-Stewart Chapel, Ringgold, GA.**

*(Editor's notes: Louise was my first cousin. Her mother, Mary Ruth, is my mother's sister. While visiting at the funeral home, I realized how easy it is for kinsmen to lose touch with family. I saw cousins that I had not seen in more than 25 years)*

## OBITUARY

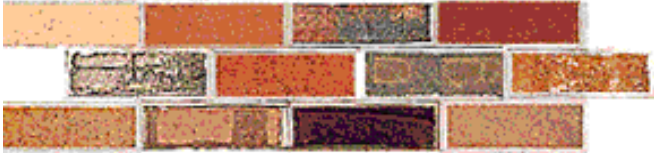
**Maudie Bell Wright Black, 78, of Ringgold, GA passed away on Saturday, August 10, 2002, at a local hospital. A lifelong resident of the North Georgia area, Mrs. Black was a member of the Pleasant Valley Baptist Church, had worked with RVA for 11 years, was President of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary, member of Order of the Eastern Star Post #241, the Catoosa County Historical Society and Director to the Catoosa County Seniors on Thursday nights. She was preceded in death by her parents, Oscar Henry Wright and Irene Wright Gossett and her brother: Albert Wright. Mrs. Black is survived by her husband: Gordon Black of Ringgold; two sons: G. Larry Black of Ringgold and Kenneth Wayne Black of Cartersville, GA; one sister: Mary Wright Gentry of Dalton; one granddaughter: Ashley Mary Ann Black of Smyrna, GA; several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held on Monday at 2:00 P.M. in the Wallis-Stewart chapel of Wilson Funeral Home. Junior Bryson and Leroy Dedmon officiated. Interment was in the Ebenezer Cemetery.**

Maudie was the wife of Gordon Black, whom many of you have met. Gordon has been at our Family Reunions and also done much research for our family. He also has tried to keep the Dedmon Cemetery in good condition. That is a difficult thing to do as vandals have pushed over and/or removed many of the head stones. There are several of our ancestors buried there

Gordon is a descendent of Vina Emiline Dedmon, the daughter of William D. Dedmon and Ellender Nellie McEntire. William D. was my (Leroy's) ggrandfather. Gordon has published a book for the Black family which includes much information for the Dedmon, Dickson, Templeton and Capehart families. If he has any left they are 25.00 each. You may contact him at 27 Church St. Ringgold, GA 30736-2315.



## THE BRICK WALL



*(Editor's notes: Thanks to Von Hamrick for this bit of information.)*

Hi Leroy,

My great grandmother Hamrick was Margaret Elizabeth "Betty" Dedmon from Davie County, NC. My Dedmon Line goes back to James Deadman who was supposedly the brother of your Mark.

James was placed in the household with Mark by the Census Records of Davie County. Esby Walter Dedmon, the grandson of James wrote a story that cast some doubt that James was a blood brother of Mark and his siblings.

The story essentially says that James was really Jamie White whose family had been killed by Indians. He was raised by Sarah Griffin Deadman and took the name Deadman to avoid the stigma of "orphan". I am sure you have read the write up by Esby Walter. Most researchers have discounted the story because they felt it could never be proved or disproved. I had it published in the Davie County Heritage Book so it would not get lost.

There are several things that continue to haunt me about this story. (1) Esby Walter was 15 years old when his father, William Henry Deadman, died and you would think that he would surely have heard tales about his grandfather from his father. (2) Prof Francis Dedmon of Boone, NC told me he had heard his mother say "You are Whites not Deadmans". (3) Charles Odell Williams of Mocksville has told me that many Dedmons in Davie County had claimed not to be kin to the other set of Dedmons in the same county.

I now believe there is a tool that can be used to prove or disprove Esby Walter's story. During the past year, I have observed the increased use of DNA in genealogy. I have even been a participant in a Hamrick Y-DNA Study.

The Y-DNA is the part of our overall DNA that is passed from father to son unchanged for 100's of years. That means a male-Dedmon descendant of Mark Dedmon would still carry Mark's Y-DNA. I carry the Y-DNA of my ancestor, Patrick Hamrick (1684-1764)

In the Hamrick study, my Y-DNA was a perfect match with a Hamrick in VA whose only connection to me was Patrick Hamrick, 9 generations back. To me that was incredible. You have to remember that adoptions or "hanky-panky" will interrupt the Y chain.

You can learn more about DNA at: <http://www.familytreedna.com>. Getting the sample is no problem. They send you a swab to rub on the inside of your cheek. The cost is a consideration. An individual test has been reduced to \$149 but if you organize a group of 6 or more to be tested, it is only \$99 per test.

I paid \$219 for my Hamrick test but now we have organized a group of 6 and all new Hamricks being tested pay only \$99. If we could find some male-Dedmons descended from James and Mark or even Thomas Griffin Deadman that have enough interest in Dedmon Genealogy to get Y-DNA tested, I would be happy to work with them.

If there is a group of at least 6 people, it is easier to get volunteers because of the reduced cost of the test. In my opinion, it would be a great service to Dedmon Genealogy to actually know if there were 2 sets of Deadmans in Davie County, one of them descended from Jamie White. --  
Von Hamrick email: [vbhamrick@webtv.net](mailto:vbhamrick@webtv.net)

*(Editor's notes: I am sure that tests like this will prove to be very to the family research. I indeed had read the article to which Von refers about Jamie. Since I had a copy of it which I had taken from Danny McBee's book, I decided to include it in this newsletter. I hope you enjoy reading it. ---Leroy)*

# VONDURAE

*"In the year 1680 or about 100 years before the Revolutionary War, there came a man and his young wife to a place on Yadkin river in what is now being known as Davie Co., N.C., that was made famous because of being the birth place of Daniel Boone, the pioneer settler of Kentucky. They settled in a forest, a real jungle. The man was past middle (\*age) and his wife was much the junior. His name was Thomas Dedmond and his wife's maiden name was Sarah Edmond. She was an English lady by birth, and to them was born one child, a son whom they named Edmond. Edmond Dedmond married Elizabeth Corbin a French lady in 1753 which was 106 years old before I was born. To them were born 10 children, 5 boys and 5 girls, the eldest one was named Thomas Dedmond (No. 2) and he was married to Susan Tatum and to them were born several children, but their oldest one a girl whose name was Susan married Thomas (\*Stephen Caton) Caton. To them were born 2 children. 1 girl and 1 boy. The girl was married to my father in 1838. This Sarah Caton Dedmond was the mother of 17 children of whom I am the unlucky number 13.*

*Now I must go back to the jungle. Sometime about 1690 or 1701, there came a man with Daniel Boone's father, and settled nearby with his beautiful young wife, his name was John White, their oldest child was named Jammie Dedmond White, their next was a girl and when she was about a year old was killed against a tree by a band of Indians who came and destroyed everything, leaving Jammie for dead, taking the beautiful wife and mother captive. Mr. White came home to find his children dead, his wife in the power of savages and his little home a pile of ashes. In his anger his anxiety taking the place of prudence, he alone pursued the savages and was killed by them. His wife was taken to the Tryon section which then reached from Catawba river to the Mississippi. The Chief tried to get her back to her people but was informed by the Catawbas who captured her, that they were dead. (\*and they thought so, but Jammie came too.) Thus thinking all her people were killed, she didn't wish to leave a friendly tribe to meet hostile ones, so in the course of time she learned to love the chief and married him for the love of his noble heart and his purity of character. This great chief's name was Lookadoo. They had one son whom they named Daniel; he was my wife's great grand father for she was the daughter of George Washington Lookadoo who was killed in the 7 days fight around Richmond during the Civil war. She was born in 3 weeks after her father left home. Thus she was never permitted to see her father, therefore it is claimed by many that she can cure disease. But I must go back to the jungle again and tell you that Edmond Dedmond went to Mr. White's place, found that the awful tragedy and destruction of what had been a happy home in the forest was in ashes with the chickens) picking out the brains of the baby, and little Jammie, their dear boy, more dead than alive. He took Jammie to his own mother who raised him to manhood. She always called him by his two names, Jammie Dedmond, so he grew up as Jammie Dedmond, and when a man of 25, was still called Jammie Dedmond instead of J.D. White.*

*So as the years passed and he became the father of a family and died when old, leaving a widow with several children, one of which was named William Henry Dedmond. This Wm. H. Dedmond married Sarah Caton in 1838, and was my father. So my name was changed, not by my will or anybody elses will so far as that goes, but it was changed nevertheless, and so effectually changed that there can be no easy way of altering it. I now look back and try to feel that God's hand was in it all. My wife was not allowed a father's love, or even a sister or brother, so I have given her a double portion.*

*(\*Daniel Lookadoo was the father of Jesse & he was the father of George--my (Esby Walter) wife's Father.)*

*(\*written in by Esby Walter in leaflet. Letter from Esby to Major Dedmon 1916-1928*

# From the Mail Bag....

Leroy, My name is Jeff Deadmond I am from the Deadmond clan in the southern IL. area, My Grand father was Loren and my Father is Ronnie. Please let me know if you are still around and if this side of the family is also part of yours. Thanks for your time. JDead93223@aol.com

*(Editor's notes: My response to Jeff)*

Jeff, It was good hearing from you.. I am assuming your branch of our tree is from Thomas Deadmond... I am sending you some info to look at.... Let me know if you have more... Leroy

*(Editor's notes: Jeff's Response)*

Thanks for getting back to me so quickly, I didn't realize I had so many typo's. Looking over your list the names look real familiar and I am sure that we are somehow related, I didn't know if you were still active in the genealogy since your web page hasn't been updated for a few years. I follow up on my family every 6 months or so, My Mom who just recently past away was really into the genealogy charts and my father is currently going through all the information she has gathered over the years. Also I had a lot on information on my last computer which crashed back in may have this year and I have trying to retrieve it without the help of a professional. I am going to forward this information to my father and see what we can come up with and get back to you. Thank you so much for getting back to me and I hope we can fill in some missing gaps in the family.

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HELLO, I AM THE SON OF WALTER W.PADGETT B. 1902 WE WERE DECENDED FROM ABRAHAM PADGETT AND SARAH DEDMON MARRIED 1813 .....MR GENE (PADGETT) DAVIDSON (old2250@yahoo.com)

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Thursday 09/26/2002 2:57:21pm:(a.rodody@cox.net)  
Angela Roddy: My mother is a Dedmon. Her parents Ted Dedmon and Evelyn (Ownes) Dedmon were from Arkansas and Oklahoma. I suspect my Aunt Jean (Dedmon) Mays input our family inofrmation as she was working on a family tree. Are there any more of the family in San Diego area?

Tuesday 09/24/2002 6:57:25pm Name: Rebekah Dedmon E-Mail:RebiD42@hotmail.com  
Yea...ummm I have had my last name for all my life (14years), And I never once seen anyone with our last name in this area of the state, except my family. But we do know that my Great-Grand grandfather moved up here from Southern Indiana, and Kentucky both. And We (My Mom and I) would like to know if we have more relation somewhere. Feel free to wirte me at RebiD42@hotmail.com"

*(Editor's notes: My response to Rebekah)*

Wed, 25 Sep 2002 12:09: Rebekah, can you provide me with your parents and grandparents names.. Thanks, Leroy Dedmon

*(Editor's notes: Her response)*

My Great-GrandFather's name was Lawrence. His wife's name was Edith. They had one Son named Rodney. Rodney had four children; Rodney, Darryl, Teresa, and Michael. My Father was Darryl, and I have a brother named Danny. My Great-Grand Father Lawrence had two sisters. But theirs name cannot be found at this moment, because of unavailible resources. but we do know one did comment suicide by jumping into well, when she was a teen, early-20's.

*(Editor's notes: There must have been a previous inquiry, but I found no trace of it, so I am including this just as it appears in my email.)*

I was wondering if you knew or not who her husband was. I have a Charlotte Yarboro on my family tree and she is married to a Hardie Hall and they have a daughter named Frances Hall.If you would let me know or not whether you know if she was married or not. My name is La Dona Stout. and my e-mail is Ladonastout@aol.com. Thank you LaDona

*(Editor's notes: My response to Charolette)*

Here is all I have on the Yarboro family.... I will keep your inquiry and if anything else shows up will let you know... My connection is through Margaret Dedmon, who married Lewis Yarboro..... thanks, Leroy Dedmon



# From the Mail Bag....

(Continued from page 6)

*(Editor's notes: I have received several letters from Tonya Thompson. Since I had no information on her family, it was a great boost to our research.)*

Mr. Dedmon, I'm trying to find information on my Dad's side of the family, which is hard because my Dad died when I was 11 and I really didn't know much about his family. My Dad was Charles "Chuck" Benjamin Dedmon, Jr. born June 1952 in Jacksonville, FL..... His father was Charles "Benny" Benjamin Dedmon, Sr. born March 18th abt.1930 and died Dec. 2, 1996 in Callahan, FL. My Granddad has a brother Freddie in Jacksonville, FL and another brother in TN or NC, who may be a pastor. That is all I know. I was wondering if you had any information on this Dedmon family or know where I might find information. Thank you for any information you can give me, Tonya taton@btconline.net

*(Editor's notes: My response to Tonya)*

Tonya, the best I can offer is that your grandfather was probably the son of Basil Dedmon and his father was also Charles Benjamin Dedmon. Basil was married in 1929 which makes the probable bd of your grandfather within the time frame you mentioned... As you can see I have nothing on your grandfather and his descendents. Could you please provide me with any missing information. Thanks, Leroy

*(Editor's notes: Tonya's Response)*

Leroy, Thank you so much! I don't know much but, this is what I do know. Charles "Benny" Benjamin Dedmon b. 3-18-1932 d. 12-2-1996 from cancer, he was married first to my Dad's mother Barbara ? They had two daughters 1. Claudia and the other one I'll have to get back with you on, and one son my Dad, Charles "Chuck" Dedmon b. 6-26-1952 d.11-26-1981 They divorced and Barbara moved to Texas with the two girls (my Dad stayed with his Dad) and remarried ? Simmons and they had two sons Steve and Mike. Benny remarried Carolyn ? and they had twin daughters Charlotte and Charlene and a son Bruce. Carolyn still lives in Callahan. My parents are Barabra Ann Crosby and Charles "Chuck" Dedmon. I was born on 10-18-1970. I married Brian Joseph Thompson on .2-18-1989. We have 6 children: 1. Taton Mykel Thompson 2. Bailey Marie Thompson 3. Jessica Danielle Thompson 4. Brennon Benjanim Thompson 5. Taylor Paige (Jones) Thompson-adopted 6. Teresa AnnaNicole Thompson, also adopted (MaTeresa Gernaly) Benny was a brick mason and my Dad worked with him in construction. Freddie, Benny's brother, still lives in Jacksonville, FL. This is all I know, I hope it has been helpful. There use to be a Dedmon family reunion every year at Strickland's lake in Middleburg, FL. I believe around August. I remember my Granddad taking me with him after my Dad died, I remember everyone had those Dedmon blue eyes and mine are brown. LOL but two of my children have those blue eyes. (they are beautiful). Let me know if you can think of any details I forgot or I may have given too many and lost you, LOL I hope not. I know I love details on my family that I'm tracing. Thanks again I've traced my Mom's side back to the 1600 and 1700's and had nothing on my Dad's side. Take care, Tonya

Leroy, I, for one, really thank you for your contributions to our Dedmon/Dedmond family history via the Dedmon Connection. We look forward to the copies whether they be monthly, bi-annually, or yearly. Thank you so much. Since your last newsletter, I have lost my aunt Martha Louellen Dedmond Sams. I still have two aunts left: Agnes Dedmond Falls, 86, and Charlotte Augusta Georgia Dedmond Enloe, 94. I am so happy to see how many more people are researching our families now. My Dedmon book is 560 pages now and growing every day. We will continue to grow our genealogy as long as we work together and share information like we do in the Dedmon Connection and on our websites. My thanks go to all my Dedmon cousins who, like myself, are seeking to find all of our relatives, both descendants and ancestors. Thanks a million. Danny McBee (Mcbee49@aol.com)

*(Editor's notes: Danny has and continues to be one of my best supporters and encouragers in the Dedmon research. In my reply to him, I reminded him that I had published his aunt Martha's obituary in Volume 12 of the DEDMON CONNECTION...)*

Dear Leroy, I am so glad you have put out a new issue of the Dedmon Connection. Congratulations on the new great-granddaughter! A cousin of mine, Clay "Smitty" Dedman, would make a very good addition to your staff. He is a fine man and is always "uplifting" me with a funny story or a spiritual tidbit. I "think" he is about your age. He has some good stories about our "Dedman" family which, by the way, is related to the James Thomas Dedmon from Oklahoma. He resides in Rison, AR. Now, he might not agree with me and might not want another job or assignment. He may not even know about your website. If not, he needs to know about it. Also, it seems you are undertaking a "Big" project with the Church building/remodeling. I rejoice with you in the growth you have had and will continue to have, with God's Grace! Thank you for showing my new e-mail address, etc. It is just fine. If I can help you in any way, please let me know. I am beginning to have a little more free time. My husband died three years ago. It has taken some adjusting but God is faithful. Sincerely, Wanda Colvin

# From the Mail Bag....

(Continued from page7)

**From:** F&T Bowen  
**Email:** [mailto:fntbowen@bellsouth.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 26, 2002 11:20 PM  
**To:** minister@mindspring.com  
**Subject:** please correct spelling on my name please  
Hey I dont know who you are but you have my name misspelled. My name is Fred Bowen and Im the son of Kay Bowen who is the daughter of Hood and Pauline Watterson. The way you spell my name is Frederic and my brother's name is spelled Michael. Could you please correct this? Thank you, also do you need any more information on Pauline Watterson's parents? If you would please reply back Fed Bowen

**My reply:** *Thanks Fred and I do apologize. I will make the corrections....I also received another inquiry from this branch, to which I replied:*

*Thanks for the inquiry... I am Leroy Dedmon of Woodstock, GA.. my connection to the Watterson family comes thru the Grigg family.... If you have info from your family that connects you back to the info I have I would really like to have it for my records... Thanks, Leroy*

**Her reply:**

From: "Mary" <bionic01@sprynet.com>  
To: "Leroy Dedmon" <minister@mindspring.com>  
Subject: Re: Pauline Norman  
Good Evening Leroy ! Thanks for the reply. I am not connected to these lines, but was helping another person - Fred Bowen - on his Norman lines from the Cleveland Co., N.C. lines. My Norman lines are from Cross Keys, Union Co., S.C. Since Fred is so connected - he could probably help you more so than I can. But will keep in touch ! Thanks a lot... Mary Ruth

**From:** LMRealtor@aol.com

**Subject:** YOUR FAMILY

As you know I am also a descendent of the Dedmons.  
Larry D. Martin

S/O Charlie Jackson Martin & Ruby Grigg  
Watterson D/O John Watterson & Bessie Grigg  
D/O James Monroe Grigg & Sallie Dedmon  
S/O William "Billy" Grigg & Susannah Costner  
S/O Bannister Threet Grigg & Nancy Wellman  
Nancy D/O unknown Wellman "HELP"

*Please fill in the dates, places, burial places, marriages, etc., of your family members. Also add my email address to the web site.*

*..thanks Larry for your continued support of our project. I will send the info you requested...*

**From:** Smitty Dedman [mailto:sldedman@tds.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 23, 2002 7:47 AM  
**To:** Leroy Dedmon  
**Subject:** e-mail address correction

Good morning Leroy— Just realized the address Wanda Colvin sent to you is in error. My correct address is [sldedman@tds.net](mailto:sldedman@tds.net) (Smitty & Linda Dedman). I am a descendant of Christopher Deadman and live in Rison, Arkansas. Want to say, Wanda is a real lady and a most capable genealogist. I appreciate the work she has done on the Dedman line very much. I'm not sure what she is committing me to, but feel a responsibility to help in any way I can. Also am very appreciative of the work you have done on your web page. I have visited it several times and find it most interesting and helpful. Thanks for all you do. Smitty

**From:** JWHenson

[mailto:henson3@chattanooga.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 29, 2002 7:00 AM  
**To:** Leroy Dedmon  
**Subject:** Re: family

Happy Thanksgiving season to you and your family. Audrey and I just returned from a three week visit to her cousins in Germany and are still fighting the beast 'Jet Lag'. I just read your Dedmon Connections #16 and #17. It a great work you have done there. Lets stay in better touch. Sincerely, John

**My reply:** *Glad you are home safe... We do need to stay in touch better, I really meant to call you when Dad died, but things were so hectic... Leroy*

**His response:** When did your Dad die? How old was he? What did he die of? Is your Mother still alive? Such a string of questions. Please forgive. JWH

*It was good to hear from "cousin John". I really felt bad that I had not called him when Dad died, but things happened so fast that I just forgot some of the things I meant to do. John is actually closer kin to my mom and the Dicksons than he is the Dedmons, although he is a descendent of both. One of the side effects of this genealogy project is meeting so many "kin folk" that I had never known. John contacted me a couple of years ago and has attended the reunions...*