

The Dedmon Connection

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Leroy Dedmon, Editor

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As promised I am trying to publish the DEDMON CONNECTION on a quarterly basis. At least this one is for the first quarter. If I remain on schedule the next issue should be sometime in April or May. You may send information for that issue any time before then. I really need you to help me by submitting your family information, photos, news of birthdays, deaths (copies of obituaries), reunions, births, etc. Also, you may submit articles for the feature columns of "THE BRICK WALL" and "DOWN MEMORY LANE".... I am still waiting for someone to step up to the plate and volunteer for the editorship of these two columns. I also welcome suggestions as to the improvement of this newsletter.

BRRRRRRRRRRRRR.....

We are having some cold weather here in Georgia. In fact just a couple of days ago there was snow on the ground. One thing I have learned about Georgia weather is that if you don't like it, just wait a day or two and something else will come our way. This has been an extremely "wet" winter as it has rained a lot since the first of November. This should come as no surprise as we began our construction project about that time here at the Woodstock church of Christ. Someone told me that we have had more than 30 "rainy day" hindrances since the project began.



PRIDE AND JOY



For several years I have kept this picture of my "Pride and Joy" in my billfold. It has provided me with many opportunities to have a good laugh. Some have asked for copies of it, which you can download and print from this photograph. If I am not mistaken, a friend from McMinnville, TN, Edward St. John, gave it to me. Of course my real "Pride and Joy" is my grandchildren and great grandchild, Carrie, Greg, Jonathan and Masie. It is hard for me to believe they are as old as they are. Greg and Jonathan are both in high school. They are on the wrestling team and Greg also plays football. I think Greg will graduate next year... Carrie, of course, is married and has my great granddaughter, Masie Jane. Masie is almost two years old (birthday is in March).... I have often thought that if I had know grandchildren were so much fun, I would have had them first. A few years ago I asked Gwen and Gary if three grandchildren was all I would have, they just replied, "If you wanted more grandchildren, you should have had more children".



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!!!!

While this was not written specifically for the "Memory Lane" column, it certainly has some "rememberings" in it, plus I had no other article for this column.. enjoy it as I did")

Leroy:

Thank you for the info going all the way back – I had printed a lot of it out last night, but this is a much nicer version and I will make copies of it for my sister and brothers. They are all still in Texas. I called my sister last night to tell her I had actually found our grandmother on the Internet.

I found out accidentally from my brother Craig that my father had been corresponding with other distant family members to try to piece together what he could of the family history and he gave me copies of what Daddy had found. He knew much more about the Boyds than the Dedmons, so we are thrilled to have this information. His mother died so young which he always took hard. He would tell stories about her. It was of course very hard for Grandad Bill with 3 boys, so the other family members helped out. Daddy always had a special relationship with Aunt Bessie (married to Wm. Burton Dedmon) who we visited and would come to stay at our farm on the Clear Fork of the Brazos.

Daddy wrote: "I can recall that times were different then. Fresh meat was often scarce, money was in small amounts, but everybody in the neighborhood shared what they had,

nursed their sick friends and enjoyed the weekend parties and squaredances. Then, as now, life had its adversities, its pains and sorrows, and its joys and victories."

The typical pioneer spirit I suppose. Anyway, William and Bessie's family was pretty close to Daddy even though they spent a lot of years in Colorado. Their daughter Pearl still corresponds with my sister, and I will ask Brenda to have her get in touch with you. She is delightful and I am sure can shed some light on Alfred B and Eufala Estelle's family.

My uncle Wade Burton (by the way, do you know where the Burton is from - keeps cropping up) married Geraldine Sullivan and they lived in Woodson TX. He still lives on his half of Grandad Bill's place (my brother Keith has the other half now). They had 2 daughters Gloria and Karen.

The other boy Murrie died 4/15/28. That was the only correction I saw.

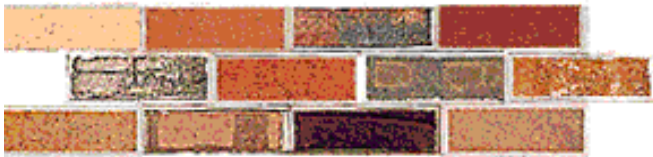
You do a wonderful job – we are all indebted to you.

I read the newsletters – I will be on vacation during the reunion. I live in Ponte Vedra Beach FL so attending would not have been out of the realm of possibility.

If you want to to try and get anything else for you, let me know. You could go on ad infinitum on this I know. Thanks for your work.

Nancy Hofstetter

THE BRICK WALL



The mystery surrounding Jacob Wolfe is still puzzling to the Dedmon researchers. You may refer to Volume 14 of the DEDMON CONNECTION as there were several references from Melanie Malone and others with whom she was communicating concerning Jacob.

(Following is a letter from Melanie with additional information.)

Leroy,
I hope you are well. I spoke with Virginia Wolf who is the wife of Forest Wolf who is the Grandson of William Cathey Wolf who was the son of Jacob Wolf. Forest Wolf is in a Nursing Home and is not always coherent. I had a conversation with her on the phone today. Her husband contributed a lot of info to a book that Broad River Genealogical Society has for sale in Cleveland County NC. She told me that her husband had pondered many hours as to where Jacob Wolf came from. She said that the people around her husband had the story passed down that Jacob Wolf's parents were killed in South Carolina on a wagon train and that his parents were Indian. He was called black Jacob because he was so dark. Now this throws another kink in the story of Jacob. She also said that her husband never knew that Polly Dedmon was Jacob's mother but wondered why he was in the census with Mark Dedmon as his grandfather. Tell me what you think now. Also she is going to make some copies of pictures of William Cathey Wolf and some more of the Wolf's. This research is getting more and more strange pertaining to Jacob. I'm sending this to Danny also. Hi Danny!! What do you think of this new twist? Take Care,
Melanie (Whitewolfe0510@aol.com)

(This e-mail was sent to Danny McBee by Larry Martin in reference to Jacob Wolfe.)

What a great job you have done on the Deadman, etc., family. You should be very proud. I will discard the old book and put this one in its place. Some questions have come up: Jacob did have kids: Descendants of Jacob Wolfe -

FIRST GENERATION

1. Jacob Wolfe was born on NOV 1 1798. He died on NOV 12 1865 in Cleveland Co, NC. He was buried on NOV 14 1865 in Beulah Methodist Church, Waco, Cleveland Co, NC. Sources of information: On whole family, "Heritage of Cleveland County Volume 1, 1982".

He was married to Nancy McEntire (daughter of Aaron McEntire and Ellender Unknown) before 1822. Nancy McEntire was born on JAN 5 1799. She died on JAN 27 1876 in Cleveland Co, NC. She was buried on JAN 29 1876 in Beulah Methodist Church, Waco, Cleveland Co, NC. Jacob Wolfe and Nancy McEntire had the following children:

- +2 i. Elender Nellie C. Wolfe
- +3 ii. William "Cathey" Wolfe
- 4 iii. Casey Wolfe
- 5 iv. Jarousy Wolfe

(Editor's Notes: Larry had included more information concerning the descendants of their children. If you wish more of this information, I am sure Larry will be glad to send it to you. He may be contacted at: LMRealtor@aol.com)

I have received more information and query's concerning Jacob, but was unable to locate them for this publication. I suspect that they were destroyed when my hard drive crashed last year. I have managed to recover a lot of my material, but much of it is not recoverable. I will depend upon the rest of you researchers to resubmit anything you may have that relates to Jacob Wolfe.

I am still waiting for one of you to volunteer to be editor of this column..... Thanks, Leroy

From the Mail Bag....

My name is Candi Caldwell

I found your web site of the message board. I am wondering if by chance that your John Calvin and mine maybe the same my grandfather is Owen Harris Dedmon born Aug 12 1915 in Fulton, Ky died Aug 21 2001, Fulton, KY he was the son of Johny Calvin Dedmon born 1893 (name taken off birth cert.) of Ruthville, TN died about 1920 he worked for the railroad and was killed on the job (story was told to me that he was crushed between 2 cars) and Beulah Margrite DeMyer born Oct 2 1897 in Fulton, KY died sept 27 1988 in Fulton, KY then had three children

James C. Dedmon

Sarah Maxine Dedmon Maynard

Owen Harris Dedmon

I have a few other names not sure totally as to the connection grandpa's first cousin James Odell Dedmon of Fulton, KY; Fred Dedmon of East St. Louis, IL, born Aug 4 1921; Thomas Dedmon of South Fulton, TN (brother of Fred) Katharine Dedmon Feldpausch of Belleville, IL; Everett Dedmon of Hickman, KY...I remember that the DeMyers, Workmans, Pickerings, and Maynards names were always told to me that they are family but as a kid I never listened to the old stories or who came to the house to visit now that every one is gone I missed out on so much.

thank you, walks (Walksinwind2@aol.com)

Larry Gene Dedmon

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Location: Northern Idaho

Comments: I am the third son of four boys. My fathers name was Arthur Lee Dedmon, Mother was Ethel Berniece Burns Dedmon. Dad was from the Heavner, Okla. area and I think they were married in Ft Smith Ark. I have a lot of info on the Dedmon Family from Cherokee heritage as far back as Chief Seminol in Florida.

(It is my intent to follow up with Larry and gain more info to the Indian heritage. There are many stories in my own family concerning this.)

Dear minister,

My name is Donald W. Dedmon and I would like to update your site. My wife's name is Angela Fay Dedmon, married on 6/28/91. Our sons name is Kyle Alexander Dedmon, born on 7/24/97. Please contact me for any questions. I think your site is great!!! take care, D.Dedmon

(In my reply I asked Donald to verify that he was the son of Alfred Donald, which he did in the following e-mail)

Leroy, thank you for your reply. yes I am the son of Alfred Donald Dedmon. my name is Donald Wayne Dedmon born 11/17 57. Leroy I will update you with Mark Dedmon as soon as I get his info. He has 3 girls to date. Leroy what relation are we to each other? I think you are doing a great job on your web site. Take care & God bless, Donald angied@carr.org

Hello, I found your family tree on rootsweb. Laura Jane Black was my gggrandmother. I'm not sure if this is a connection, but my Laura Jane Black's father was a doctor in Walker Co., Georgia (this is what I have been told). And that he was at least 25 years older than Mary. If any of this is what you have please contact me. Jeana Hill

(Laura Jane Black was the daughter of John Hardin Black, Sr. by his second wife, Mary Duckworth. The Dedmons are connected to the Black family in several ways and also to the Broom(e) family as reflected in Jeana's next e-mail. I am behind in my replies to her.)

Hi, I just sent you an email saying that Laura Jane Black's father was a Doctor in Walker Co. I had the wrong person. Her father was John Black, but he was not a doctor. I would love to find out if we are connected. I also noticed you were searching John Broom>Margaret Head. I am also a descendant of them. John Broom was my ggggrandfather. Who are you? Jeana Duncan Hill

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From the Mail Bag....

(Continued from page 4)

Hi Leroy,

Yes, I am related. I'm the grandson of Helen Dedmon Black and ggrandson of John Thomas Dedmon. My family is in Ringgold, GA and I currently live in Atlanta. My parents still live on what is left of the original land/farm John Thomas Dedmon owned. The street my parent's live on is named Dedmon Road. I noticed my uncle Tommy Black, had written to you about my grandfather's death last year.

The Black's and the Dedmon's married each other (as you well know) and my grandparents were 2nd or 3rd cousins. My dad has some old family photos that I'm sure he wouldn't mind sharing copies with you and some of them we've been unable to identify. I've also told him about the planned reunion. He attends the Black reunion each year, which is in August, and I'm guessing he would like to go to the Dedmon reunion.

We have visited the Taylor's Ridge cemetery with the late Jack Black Bryan (mother was Mary Hestine Black), who was my grandfather's 1st cousin. He was one of the people who helped clean-up the cemetery several yrs ago. The cemetery is just over the Taylor's Ridge from where my family lives. Both Blacks and Dedmons are buried there, again, I'm sure you know all of that.

My ggrandfather owned a store or saloon in Ringgold, early 1900's, and about 10 yrs ago as they were doing some work either on the building or the street, a cornerstone was found that had carved into the stone JOHN THOMAS DEDMON and a date (which I don't remember). My dad's 1st cousin, John Thomas Cornelison (son of Johnnie Mae Dedmon who was the sister of Helen Dedmon Black) was his namesake and my Dad took the granite cornerstone to JT Cornelison in Pensacola, FL (where he has lived since the late 50's).

I notice that some other neighbors of mine growing up (and relatives—we are all related in Ringgold) don't have complete info and I'll see if my Dad has some of it.

Such as, Lena Dedmon Burke Luttrell died last yr, Vivian Dedmon Blair died a few yrs ago and I believe she had a son who died during WWII.

You've done a great job and just looking at the family tree, it's easy to see you've put a lot of time and energy into this project!

Steve Black

Editor's note:

It was my priviledge to visit Lena Luttrell prior to her death, she was close to if not 100 yrs old when she died...

From the Mail Bag....

(Continued from page 5)

To Leroy Dedmon,
Hello, my name is Sherry Dedmon Coffel. I read some of your stuff on the Dedmon message board. I have been looking for information on my father's family. I sent off and received a copy of my grandfather's social security card application. It showed that his mother's name was Mattie O. Duncan (I knew that) and that his father's name was John Harrison Dedmon. I thought you mentioned a John Duncan before? Do you have any info on him? Where he was from? His parents etc? I wonder what nationality. I was always told French/Canadian. My father passed away when I was a child. Any info you would share would be greatly appreciated. I have also been told that Mattie Duncan was part Cherokee. My Dad and Grandfather had told me that. My grandfather could also speak Cherokee. Anyway, I appreciate any help.
Sherry Coffel [scoffel@bootheel.net]

(My reply to Sherry)

Sherry, here is what I have on your grandfathers' family. Actually we are kin on the Dedmon and Gentry side of the family. Do you have the information that fills in the blanks on the children of John H. and Mattie. I can send you more on the ancestors of your grandfather if you wish. Stories abound in the family of German, Indian, etc descents, however, all our research takes the Dedmons back to England. I am sure that there is Indian blood in the Dedmon veins... It is said that my g grandmother was half-Indian. So far we have no proof of this. Please stay in touch... Leroy)

(Maybe a future issue of the Connection could feature the Indian connection. Send me all you have that relates to this.) *(Sherry replied with the letter that is found in the next column.)*

Hello Leroy,

I am very glad to hear from you. I can get most of the names but it seems that my great-grandmother Mattie was married more than once. My grandfather's name is Joseph Earl Dedmon, he went by Earl. I only met one of his sister's her name was Viola and she was not John's daughter. I will try to get the other names.

My older sister who lives in California said that one of his sister's just moved back to Poteau Oklahoma. That area is where my Dad was born and it seems that my Grandfather was raised around there. I was told once the general location of where Mattie was buried. My Mom and I searched old cemeteries all one day, but did not find her. So many of the cemeteries have lost their records due to fire etc. I was told Mattie was half Cherokee and was born in Ft. Smith, Arkansas. I have never heard where John H. comes from. My grandfather received government land etc for his Indian heritage and he did not like to talk about it. Dad said that was one reason they moved to California when he was a small child because at that time, being Indian wasn't something to be proud of. Anyway, how are we related? My Dad use to tell me he thought all Dedmon's were related because he didn't think it was a very common name. He also thought it was a small family. I think he would be surprised to see how many I have found. I have visited your web site. I love the picture of the cabin. Like I said, my Dad is from Oklahoma. My Mom's from Arkansas and I live in Missouri. Anyway, I will try and get a hold of John and Mattie's kids' names. I had them written down once, just need to find them or call my Mom or Sister. Talk to you later.
Sherry

From the Mail Bag....

(Continued from page 6)

Thanks for the intro e-mail. I'm sorry I didn't get back to you quicker. I'm a firefighter and work some crazy hours. I guess I can start by telling you I'm not sure what genealogy software I going to use. I bought a book "Genealogy Online for Dummies" and it really got me started. It came with a few trial versions of software packages which included Ultimate Family Tree, Family Tree Maker, Family Origins, and Big Brother. I started to put some info into Big Brother, however, I haven't come to a conclusion on which software to use. Do you have any suggestions???? .

For my grandmothers side of the family I am the youngest of the grandchildren. I have found that my grandfather "Joe Alexander Carroll" 2/3/1889-8/11/1962 first name given as "Josisah" (1900 census) and as Joseph (WW I discharge papers). He was a construction engineer with Duke Power before and after W.W.I. Married Eva Walker Dedmond 01/16/22 in Chester County S.C. at the Court House by Judge A.W. Wise. During the late 20' to 1940s my grandfather and his brother ran several businesses in Bessemer City. These included the Carroll Brother's Store, The Hotel Carroll, and a Movie Theater. They had four son's and one daughter. I don't have birth dates for all.

William Carroll
Andrew J. Carroll 7/30/1924-4/24/
1993
Joe A. Carroll Jr. (my father) 7/
28/1926-12/24/1999
Robert Carroll
Nancy Carroll Nichols

Hope this helps for the time being, will send more info as I get it. Thanks for all the work you have already completed. I thought my grandmothers side would be one of the hardest to track. Any help on the software packages will be highly appreciated.

Thanks again,
Mike Carroll
(MSDCar@cs.com)

Hello, my name is Holly Dedmon nelson I am interested in my family tree, My daughter Tabitha has done my family tree to my greatgrandparents.

Charles and Rhoda Dedmon. Charles nickname was charley. My Grandfather name is Leon Dedmon. His wife name was Eva Dedmon. My parents names are John sr. and Helen Dedmon. I have seven Brothers and Sisters. We all live here in Ohio.

Charles Dedmon was from Hickerymond, Tennessee. I think this is how you spell it. Rhoda was from there too. Charles was Born:23 May1875 and Died 25Aug1955.

Rhoda was Born:18 Dec.1875 and Died 5 Jan.1967. I know of at least 10 Children of theirs. My Daughter Did all this research My father John Sr. told Her what he knew before he died in march of 1998.

My Daughter is interested about the Family REUNION. You do have my permission to put this in the newsletter, and the first one I mailed You. You look like my Father. He told my daughter Tabitha he wanted her to do this. She Has been working on it a long time.

Is there a family recipe for eggpie. Tabitha was told Rhoda made great pies. Nobody knows the recipe. [hnelson2@neo.rr.com]

(Editor's notes:

Ok, all you great Dedmon chefs, who has the recipe for eggpie????? It's time to 'fess up and share it with the rest of us...

...all I can say is that her father must really be a handsome guy.... we will await a photo of him to see...)

From the Mail Bag....

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Mr.. Dedmon

I am the granddaughter of Selina Celester Lowery Hughes and Joe Wheeler Hughes.

I will try to answer my line back to Ida Dedmon Lowery.

Ida Tallulah Dedmon Lowery > daughter Selina Celester Lowery m. Joe Wheeler Hughes > 2 daughters Lester Madrue Hughes m. Charles Raymond Yarber Helen Jolene Hughes died at 3 years 7 months L. Madrue Hughes Yarber>one child>Marilyn D. Yarber McAnally m. Jerry C. McAnally>No children

This is my line back to Ida T.

There are a couple of errors that I can see in your information. I verified with Fossie Jo Lowery Whitfield's daughter that her name is Fossie not Flossie.

My grandmother's name was not Salina but Selina Mama Hughes and Papa Hughes did not both die in 1971. I am not sure at this time what years. I will have to look. Papa Hughes lived longer than Mama Hughes by a few years. He even re-married.

I do not know much about my Mother's people on both sides. I was glad to find your web site and could get the Dedmon side. I put in Joe Wheeler Hughes and that led me to you. There was nothing on his family in Family Tree Maker.

If you have any other questions, I will try to answer.

Marilyn D. McAnally
[chasdeme@tsixroads.com]

(Nothing is engraven in stone on this website. If you have additional or updated information, don't hesitate sending them. We always appreciate corrections.)

Re: Phillip Dedmon

Hello Leroy:

I am Clay Smitty Dedman of Rison, AR and am a descendant of the subject who is the son of Samuel Dedman and Elenor Howard. In reviewing your new web page, I noticed you had questionable information regarding the subject and thus decided to offer my assistance, if wanted. I have good info from Philip to present if interested. Please reply.

Smitty [sldedman@tds.net]

(Editor's Note: Of course we are interested in updated information. Since this line goes back to Christopher Deadman. It is still my personal belief that the two lines connect, if we can only find the missing link. I think the answer lies in Suffolk, England. I thank Smitty for the following.)

Hi Leroy-

Philip Dedman, 1779-1852, son of Samuel and Eleanor Howard Dedman was born in Mecklenburg County, Va. He married Mary Polly Hawkins of Luenburg County, VA in 1800 and they moved to Madison County, AL in 1818 where they raised 12 children. After her death in 1847, he married Mary Vaughn and supposedly fathered 2 more children, Ellen H. and Philip Samuel. Philip died in Madison Co. where a will exist in the Madison Co clerks office.

At least two of his 14 children, Robert and Richard D., moved to Dallas County, AR ,and are included in Goodspeed.

Good luck,
Smitty Dedman

From the Mail Bag....

(Continued from page 8)

Hi! My name is Susan Moss from Cherryville, North Carolina. I have emailed you before concerning the Dedmon family tree on Ancestry.com. My mother (Brenda Gail McSwain) is the daughter of Essie Mozelle Dedmon. I wanted to give you updated information concerning my branch of the tree.

Susan LeAnne Ford married Hugh Marcus Moss III on March 19, 1994. We have a son, Ethan Hugh Moss, born August 2, 1999.

Mary Lizabeth Ford married James Michael Melendez on May 16, 1998.

Laura Lynn Ford married Brian Andrew Key on July 17, 1999. Laura and Brian are expecting in November.

There are other updates of my cousins concerning marriages and births. I am not sure of all the dates but will try to get together information for you.

Thanks for helping keep track of the family. [smoss_0319@yahoo.com]

Hi, Leroy.

I just downloaded your GEDCOM (which you uploaded in 1997) from the Genealogy Forum. I am very excited to find it. I am a descendant of Sarah (Sally)Deadman (b.1800 in Rowan County, NC d. 1848 in Marion County, Illinois) and John Hillard Hill (b. 1797 in Tennessee d. 28 August 1868 in Marion County, Illinois) Sarah and John are my great, great, great grandparents. According to your file, Sarah was a daughter of Thomas Griffin Deadman and Nancy Tatum.

I would love to exchange information with you. I don't know if you have any of the descendants of John Hill and Sarah Deadman or not, but I would be happy to send it to you if you would like. The gedcom I downloaded did not have many dates in it. Do you have birth, marriage and/or death dates for the early Deadman ancestors? Looking forward to hearing from you.

Mark Mullinax
mmulli8905@aol.com

Following is a conversation I had with Gail Dedmon on AOL Instant Messenger....

S1d2g3s4: hello!

GLDEDMON: I am Leroy Dedmon, somehow you are in my buddy list.. I assume you sent me something in family research.

S1d2g3s4: Yes, to check out my web site www.gailsdedmongallery.com

GLDEDMON: right.. so glad to finally meet your a great artist.. hard to believe you are a dedmon

S1d2g3s4: We Have checked out the dedmon family page loved seeing all the family photos. thanks so much, I'm so glad you liked my work. Keep checking it is still a work in progress.

GLDEDMON: where do you fit in the family tree.. (what branch, or twig)

S1d2g3s4: My husbands father William Gene Dedmon, From Ok. Grandfather was Joseph Earl Dedmon , Ok. Before that we have NO account

GLDEDMON: do u have approx dates and what is ur husband's name

GLDEDMON: have lots of relatives from oklahoma... what about sibblings..etc..

S1d2g3s4: Please give me your web site address

GLDEDMON: <http://dedmon.org>

S1d2g3s4: Great! Just Checking. My husband is Stanley Earl Dedmon. Brother, William Gene Dedmon. Stanley's grandmother was a Wren, also OK. No other history known. Family originated in OK.

GLDEDMON: Ok I will try to connect with some of the oklahoma folks

GLDEDMON: do u know approx year for grandfather birth

GLDEDMON: well that explains your art

S1d2g3s4: Approx. early 1900s.

Thanks! Sounds great!

GLDEDMON: ok will stay in touch...

(It is wonderful to find talent in the Dedmon family, even if it is possessed by an in-law....)

From the Mail Bag....

(Continued from page 9)

Good evening - I discovered your web page like everyone else very accidentally and was so surprised to find my grandmother Cora Estelle Dedmon. I have a few hand written records my father left us and I can pass it along.

Alfred Burton Dedmon was born May 25, 1855 and died January 15, 1923. The marriage date is correct to Eufala Estelle Buchanan.

Their children were:

Fannie Aurelia (2/21/1879-1/31/1954)
George Ralph (8/24/1881-9/16/1883)
William Burton(1/20/1884-1/16/1957)
Hattie Rebecca(10/12/1886-2/1963)
Marvin Guy(2/20/1889-1960)
Cora Estelle(10/21/1891-1/28/1923)
Louis B (12/11/1894-1/18/1896)
Grady Lee (not Lane)(9/15/1900 -)
There - all that is correct.

Cora married William Douglas Boyd in 1910 (born 1871 died 1948). She died from childbirth difficulties having borne four boys.

William D. Jr.(5/18/1912-6/21/1988)
Wade Burton b. 9/22/1915
Murrie b. 2/9/1918 died 4/15/28
Wynne born 1/23 died 1923.

W.D. (my father) was a teacher and superintendent in Woodson, TX. He married Maxine Foster born 3/29/1912 died on 9/29/1934.

Their four children were

Winford Craig Boyd b. 11/11/1935
Douglas Keith Boyd b. 6/22/1937
Brenda Jane Boyd b. 2/20/1941
Nancy Sue Boyd b. 10/24/1949

I won't go into all of our children - just wanted to pass along these details.

Nancy Boyd Hofstetter
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I FOUND THE SUN

Sometimes I hear them,
In the middle of the night.
I turn on the lights.
I walk down a hallway,
They've never been in.
Their voices have faded.
They never lived here.
They must have followed me.

I only see them in my dreams.
Can they ever see me?
If they can are they proud?
Do they know how happy I am,
Without them?
Do they know why I feel so free?
Do they know how much I miss them?

I want them to know,
That the sun has found its way
Into my life.
I can walk outside,
And not be afraid,
Of the dark cloud that hung over our home.

Now I see a bright light.
Three beautiful rays of
Hope...happiness and love,
Make their way through the trees.
They touch the flowers,
They kiss the grass.
They have found a lost soul at last.

I feel the warmth on my face.
Along with a smile,
That I thought had died.
I close my eyes and realize.
The rays are the spirits
Of the ones who left me.
They had died without saying goodbye.
I wondered where they were.
They've been here the whole time.
Giving me the sunshine
They were unable to give before.

I can see the blue skies.
So clear...so beautiful.
They took away the rain.
They took away the clouds.
They did all that for me.
Because at one time....

I was their sunshine.

Tanya Jewel
Ragingt@aol.com

(Tanya is the grand daughter of Billie Jewell Dedmon. She has sent me several poems through the years and I am always glad to publish them in the newsletter.)

