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THE RESTORATION OF THE DEDMAN CEMETERY

Helton, DeKalb County, Tennessee

Nestled in the beautiful hills of the Eastern section of Middle Tennessee lies the Dedman Family Cemetery with at least 14 graves. Lack of maintenance and possibly a bit of vandalism, the family burial ground has almost disappeared from the view of the casual eye. FindAgrave.com has this to say about it, *"This was probably a family burial ground, and may or may not be there in the present day. It is, however, listed in the DeKalb Co. Cemetery list"*. However, some of the family does know it still exists and one family cares enough to attempt a restoration of it.



Thomas and Cheryl

Thomas and Cheryl Deadman have committed to undertake the project, but if anyone has ever been involved in such an attempt, you are well aware of the task. It not only requires a ton of "elbow grease", but there is also a very considerable expense. We have some family still in the general area that may help, but most have moved away. It would be a tremendous help if we could all "pitch in" and help ease the financial burden. We will keep you posted as to the progress via this Newsletter and Facebook. You may assist Thomas and Cheryl financially by mailing to: 592 Pack Circle, Smithville, TN. You may contact him at tdeadman67@gmail.com.

I have known Thomas practically all his life, as he grew up in Manchester, TN. When I moved there in 1964, I met his grandfather and great uncle, Fred and Frank Deadman. They were the owners of the Manchester Funeral Home, which was known as *"The Deadman Funeral Home"*. They became good friends, but at that time we dismissed any possible kinship due to the spelling of our surname. We now know spelling does not matter. Although I left the area, I returned quite often and our paths have crossed many times. In fact, I was at the funeral home the day Thomas' father passed away in 1997. When Thomas contacted me about a year ago that he had moved to Smithville, TN and was interested in researching his family history, I was very excited and now that he has determined to restore the cemetery, I am overjoyed. I only wish I lived closer to him.

Known burials in the Dedman Cemetery are:



Adelaide Dedman Bailiff
Mary Jane Bailiff
Elizabeth F Washer Dedman
Elizabeth F. Webster Dedman
Johnathan Dedman
Julia Ann Davis Dedman
Mathew Lee Dedman
Patterson Dedman
Landy L. Fisher
Martha Baliff Fisher
James Franklin Johnson
Sarah E. Foutch Malone
J. M. Webster
Mary Malone Webster

There are probably others, which may be discovered during the restoration. These are some of the descendents of Jonathan (John R. Dedman/Dedmon Sr.) and Susanna Hunt. There still remains a mystery surrounding John and his relationship to Mark Richard Dedmon. Several explanations have been offered but none are yet proven.





Ty Dedmon regularly guides clients through their most challenging complex litigation. He has experience coordinating national and regional litigation activity in a variety of areas, including toxic tort, product liability, professional negligence, and sales tax enforcement. He has led effective teams in every aspect of large-scale litigation, including implementation of creative discovery strategies in mass torts involving prescription and over-the-counter medications, developing legal strategy in over 40 coordinated hotel occupancy tax disputes across the country, and as part of a trial team that obtained a defense verdict for Monsanto Company against several thousand personal injury claims related to alleged exposure to PCBs.

Although Ty's mass litigation experience has involved a variety of industries, his trial practice has focused on healthcare clients. He regularly defends healthcare professionals against malpractice claims, as well as representing institutional clients in fraud and abuse, billing, and transactional disputes. Ty has represented doctors and nurses against wrongful death and catastrophic injury claims involving anesthesia, neurosurgery, organ transplant, and dialysis treatment. His commercial healthcare practice is particularly focused on disputes over ownership of closely held providers and post-merger claims that often require time-sensitive injunctive relief and enforcement of restrictive covenants.

Ty's diverse litigation experience has also equipped him with a unique perspective to lead Bradley's e-discovery practice. He is responsible for managing the firm's litigation support and e-discovery services and regularly advises clients on strategies for combining legal counsel and technology solutions to achieve litigation goals. His familiarity with organizational data practices also allows him to regularly consult with clients on information governance, litigation readiness, and data security issues.

Ty Dedmon is a partner in the Litigation Practice Group. His practice focuses on the areas of Life Sciences and Commercial litigation. His representation of life sciences clients in both commercial and personal injury disputes gives him a unique perspective in assisting many of the firm's clients in all aspects of the healthcare industry. His commercial litigation experience includes the representation of clients in the transportation and logistics industry, as well as an online travel company involved in dozens of hotel occupancy tax disputes nationwide.

Ty's life sciences practice includes defending toxic tort and medical malpractice claims, and as well as mass torts involving the pharmaceutical industry. Ty

regularly represents physicians, nurses, and hospitals in medically complex professional liability actions and has overseen discovery efforts in several sets of mass tort litigation involving prescription and over-the-counter medications. Ty was part of a trial team defending Monsanto Company against several thousand personal injury claims related to alleged exposure to PCBs that resulted in a defense verdict.

Ty also represents healthcare clients in various commercial litigation areas, including defense of pharmaceutical manufacturers against AWP pricing fraud claims by Alabama Medicaid, as well as defending healthcare and construction clients against qui tam actions under the False Claims Act. In addition, Ty was heavily involved in the defense of a high profile claim by the Centers for Medicare Services under the Medicare Secondary Payer Act, in which the government sought nearly \$200 million in Medicare repayments from a chemical company that had previously made settlement payments to Medicare beneficiaries in a mass tort action. The Eleventh Circuit recently upheld the dismissal of these claims.

Ty also regularly representing transportation and logistics industry clients in administrative proceedings, cargo claims, motor vehicle accidents, and contract disputes, as well as other business tort actions. Ty also has significant experience enforcing and defending non-compete and non-disclosure agreements in several different industries.

Ty's work on behalf of an online travel company engaged in over forty active hotel occupancy tax disputes across the country, as well as his experience overseeing discovery in a variety of mass product liability actions, has given him significant experience in the management of e-discovery issues. He currently leads the firm's e-discovery task force, and regularly advises on e-discovery solutions.



**STREET RAILWAY PLANS ARE DEAD
Opposition Line in Chattanooga
Gives Up Scheme**

CITY COUNCIL OPPOSED

**Corporations Will Be Required To Pay
Their Income Tax.
Labor Agents Are Seeking Supply of Men.
Mountain City News**

Chattanooga, August 19. (Special) - There is to be no competing street railway system in this city, at least not in the near future. A few weeks ago a company, promoted by the Bowdre-Brown company, made application to the city council for franchises over certain streets of the city, also franchises had been secured for a new incline to the top of Lookout mountain.

It is evident that the city council of Chattanooga does not want another street railway system. The following communication from Mr. Brown, representing himself and associates, to the chairman of the council having the matter in charge, requests that the ordinance be withdrawn at once, without further action.

The communications were sent to John T. Dedmon, Chairman of the Street and Sewers Committee of the Board of Aldermen, and J. J. Mahon, Chairman of the Streets and Sidewalks Committee of the Board of Councilmen, to whom the ordinance had been referred when they were first introduced:

"Mr. John T. Dedmon, Chairman Streets and Sewers Committee, Board of Alderman, City:

Dear Sir: Kindly withdraw from the board the ordinance granting us franchises for a street railway system in the city. Owing to the delay of the general council in voting on this ordinance it will be impossible for us to carry out our agreement with our financial backers; therefore, we ask that the ordinance be withdrawn without further action.

-Very Respectfully. "BOWDRE-BROWN Co."

**The Birmingham age-herald. August 20,
(Birmingham, Ala.)**

STATE NEWS BRIEFS

LINCOLNTON, May 29. - (IP) - W.K. Dedmon, Ninth Division prison supervisor, said today two prisoners were shot and critically wounded yesterday when they attempted to escape from a road gang near here.

Dedmon identified the two as Ted Cantrell, sentenced in Clay County to seven to 12 years for manslaughter, and Fred Jones, sentenced in Cartaret County to three to five years for larceny and receiving.

Dedmon said Cantrell and Jones were shot down by Guard Clyde J. Rathborn when they tried to escape a work detail which was crossing a bridge.

The daily record. May 29, 1951, (Dunn, N.C.)



This is the final issue of **our family newsletter, THE DEDMON CONNECTION**, for the year of 2020. This has been a terrible year in so many ways, not for just me personally, but for the entire world. I have had a lot of personal health issues, which I will not go into detail here. In addition, my wife has been diagnosed with Dementia, which is a horrible disease. This has consumed much of my time and is one of the reasons I am late with publishing this issue.

Also, I am struggling with the future of the newsletter as my time and health certainly is a prohibitive factor.

I certainly have no plans at the moment to discontinue the newsletter, but i'm contemplating some possibilities. Some of the possibilities include a quarterly issue or a shorter version (maybe four to six pages). I am also curious to know how many actually read the newsletter or really care one way or another about it's existence.

If you have any input concerning these matters, please email me at LeroyDedmon@gmail.com or Hazel, the associate editor, at havrebaby@aim.com. ---Thanks,"

Leroy and Hazel



GENEALOGISTS – HOARDERS

Many of you will say, I am certainly no genealogist and I do not hoard things. However, I would suspect you have some interest in genealogy or you would not get the Deadmon Connection. The beginning of my genealogy interest came rather late and did not come in a normal way. Actually, I found a genealogy computer program which piqued my interest. I thought it was so neat that one generation could be connected to the next or the past. So I purchased this program and thus I began to learn about genealogy.

Actually genealogy has taught me more about history and geography than any classes I ever took. I now can remember the years of the Civil War. I have found unique circumstance where a town was in two different counties. I have learned about the early changes in counties, how they combined, or divided and when. My geographical areas have expanded to states I have not been able to visit.

Migration is another side of interest. The majority of immigrants arrived on the eastern shores of the US but from there they took many routes to the far western shores in a few short generations. They were a much more mobile people than I ever thought.

Genealogists become hoarders simply by the collection of paper. First you use sacks, boxes, drawers, etc. to store the small amount of information you find. Then you may progress to file folders, then you expand to a file cabinet – or two or more. And you learn to keep every scrap of paper you find which has information on your family. And pictures are priceless. More so if someone has written on the back the name of the subject in the picture. Even if you do not know the person or if there is no identification, do not throw these away. Very often you will find information later which will give the identity of the person. Notice the type clothes they are wearing and date the cars in the pictures.

Always be alert for living relatives who can give you more information from a different perspective. If you have an opportunity to get boxes of information kept by deceased family members this can be a great source of information. Always go thru these items before throwing anything away. Many times you will find letters from family members. These always let you glimpse life as they lived it. You might find information on the businesses they might have had. Also be aware that what you read five years ago may look much different now since you have done more research.

Traveling becomes essential, too. Many, many things can be found on the Internet and this information is invaluable. Also researching in local County Court Houses usually gives more local information. And do not forget to have copies made of anything you find of interest. Cemeteries have a world of information. Much of this is on the Internet, but just standing by a grave marker of an ancestor is a great feeling. When you find the burial of a relative do not forget to look around for people who possible could be relatives with different names.

To me it is essential to get this information into a program where you can easily access your information, rather than hunting in the file folders. My hoard of information is gradually being moved from paper to the computer. This eliminates much of the paper and even some file cabinets. I do keep copies of official papers, Census, Birth Certificates, Death Certificates, etc.

Another wonderful part of genealogy is getting to “meet” people on the Internet who share your interest and/or family. Most of the people are very willing to help you make connections you may not know about. Some may be direct relatives you never knew about.



April 7, 1911

WHOLE TENDENCY TOWARD SIMPLICITY

THAT IS WHAT MAKES THE CHALMERS CAR SO
ATTRACTIVE, SAY DEALERS

Messrs Dedman and Hughes, local Chalmers dealers, were discussing the tendency towards simplicity, which characterizes all of the better class of cars. *“The whole tendency is to get away from the complex. All designers are making an effort to make their cars easy for the driver to handle and easy to take care of. The Chalmers ‘30’ is built so simply that a woman or child can handle it with ease. The single pedal control of the Chalmers ‘30’ is probably the greatest device ever perfected for simplifying and making safe automobile driving. All the driver has to do is push on the pedal and his clutch is thrown out. If he follows up the first push the brakes are applied. There is only the one pedal to think of. It is such devices as these that have made the automobile so popular. It does not take a mechanical engineer to drive the better class of cars nowadays.”*

ALBERT PINKNEY DEDMON, JR.,

Albert Pinkney "Buddy" Dedmon, Jr., age 91, died June 8, 2020 at the Wendover Hospice House in Shelby, NC. Born in Cleveland County on December 27, 1928, he was the son of the late Albert Pinkney Dedmon, Sr. and Lela Goins Dedmon.



As a young man, Buddy worked at numerous uptown Shelby businesses. He was working at Beam's Soda Shop, next door to the Rogers Theater, when he met the theater manager's step-daughter, Betty Gray Grill. They were married in 1949 and soon after, Buddy took a job with the NC Department of Transportation. His job with the DOT was that of project manager, making sure the concrete used in the construction of bridges met state standards. In the early 1980s, he was set to retire when a major project was about to begin. State engineers pleaded with him to stay on until the project was completed because there was no one else as capable as he at the time. That last project, of which he was so proud, was the I-85 Cameron Morrison Bridge over the Catawba River. After retiring, many years of months-long camping and beach-combing were spent at his favorite place - Ocean Lakes Family Campground.

In addition to his parents, Buddy was predeceased by his first wife of 52 years, Betty Grill Dedmon, and his sister, Betty Dedmon Watson. He is survived by his wife of 13 years; his son and daughter-in-law; two granddaughters and their husbands; three great-granddaughters; a brother-in-law, five sisters-in-law; niece and nephew, and a special grandniece.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a private graveside service will be held in Cleveland Memorial Park's "Garden of the Cross."

The family wishes to thank the entire staff at Wendover Hospice House for their compassionate care in Buddy's last days and to encourage, for those who are moved to make a memorial donation, to do so to Hospice of Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Heights Drive Shelby, NC 28150. Remembrances of Buddy shared on his Legacy page would also be most appreciated. Cecil Burton Funeral Home and Crematory is serving the family.

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SYLVIA ELIZABETH DEDMAN

Sylvia Elizabeth Dedman, age 83, of Wilmington, DE, entered into the Kingdom of Heaven to join her Lord and Savior, on Saturday, August 17, 2013. Sylvia was a native of Tennessee, born October 21, 1929, daughter of the late Harry Wirts and Addie Beene Wirts. A gifted and compassionate health care professional, she was employed as the assistant chief of the x-ray department at Wilmington Hospital until her retirement. Favorite activities included picking and canning fruit, ballroom dancing, and, in her youth, riding horses.



Sylvia was a devout Christian throughout her life and a longtime, active member of Immanuel Church. She truly loved the Lord and delighted in reading her Bible. As a precious child of Jesus, she believed in the power of salvation and faithfully taught her own children about God's great love for all of His creation.

Sylvia will be remembered most of all as a devoted mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. Her happiest times were those spent in the company of her beloved family--especially when hosting all types of large and joyous family celebrations at her home.

She is survived by her children, Elizabeth Skinner and husband Charles of New Castle, David Dedman and wife Linda of Lansdale, PA, Nancy Lennon of Wilmington, and Diane Brittingham and husband Kurt of Avondale, PA; sister, Phyllis Sassone of New Castle; grandchildren, John, James, and Brian Skinner, David and Matthew Dedman, Jillian and Phillip Azorlosa, James, Daniel, Stephen, and Sarah Lennon, Jerrod and Kaitlyn Brittingham; great grandchildren, Savannah and Julianne Lennon; and companion, Joseph Hite. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Elaine Azorlosa, grandson, Charles "Bubba" Skinner, and son-in-law, Ronald F. Lennon.

A funeral service will be held at 1 pm on Tuesday, August 20th, at the Spicer-Mullikin Funeral Home, 1000 N. DuPont Parkway, New Castle, where visitation will begin at 11:30 am. Interment will follow in Gracelawn Memorial Park, 2220 N. DuPont Parkway, New Castle.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Sylvia may be made to Immanuel Church, 2414 Pennsylvania Avenue, Wilmington, DE 19806. Spicer-Mullikin Funeral Homes & Crematory. Published in The News Journal from August 18 to August 19, 2013

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BENNY FRANK DEDMON

Benny Frank Dedmon, age 73 of Brentwood, Tennessee, passed away from this life on Saturday, August 1, 2020, at Williamson Medical Center. Graveside services for Mr. Dedmon will be conducted on Tuesday, August 4, 2020 at 1:00 pm at Bells Chapel Cemetery with Dr. Chris Smith officiating.

He was born March 10, 1947 in Humboldt, TN; the son of the late Jamie & Velma Wheatley Dedmon. He practiced pharmacy for over 40 years and was a pharmacist at CVS Pharmacy, and was a member of Harpeth Hills Church of Christ in Brentwood.

He is survived by three children, Joanna Latta (Trent), Carrie Dedmon, Dana Dedmon Smith (James); brother, Danny Dedmon; and eight grandchildren, Anna Claire Latta, Ellie Smith, Sydney Latta, Campbell Smith, Aubrey Breakfield, Blair Breakfield, Elisha Latta, and Anderson Smith.

Karnes & Son Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Mr. Benny Frank Dedmon.

ANDREW LEROY DEDMON

Andrew Leroy Dedmon, 85, of El Paso, TX died Oct. 22 in an El Paso hospital. Graveside service will be 11 a.m. today at Grundy Memorial Park with Rev. M. Gardner officiating. He was born July 17, 1897 to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Dedmon in Neylandville. Mr. Dedmon married Cleo Bailey in 1924 in Greenville. Surviving are his wife of El Paso; daughter, Mrs. Lu Dale Brigham of Kansas City, Mo.; sister, Mary Houston of Neylandville; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. Friends of the family will be the pallbearers. Grundy Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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ETHEL L. DEDMON



Ethel L. Dedmon, 84 of Cash, died Monday August 3, 2020 at Jonesboro Health and Rehabilitation.

She was born June 5, 1936 in Egypt, AR to Ed L. Arnold & Velma Collins Arnold. She was a loving wife and matriarch to her children, 7 grandchildren, and 17 great grandchildren. She was a homemaker and will be sorely missed by those who knew and loved her. She was a member of the Egypt Church of Christ.

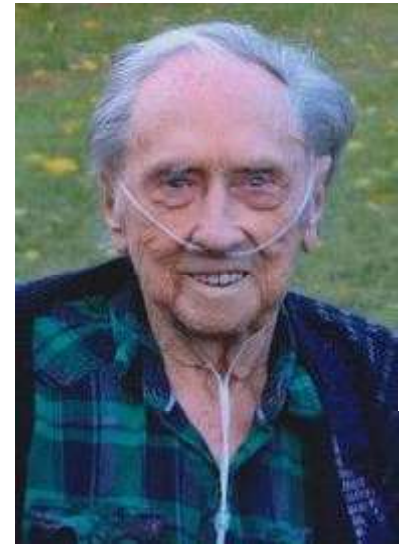
She was preceded in death by her parents, Ed & Velma; husband, Paul Dedmon; son, Gary Graham; brothers, Bob Arnold, Danny Arnold, & Charles Eugene Arnold.

Ethel is survived by her son, Michael (Myra) Graham of Trumann; daughter, Kathy (Kevin) Pugh of Hendersonville, TN; brother, Billy (Ginger) Arnold of Pennsylvania; brother, Teddy (Genny) Arnold of Rockford, IL; grandchildren, Brandon McEntyre, Joey Graham, Michael Joe Graham, Blake McEntyre, Wendy Pyle, Amy Tolbert, and Jenny Graham.

Graveside services conducted Thursday August 6, 2020 at 2:00 PM at Arnold Cemetery under direction of House-Gregg Funeral Home of Walnut Ridge & Lynn, AR.

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JOHN G. DEADMAN



John Geddes Deadman passed away peacefully at home after many years with C.O.P.D. on Tuesday July 28, 2020 at the age of 91. Beloved husband of 60 years to the late Isabel Deadman (nee Drury). Loving father of Linda (Emil), George (Joedy), Cathy (Wayne) and Donna (Dave). Dear grandfather/papa/gramps to Crystal, Tanya, Jason, Chris, Alex, Joe, Kaiden, Isabella and 12 great-grandchildren. John will be fondly remembered by his many nieces, nephews and friends.

John was born and raised on the 3rd Line of Tosorontio Township. John was an Electrician for 36 years at Base Maintenance on CFB Borden and was a life long member of the Loyal Orange Lodge.

A Private family service will be held at Drury Funeral Centre, Alliston. Interment Glencairn Cemetery.

The Deadman family wish to thank dad's caregiver Pam, C.C.A.C., St. Elizabeth Nurses and Dr. Swarbreck for the care and compassion shown to him during his difficult years.

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