The Dedmon Connection

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It is hard to believe that we are already into the third month of 2004. A lot of things are happening. I am still trying to get used to the idea of retirement. Of course I am not quitting. If you have an interest in our plans, click on the link ServingOurSaviour on the index page of Dedmon.com... Or type into your browser http://dedmon.org/ServingOurSaviour.pdf. I am going to try to go to a Bi-Monthly schedule of the DEDMON CONNECTION. Remember I can change my mind.

Junque

We are still moving boxes of junk, or if you are interested in our yard sale it is "Junque" ... They say one man's junk us another man's treasure. I am somewhat of a "pack rat" as I hardly throw anything away. Presently, we have three storage buildings rented and in the process of cleaning out some buildings here on the farm to use for storage. I do believe the stuff multiplies on its own..

Our Latest Addition

We received our "Christmas gift" just a little early as Curt Thomas Webb arrived on December 22, 2004. He is the son of Doug and Carrie Webb (our grand daughter). This is our second great grandchild. I am reminded of **Psalms 127:3-5**, which reads... "Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate." (KJV) Children are precious indeed and is no wonder that our Lord himself said, "Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 19:14 KJV)





We were all a bit concerned as to how Masie Jane would react to her new baby brother, but all our fears have been eradicated as she is the proud "older sister" She likes to show off "baby Curt". It's hard for me to believe that Masie will soon be three years old. Time really does fly when you are having fun...

Talk about precious.. Of course only one of these are really sleeping. Guess you can't tell who is faking?...



One never knows what might happen in family research. I relate the following story that really illustrates the strange ways relatives are often found. I know both of the families well, and while the story is true the names are withheld to respect their privacy.

About ten years ago a young man's wife left him and his two children. He remained unmarried until now. Two years ago another couple divorced and after a period of time the first young man and the second woman began dating. After a fairly short courtship, it was obvious that they really seemed suited for each other and it was no supprise when they announced their plans to marry.

While the wedding plans were being developed the mother of the prospective groom gave her future daughter in law a list of names from the family and friends that were invited to the wedding. One name in particular "jumped" out at her. "WHAT IS HE DOING ON THAT LIST", she exclaimed, pointing to one of the names. Her prospective groom replied, "Well, he is married to my aunt.. Why?" "BECAUSE, HE IS MY FATHER", she said trembling...

To make a long story short... the father had left the mother and daughter when she was a baby and the mother married the man who adopted the daughter. However, he mother had told her when she was older the name of her father, but she had never seen him. In the meantime the girls natural father had married the aunt of the groom's mother and had been living less than one hundred miles away for a number of years.

To make sure it was the same person, they placed a phone call and it was confirmed. They made arrangements to meet in the next few days and of course he was at the wedding. They have since remained in touch with each other.

...Leroy

Grandma and Grandson

An elderly woman and her grandson, whose little face was sprinkled with bright freckles, spent the day at the zoo. Lots of children were waiting in line to get their cheeks painted by a local artist who was decorating them with tiger paws. "You've got so many freckles, there's no place to paint!" A little girl in line said to the little fella.

Embarrassed, the little boy dropped his head. His grandmother knelt down next to him. "I love your freckles. When I was a little girl, I always wanted freckles," she said, while tracing her finger across the child's cheek. "Freckles are beautiful!" The boy looked up, "Really?" "Of course," said the grandmother." Why, just name me one thing that's prettier than freckles."

The little boy thought for a moment, peered intensely into his gandma's face, and softly whispered, "Wrinkles". (From: floyd-dedmon@juno.com)

(Thanks Floyd for sending this article. It brought to my memory an incident from my past:)

We were keeping our niece, Sandra Kay, when she was around 5 or 6 years old. One day we were eating at a local restaurant and the waitress remarked to Sandy, "what pretty freckles you have, where did you get them?".. She replied, "from my daddy". I will never forget the puzzled look on the face of the waitress as she looked back and forth at the freckled face of little Sandy and my non-freckled complexion... (Leroy)

from:tdedmon@netzero.com [mailto:tdedmon@netzero.com]

Sent: Thursday, February 12, 2004 10:09 PM

To: gldedmon@alltel.net Subject: Re: Newsletter

Leroy,

Thank you so much for the news letter, and all of the time and effort you have given. I am very proud of Ed and Ollie's picture with my letter. If I can ever help you let me know.

Tim Dedmon

(Thank you Tim. You have already been a lot of help. If folks like you didn't help me, there is no way I could do this newsletter.)



I have discovered at least five major Deadman branches that we have not been able to connect. If you have information on any of the Deadman family branches, please submit.

I have no doubt that all of us are related, but we are at a loss to find all the missing links. I keep hoping that someone will come up with the missing pieces. When I started this project I thought that I knew all the Dedmons in the USA. I had always been told that we were of a Dutch-German descent. So far research shows we are from England. However, that does not rule out the possibility of Germany and Holland prior to England.

To date we have at least three lines that have been traced to England.(1) The line that we had called the John Deadman line for a long time. Now according to the latest information that has been sent to me, we have Charles Deadman as the oldest ancestor. He was born in 1440. He is the earliest record that we have of the spelling "Deadman". The information given me shows his father and siblings to be "Debnam" and before that the name was "Debenham", which indicates a "place surname".

(2) Next we have the Christopher Deadman line. Researchers have been at a loss to go beyond Chris. The information we have lists his birthdate as 1620 in Babergh, Neilond, Suffolk Co., England. The most exciting news made available to me came in this letter:

Leroy,

I recently received a letter from Wanda Colvin who is also a descendent of Christopher Deadman. In 1995 she went to England on a genealogy tour and was able to find a record for a Christopher Dedman in Suffolk County who married a Ann Marten. The info is as follows.

Christopher Dedman Born ca 1620 At Babergh, Neilond, Suffolk Co., Eng. Married July 27, 1640 At Clare Parish, Suffolk Co., Eng. To Ann Marten

This is exciting news for me and it may get us a little closer to making the connection we seek. Now I know where Christopher Deadman came from.

Marianne Ryan.

(3) Our third connected to England is of course those who are still there. I have heard from several of them through the years. In fact a Steve Deadman wrote me with a little different twist to the origin of our surname. He wrote, "my Grandmother told us that our family originated from up north and that we can trace our family history back to the earliest Kings and Queens of England and around the 14th Century we were brought to London as Executioners and at the time of the great plague of London our family was commissioned to burn and bury the bodies at Graves End and Blackheath..." There are also Deadmans who have migrated to Canada and other parts of the world.

In addition to these three lines we continue with other "dead-end" lines....

- (4) To this list we have to add Senecca Dedmon. See our last newsletter (volume 20) for details on this line...
- (5) We have another "dead-end" with Samuel Dedman (abt. 1720-1800). This is the line that Jackie Dedman, wife of Chuck, has worked on so much. In fact she was the originator of the DEDMAN CONNECTION.
- (6) Then there are the "Tennessee Dedmons". A large family lives in the Milan, Tennessee area. I have been privileged to meet some of this family and have been given information. My best guess is that this group is from the Christopher Deadman line. Many of these also connect to the "Alabama Dedmons". I am going to spend a little more time here since there are so many available to interview... Another group of Dedmons are in the Lebanon, Tennessee area. As far as we can tell they came from North Carolina and probably connect with the Charles Deadman line. While living in Middle Tennessee I was introduced to the Deadman family in Manchester who owns a Funeral Home. In fact, that bit of news is in Rippley's Believe it or Not... They have since sold the business.... Buried in my files, I have some information that I will publish at a later date.
- (7) We also have some Mississippi and Texas Dedmons that have not been connected to the tree. With your help, we will find all these missing links.

From: Karmell Bowen

To: minister@mindspring.com

Sent: Sunday, February 16, 2003 2:10 PM

Subject: Genealogy Note

Dear George Leroy Dedmon:

I just spent a couple days reviewing some of the information on the Dedmon family, and this morning looked at the website (www.dedmon.org) for the first time. Great site! I have some information to share in case you're interested:

The "Dedmon Connection" with my family (Bowen family) is Aroazena Caroline Dedmon (we have her as "Arveyzena"). She is the daughter of John Lane Dedmon (b. 03/30/1811) and Nancy A. Singletary (b. c1811). Arveyzena's siblings are Catherine O. (b.1832; d.1926), Mary Jane "Janie" (b.01/05/1841; d.11/3/1896), and James Thomas (b.01/31/1839; d.03/30/1922).

Arveyzena was born 10/16/1832 in Rutherford Co., North Carolina, and c 1850 she married James Young Bowen (your web site lists him as "Unknown BOMEN"). James Young Bowen (b. 08/11/1829; d. 09/25/1910 in Hardin Co., Tennessee) and Arveyzena Caroline Dedmon had 9 children: Martha (b.1852), Mary (b.1853), John W. (b. 01/05/1855), Thomas Young (b. 04/1857), Sarah E. (b. 1862), Emily C. (b. c1866), James Andrew (b.09/18/1867), Elijah Moloney (b.09/17/1870), and Anna L. (b. c1874).

My line comes down through Thomas Young Bowen - but I won't include all that information since I don't know if you're interested in that much detail...

Incidentally, though - if you're interested in this sort of thing, there's an Elvis Presley connection (albeit through "marriage" for the Dedmon family...)



From: <u>Genpatton1944@aol.com</u> To: <u>minister@mindspring.com</u>

Sent: Friday, February 07, 2003 10:29 PM

Subject: Thomas W. Dedmon

Dear Rev. Dedmon,

I corresponded with you about a year ago on my Great great Grandfather Thomas W. Dedmon. I have not forgotten you and that I promised you a picture of his Daughter Laura Victoria Dedmon. As I told you at the time she Married James Gideon Hogue, Her daughter was my Grandmother Mary Maud Hogue, who married Joseph G. Smallwood. I have been very sick and unable to use my right arm very well, so I just had to put this to the side for awhile. But when I can get her picture to you would you put it on your newsletter site. Also please tell Mr. Tim Dedmon about her also, I don't think he had her name T.W.D. 's as one of his Daughter's. I live in Riverdale, Ga. not that far from you. Please take care and I hope you and your family are doing well. Your cousin (somewhere) ... Terry Smallwood

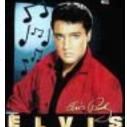
(Another missing "link" in our quest to connect all our folks to the ole family tree.Leroy)

(Are you kidding, this is the kind of stuff we are waiting on.... < GRIN>)

Arveyzena's husband James Young Bowen (son of William, d.1889 in Itawamba, MS) had an older sister named Emily "Millie" (b.1818). Emily/Millie married a fellow named Edward Wesson. Martha Jane Wesson was their daughter. Martha Jane married Dunnan Presley Jr. (who regrettably was already married at the time!) and had two daughters, Rosella Presley (b.1862; d.1924) and Rosalind. (Dunnan Jr. eventually returned to his first wife, leaving Martha Jane and their two daughters). Rosella Presley never married, but had 9 children, who all took the last name Presley. Her fifth child was Jessie D. McClowell Presley (b.1896;

d.1973). Jessie married Minnie Mae Hood (b.1893; d.1980) and their son was Vernon Elvis Presley (b.1916; d.1979). Vernon married Gladys Love Smith (b.1912; d.1958), and their son, of course, was Elvis Presley (b.1935; d.1977). Kind of an obscure connection, but thought you might find it entertaining to read! Best regards, Karmell Louise Bowen (daughter of James Leonard Bowen, who is son of Ezra Bowen, who is son of Thomas Young Bowen, who is son of the aforementioned James Young Bowen).

(Well. there it is folks... guess that goes to show.... "you ain't nuttin but a hound dog" ..Leroy)



From the Mail Bag (Continued from page 4)

From: Susan Moss
To: Leroy Dedmon

Sent: Tuesday, February 04, 2003

Subject: Re: newsletter

Hi Leroy, thanks for keeping my email so you could verify info. I am enclosing the lineage of Essie Mozelle Dedmon, daughter of Augustus Clee Dedmon & Cornie Vashti Wellmon. Essie Mozelle was my grandmother.

Essie Mozelle Dedmon was born April 10, 1921. She married John Moore McSwain (born July 5, 1918: died May 20, 1985) on September 2, 1938. Mozelle died December 11, 2000. Mozelle & J. M. had 5 children.

Mary Helen McSwain was born July 15, 1939. She married Thomas Hinson (born June 25, 1939) on January 25, 1959. Helen & Tom had 3 children.

1. Karen Beth Hinson was born September 21, 1961. Karen married Stephan Rehn in 1995. They had 2 children, Niklas Alexander, born December 10, 1996 and Sophia Elizabeth, born July 3, 2000. 2. Julie Denise Hinson was born September 20, 1963. Julie married Ray VanBrunt (born October 6, 1962) in either 1988 or 1989. They had 2 children, Andrew Todd, born May 31, 1991, and Thomas Lee (b. ?) 3. Bryan Thomas Hinson was born May 13, 1968. Bryan married Stacy Lynn Timbrook. They had 2 children, Allison Brooke and Abigail Lynn.

John Lewis McSwain was born June 18, 1942. He married Margaret Dare Moss (born May 17, 1946) on February 19, 1964. Lewis & Margaret had 3 children. 1. Robert Dean McSwain was born January 6, 1966. Dean married Katina Goins(born 1973) on May 31, 1992. They had 4 children, Katrina Castle, born January 17, 1992, Veronica Leigh, born November 14, 1995, Margaret Taylor, born January 16, 1997, and Johnathan Dean, born July 3, 2000. 2. Nina Dare McSwain was born April 28, 1967. Nina married Darryl Wayne McLeymore. They have 2 children, Eric Wayne, born March 7, 1990 and Blake Austin, born December 17, 1992. 3. Lisa Mozelle McSwain was born August 3, 1971, She married John Castle Dunivan May 9, 1992. They had 3 children, Benjamin Lewis, born February 2, 1993, Jonathan Tyler, born August 31, 1996, and Lauren Elizabeth, born September 12, 1999.

Thomas Eugene McSwain was born February 12, 1945. He married Lavonda Upton on January 23, 1965. Eugene died May 23, 2002. Eugene & Lavonda had 3 children. 1. Wesley Eugene McSwain was born August 6, 1971. He has 1 child, Colby Thomas, born in August, 2002. 2. Michael Thomas McSwain was born October 6, 1974. He married Michelle Eileen Hayes on November 9, 2002. 3. Sharon Renee McSwain was born February 27, 1980.

Brenda Gail McSwain was born December 5, 1950. Gail married Ricky Ben Ford (born November 11, 1946) on December 20, 1968. Gail & Rick had 3 children. 1. Susan LeAnne Ford was born June 22, 1971. She married Hugh Marcus Moss III (born November 16, 1970) on March 19, 1994. They had 2 children, Ethan Hugh, born August 2, 1999, and Lara Elizabeth (Larabeth) born May 18, 2002. 2. Mary Lizabeth Ford was born August 28, 1973. She married Timothy Charles Tucker (born October 9, 1973) on August 3, 2002. 3. Laura Lynn Ford was born June 2, 1977. She married Brian Andrew Key (born June 26, 1978) on July 17, 1999. They have 2 children, Grace Madelyn, born November 17, 2000, and Chase Moore, born April 17, 2002.

Wanda Mozelle McSwain was born October 5, 1959. Wanda married John William McLeymore (born April 28, 1960) on September 14, 1985. (John William McLeymore is a brother to Darryl Wayne McLeymore who married Nina Dare McSwain (Wanda's niece).) Wanda & Johnny had 2 children, David Justin, born October 7, 1983, and Dakota Ryan, born February 7, 1990.

There are some dates I do not have at this time. I will try to get them sometime soon. My mom (Gail) and I run an accounting business. We are busy....busy right now. Hope you are well and thanks for keeping up with this information. Susan F. Moss

(This kind of information really "fills in the blanks". I appreciate Susan taking the time to assemble all this information. When she sends the additional information, I will pass it on to the rest of you. I can only imagine that they are really covered up with work this time of the year in the accounting business.....Leroy)



From the Mail Bag

(Continued from page 6)

From: Randy Hovis

To: wcoc@mindspring.com

Sent: Tuesday, February 04, 2003 7:10 PM

Subject: Updates

In the past I have filled in some of the gaps of my Dedmon line and wandered through your site again tonight. My mom was Minnie Virginia Dedmond, daughter of Martin Luther Dedmon and Hattie Mae Baxter.

Here's some info for you:

My mom died in Lincolnton, NC on 08-22-2001 and is buried with my dad, William Ray Link, at Asbury United Methodist Church

Abigail Suzanne Link, my niece, married Wesley Shane Huss, son of Bobby Huss and Mary Lou Setzer, on 02-02-2002 in Iron Station, NC (Lincoln County) and they are expecting their first child this July.

Kimberly Ann Link was born 12-16-1966 (she shared her great-great grandfather Luther Dedmon's birthday) in Rowan County, NC. She and Jeff now have a daughter, Gabrielle Lauren, who was born in Asheville, NC 02-2000

Tamatha Dawn Link and Britt have another daughter - Elizabeth ("Liza") Morgan, born 03-2002. Their other daughter, Sidney, was born 03-1999. Tammy's birthday is 06-02-1969 and she was born in Asheville, NC.

Wendolyn Jean Link was born 09-09-1970 in Asheville, NC. On 07-07-2002, she had a daughter, Camryn Jaden Bolick. Husband is Chris Bolick.

Chadwick Donald Link was born in Asheville on 02-12-1973 and in spring 2002 married a second time - new wife was Kelley Miller and the wedding took place in Hendersonville, NC.

My dad's birthday was 03-06-1916 in Lincoln County. Hope that helps. Thanks for all your work on keeping family connections. ..Pat Hovis

(Of course it helps, every "bit" of info helps. One never knows when just one name will connect another whole "branch" of the tree... Leroy) From: <u>Paula Doyle-Bicket</u>
To: <u>minister@mindspring.com</u>

Sent: Friday, January 31, 2003 3:30 PM

Subject: Dedmon Surname

Leroy, I have this sneaky feeling we have email each other in the past. I am trying to find out information on a Dedmon family that is listed below. I have Dedmon's in my family tree. Thanks. Paula

1880 Scott Co AR Census District 171, Hickman Township

#473/479

Abner Dedmon Hd 30 GA NC NC Farmer

Rachell Wf 26 GA (NC) (NC) Ella D 9 AR GA GA School Maggie D 5 AR GA GA Marcus S 3 AR GA GA John H. S 1 AR GA GA

John B. Bro 19 Sgl GA NC NC Farming

Nelson King Cous 23 Sgl GA SC GA Loging/Sawmill

Leroy, who is Nelson King cousin to? This is very confusing. I think this Nelson King is the father of the Nelson King that married my gg aunt Carrie Hughes in LeFlore County, OK. You can use the information in your newsletter. Paula

(I have tried to determine who Nelson King is, but to no avail. Somebody out there help us out on this...Leroy)

From: Sherry Coffel Subject: Dedmon Hello Leroy,

Hi, Lerov

So glad to hear from you. I went to the site and read the information about me. Yes, you have my permission to use it. I hope then my 1st cousin Steve Dedmon will contact me again. We had e-mailed each other a couple of times and lost contact. Thanks for everything. You are doing such a good job. ... Sherry Dedmon Coffel

From: <MMulli8905@aol.com>
To: <minister@mindspring.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2003
Subject: Re: Dedmon Family newsletter

Thanks for the notice about the newsletter. OK to list my e-mail. Looking forward to reading the whole issue more completely. ----Mark Mullinax

(The information from both Sherry and Mark was published in Volume 18 you may go to: http://dedmon.org/connection/connection18.pdf I had misplaced the note from Sherry. We may have the key to some of our missing link info... I am sending Sherry an email in order to make contact again.Leroy)

In the last issue (Volume 20), I included a photo of the From the Mail Bag great grandson of Chuck and Jackie Dedman. I had a very (Continued from page 6)

difficult time contacting them about the accuracy of the information.

One of the things I lost in my hard drive crash last year was tons of email addresses. I had tried in vain to contact either Chuck or Jackie. I had an Aim Instant Message Address for Chuck, but was unable to make contact. As luck would have it, I inadvertly left aim on the other day and Jackie just happened to see me online and left a message. I was not at the computer at the time, so when I found the message from her, I answered but she was away from her computer... So I left a couple of messages telling her what I needed in relationship

ner computer... So I test a couple of messages telling her what I needed in relationship to the photo in the Newsletter along with my new address. So later I received this email from her.

It was good hearing from her again. She was one of the "pioneers" in the Family research project. She has experienced the frustration of the "brick wall" as she has been unable to go further back than Samuel Dedman (abt. 1720-1800). Maybe we can re-open the search...Leroy

From: Jackie Dedman

[mailto:JackieD@citicom.com]

Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2004 9:23 AM

To: gldedmon@alltel.net Subject: Re: grandson

Good Morning Again,

Yes the info is correct, but you give me far to much credit. I was thrilled to read you were going to publish the Dedman Connection on line, reason being, I cannot find any of mine. This will give me a chance to print them when you post them. Believe I am the most unorganized person there is anywhere. Also do you still have a place on your site where I can go back and print previous issues of your Dedmom Connection? This time I WILL put them all in a folder and probably lock them in the file cabinet. :) Knowing me tho, I would then lose the key. I printed issue 20 and also your SOS site. Congratulations to you and Jane! You do beautiful work with your newsletters also.

I would like to request prayer for Chuck......He has really had a battle this past couple of years. God is able and still in charge, I pray for HIS Will to be done. (I have omitted all the details of his illness as it seemed so personal. You may contact Jackie for more information... Leroy) But like I said God is still in control, so everything will work out according to His plan. Whew! What a long letter, hope I haven't bored you. You all take care, may God richly bless you and Jane with good health, love and your continued work for Him. Warm wishes, Jackie

From: Jim Dedman

[mailto:jim.dedman@ndaa-apri.org] Sent: Tuesday, February 24,2004

To: gldedmon@alltel.net Subject: Newsletter

I'm glad to see that the Newsletter is back in business.

Jim Dedman(James Monroe Dedman III)

Director of Academics

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(Thank you lim and it is good hadri

(Thank you Jim, and it is good hearing from you again. It looks like you are doing well.Leroy)

From: Brandi Dart

To: minister@mindspring.com

Sent: Sunday, February 16, 2003 11:41 AM

Subject: Ancestory.com information

Hello, I am sorry to bother you but I was just curious. I was looking around Ancestry.com for my family and I came across my paternal grandparents listed and it had your email address on it but no name. Can you tell me your relationship to or why you might be researching Howard Alonzo Dart or Madge Williams (his wife). Howard was my paternal grandfather and just curious what information you might have on my family history or if I could provide you any information on my grandparents.

Thank you, Brandi Dart

Lonny Delbert Dart, the son of Howard and Madge, married Joyce Jeanne Dedmon. She is the daughter of Hermon August Dedmon and Melvina Tyler. It is good to hear from those who are researching other connections that touch the Dedmon family... Leroy)

Happy Holidays...

I know we have passed the Holiday Season, but I still wanted to take this opportunity to wish you a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year....



(Well old Jolly St. Nick in the flesh. I heard one little boy say as he walked away, "Santa looks a little bit like brother Leroy)



(Granddaddy and Masie Jane)

Waiting on Santa fellas??????



(My sister's (Ruth) grandchildren are in the Christmas spirit. Especially happy over the newest addition to the family. (L-R: Seth, Justin and baby (Natalie Catherine Smith)....

From: JWHenson

[mailto:henson3@chattanooga.net]

Sent: Friday, December 12, 2003 4:16 PM

To: Dedmon, Leroy Subject: Congratulations

Happy Holidays and Congratulations, Leroy on your move back to the land of your ancestors. When you get a telephone installed give me a call

or send me your number by eMail.

JWH

(It was good to hear from "cuz" John. He has provided some valuable information that connects to both my Mom and Dad's family.Leroy)

From: McBee49@aol.com
To: gldedmon@alltel.net

Sent: Thursday, November 27, 2003 6:57 PM

Subject: Happy Thanksgiving

I am a little late in sending out my thanks for all of my friends and cousins. I thank each of you for your friendship and caring. Thanksgiving is a time to give thanks and I am thankful for all of you. Happy Thanksgiving to all of you. You all are very special. ...Danny A. McBee

(Well Danny you know what they say, "better late than never"... but who am I to talk about being late!!! Danny is another of the family researchers that has been with me from the beginning......Leroy)