

The Dedmon Connection

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(Dedmon, Dedman, Deadman, Deadmon, Dedmond, Dedmond, etc.)



Leroy Dedmon

Well, as promised, I am doing my best to keep the CONNECTION a monthly publication. July was a busy month for me... I preached a Gospel Meeting here at the Hillcrest Church of Christ in Tunnel Hill, GA. This is the congregation where we worship when I am not preaching. Of course it was enjoyable for me and I hope for others... Hillcrest is a small congregation of "family like" folks. They have made Jane and myself feel right at home. The preacher is Mike Lusk, who is also the principal of Lakeview Jr. High School, at Ft. Oglethorpe, GA. Mike's brother, Charles, was a classmate of Jane's at Rossville High School. I

have created a web page for the Hillcrest congregation. It is located at Dedmon.org. Click on the Hillcrest link at the bottom of the page.



Following the meeting at Hillcrest we traveled to Tennessee. We spent the night at Morrison with old friends Ike and Bea Turner. While there I went to the library at McMinnville, TN and "dug up" a little family information on the Deadman family. If you recall I did an article on them in the May 2004 (Volume Number 24). I mentioned the Turner-Deadman reunion and incorrectly stated it was at Fall Creek Falls each year. I received some information from Marianne Deadmon, who informed me that it was every two years and the location changed each time. This year it was in the Gatlinburg, TN area.

From Morrison we went to Springfield and spent the night with our son, Gary, and his family. We did the Pizza Hut thing and managed a short visit with both grandsons, Greg and Jonathan. Jane and Gary's wife, Diane, managed to work out a short shopping trip.



THOMAS AND RAMONA

On Saturday we went to Manchester, TN and attended a birthday party for Evelyn Fults. She is the mother of Virginia Duke. The Dukes (Winfred and Virginia) are long time friends. He and Jane share the same birthday (year also). He is retired from the school system, where he served many years as principal. Their daughter Ramona is married to Thomas Deadman, the grandson of Fred Deadman. (see volume 24) of the DEDMON CONNECTION. Thomas' brother, Jeff, has moved to the Memphis, TN area and is back in the Funeral Home business, I believe in Germantown, TN....

On Sunday I began a Gospel Meeting at the Beechgrove Church of Christ, near Manchester. I have preached there in at least 10 meetings (some folks are gluttons for punishment). It was good to see so many friends from the past. We lived in Manchester from 1964-68 while preaching at New Union. It is hard to believe how much older everyone looks... The sign has my name spelled DEADMAN, a typical "misspelling" in that area





Yes, I did graduate from High School!!! In fact I have often said that the twelfth grade was the happiest three years of my life!!!! The year was 1957 and I remember it well...

On the Sunday afternoon of our baccalaureate service, several of us loaded up in dad's old 1949 Plymouth coupe and drove off to "see the sights". I don't even remember the intended destination, but we ended up in Graysville, GA. For those who are new to the DEDMON CONNECTION, I lived in Graysville for a couple of years around 5 and 6 years of age. In fact, that is where I began school... but that's another story for another day...

Anyway we drove to Graysville and I showed the bunch the house we used to live in. Somehow that huge yard with that "great big" cedar tree was not nearly as large as I remembered. This is where we were living when dad was drafted in 1947. The day dad left for the army was on my sixth birthday (June 27, 1946), the same day my grandfather was hit by a car in Chattanooga. He died two days later...

Well back to the story... I remembered a little "swimming hole" just past our house in Graysville, so I dove on down to show it to my friends. The road was rough and due to the loaded car, the oil pan dug the ground and was punctured by a sharp rock. The oil pressure gauge dropped to zero and I stopped the car. We all got out and stared at the large oil puddle in the road. Baccalaureate was two hours away...

The little "swimming hole" had become a fairly large picnic area and several folks were enjoying an afternoon in the sun.. among which was Carl Dickson, mom's first cousin. He towed me to his shop and welded the oil pan and we barely made it to baccalaureate.



LEROY DEDMON
1957

CRAIG DEDMON MARRIES

Craig Dedmon and Brittney Walker were united in marriage on April 24, 2004 at the East Ridge Church of Christ. The ceremony was conducted by Charles Cochran, the minister of the church.



(L-R) BRITTNEY AND CRAIG

Brittney is the daughter of Tammy Arnold and Dwayne Walker. Craig is the son of Constance Darlene Buff and Joseph William (Bill) Dedmon. Bill is my youngest brother.

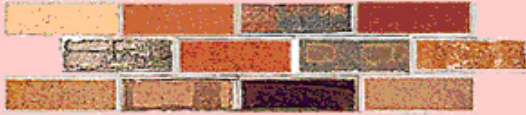


(L-R) BILL, BRITTNEY, CRAIG, CONNIE

The newlyweds are presently making their home in Knoxville, TN. Brittney is a registered nurse and is employed at Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery Associates. Craig is a student in his second year at the East Tennessee School of Preaching and Missions, preparing to be a preacher of the Gospel. He will graduate in July of 2005.



THE BRICK WALL



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.

One of the “brick walls” that has stumped many of the Deadman researchers is that of John Dedmon (Dedman), who married Susannah Hunt. He is a vital link from “us” and the “Middle Tennessee” Dedmons (Deadman and Deadmon). It is generally accepted by some that John was the son of Marcus Richard (Mark) Dedmon, the Revolutionary War Veteran. However, there are a few problems with that.

One of the problems that I have is that John was never included in the list of children of Mark and Hannah Bailey. I am not exactly sure when he showed up, but the first I saw was in a “family tree” that I received in November of 2003. At least that is the first I noticed it. He has been in all the lists that I have received recently. He is not in my “original” records that go back a few years. Also, in checking further, I have discovered that he was first listed only as John Dedmon (Dedman). I have seen it with both spellings. Lately, I have begun seeing him listed as John L. and finally as John Lane Dedmon, Sr. Now that name is a familiar name as there was a John Lane Dedmon b. 1811, the son of Thomas C. and Polly Linkhorn Dedmon.

Now, let me say emphatically, that my not seeing John in the list of Mark’s children would not be sufficient to rule it out. There are many whom I have not seen and I realize that lists change on a regular basis. It was just strange that he suddenly appeared and I am awaiting the research “proof” to sustain it.

John Dedman, wife of Susannah Hunt, is listed in the 1850 census as being 74 years old. This puts his birth date to be 1776-77, depending on which month the census was taken. The list I received in November lists his birthdate as May 05, 1788. Marcus and Hannah married November 07, 1785. If the census age is correct, we have a problem.

From: MDD82650@aol.com
Sent: Saturday, July 31, 2004 11:15 AM
To: gldedmon@alltel.net
Subject: Re: deadmon

We found information on the internet from Tim Deadmon. We thought we had really found our “brick wall” which is the father of John Deadman who married Susan Hunt. He listed Jonathan (John) Dedmon, b 1806 in Tennessee, as the son of John L Dedmon; John L was born 5 May 1788 in Rutherford County, North Carolina. John L was a son of Marcus Richard. However, in our records, the name of John L Dedmon and our John Deadman differ in that our John has no middle initial as far as we have found. Also, our John was born about 1778. We also found in the Rutherford Co, NC the marriage information for John L Dedmon. He married Nancey Singlary 6 March 1832. Our John Deadman married Susan Hunt 9 October 1805 in Old Rowan County, North Carolina. So it would seem that the John L Dedmon is not the same person as John Deadman who married Susan Hunt. So we are back to square one, as to the father of John Deadman. It has been suggested he was the son of Marcus Dedmon by a wife previous to Hanna Baily. Mark married Hanna Bailey in 1785 when he was 27 and could have had a previous wife; however, if this were the case then he would only have been 20 when our John was born. Of course this is possible.

Thank you again,

Marianne Deadmon

The above letter is only a portion of the entire letter Marianne sent me... The rest I will publish elsewhere in this issue. This section deals with the subject at hand....

We are left with some very real possibilities:

- 1. The census age could be wrong.***
- 2. We could have the wrong John.***
- 3. Marianne’s suggestion of previous marriage.***
- 4. None of the above....***

OK all you researchers..... give me some direction here... We need your help.....

DEATH NOTICES

(I was in the Nashville area the week this happened. I am not at all sure who the family of Christy is, but I plan to contact the family to see if some information can be obtained. If any of you have additional information, please pass it on to me as soon as possible.. Thanks, Leroy)

Police Officer Christy Dedman Metro Nashville Police



Department Tennessee



CHRISTY DEDMAN

Officer Dedman was struck and killed by a tractor-trailer while assisting a motorist on the side of Interstate 40.

Officer Dedman was aiding a motorist on I-40 near the Stewarts Ferry Pike ramp.

Officer Dedman and the motorist were standing in front of the driver's side of the police car when it was struck from behind by a tractor-trailer, which was being operated at speeds over 80 miles per hour, and in a reckless manner.

The cruiser was pushed into Officer Dedman and the motorist as they stood by a concrete retaining wall on the side of the highway. Officer Dedman's cruiser had its emergency lights on at the time.

Officer Dedman died at the scene. The motorist that was struck was taken to a local hospital with non life-threatening injuries.

The driver of the tractor-trailer was arrested and charged with vehicular homicide and aggravated assault. Records showed that he had been arrested numerous times for reckless driving, driving under the influence of alcohol, and driving with a suspended license.

Officer Dedman had served with the Metro Nashville Police Department for less than one year. She graduated from the academy in August 2003, and was assigned to the Hermitage Precinct.

The funeral procession for Metro Police Officer Christy Dedman rolls through Dickson, TN on the way to Centerville in Hickman County, where she was buried.



Police cars from various communities stream into Dickson to attend the funeral yesterday of Metro Police Officer Christy Dedman, who was killed Monday. After Dedman's 3 p.m. funeral service in Dickson's Taylor Funeral Home, police officers stood and saluted while her casket was loaded onto a black hearse. They then drove to Centerville, Tenn., in Hickman County.

Christy Jo Dedman

Funeral services for Miss Christy Jo Dedman, 34, are 3 p.m. Friday, July 23, 2004 from the chapel of Taylor Funeral Home in Dickson with Brother Bill McDonald officiating. Interment will follow in Memory Gardens in Hickman County.

Miss Dedman, a patrol officer with the Metro Police Department, died July 19, 2004 in Nashville. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice from Austin Peay State University and was working on her master's degree at Middle Tennessee State University.

Survivors include her parents, Jesse James and Vera Tidwell Dedman of Bon Aqua; brother, Curtis Dedman of Nashville; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Active Pallbearers will be Lt. Duane Williams, Sgt. Warren McConkey, Officer James Mayo, Officer Greg Jennings, Rich Little-Hale and Rob Reeves. Honorary Pallbearers will be Metro Police Dept., TBI and ABC. Services under the direction of the TAYLOR FUNERAL HOME, (615) 446-2808

From: Marye Dedmon
[mailto:mddedmon@pasco.k12.fl.us]
To: gladdedmon@alltel.net

From the Mail Bag

We're doing great. Here is a picture of our son Scott's 9 month old twins. We are certainly enjoying them! I can't remember if I gave you their information or not.



JACOB SILAS AND EMMA EVELYN DEDMON

Jacob Silas Dedmon and Emma Evelyn Dedmon were born on October 10, 2003 to Scott Raymond Dedmon and Lara Tacker Dedmon. They live in Brooksville, FL but were born in Tampa.



Our son Ryan and his family are doing well. They live about half way between our house and Scott's house in a beautiful new community.

Bobby and I are both still working for the Pasco County School Board. He does phone work (after his retirement from GTE) and I'm still a secretary. The house and yard and lake and grandbabies and church and friends take up all our time and we love it. We work in a little traveling once in a while.

That's our update! Have a wonderful day! Marye

Marye is the wife of Robert Raymond (Bobby) Dedmon, son of Eppy Alonzo Dedmon and grandson of Robert (Bob) Alvin Dedmon. "Uncle Bob" was the grandson of my great-great grandfather, William D. Dedmon. There is quite a story about "Uncle Bob"... some day I will tell it to you... Leroy

From: colvin [mailto:colvin@tech-stars.net]
Sent: Saturday, July 17, 2004 1:32 AM
To: gladdedmon@alltel.net
Subject: Re: DEDMON CONNECTION vol 25

Dear Leroy,

I got the Dedman Genealogy in the mail today.

I just read your new issue of the Newsletter. It is very good.

Thanks Wanda, I appreciate that.... For those who may not know, Wanda has done tremendous research on the Christopher Deadman lineage. I have just received her book that she published in 1983. She has been very helpful to me in my efforts to provide information on that side of the family. We still believe there is a connection to the two families. One of these days someone will stumble across the "missing link" -Leroy

..another note from Wanda...

Dear Leroy,

I checked your newsletter out for anything I might have on file. The John Calvin Dedman is one of the lines coming from Mecklenburg Co., VA, the Samuel Dedman family same as mine. My information comes from Anna Laura Griffith who was of the John Dedman line. His son John R. Dedman, his son John James, his son John Calvin had children: John Calvin Jr., Owen Harris, and Sarah Maxine Dedman. I do not have Nancy or her brothers in my database. Sorry, I was of no help. I do have some reports of other Dedman lines which I have not placed in my database. I am in the process of "cleaning up" my files and hope to add these other lines just so I might help others. (page 6, Vol 24) --Wanda Colvin

...but it was very helpful and this is what I want to hear from all of you. Just one name here and there really adds up. Also, to know which line they belong is very helpful...thanks Wanda



DEDMON DAY PROCLAIMED--Mayor Herb Davis has proclaimed Sunday, Sept. 16 as 'James Dedmon Day' in Milan. Mr. Dedmon will be honored with a fellowship luncheon at Milan High School, following services at Main Street Church, Sunday. From left, standing: Jerry Mercer, minister Main Street Church of Christ; George & Doris Dedmon; Billy & Martha Wilson; seated: James Dedmon, Mayor Davis, and Mrs. James Dedmon.--photo by Scarlet P. White



JAMES DEDMON

Industrial Council Names James Dedmon

James Dedmon, president of Milan Box Company, has been elected president of the Milan Industrial Council.

He succeeds Frank Bryant, manager of Harvey Aluminum Sales, Inc.

Elected vice president was Ben Shatman, plant manager of Edlen Herman Products Co. Elected to serve as secretary-treasurer was Lee Brodeur, plant manager of Corry Foam Products Co., which is Milan's newest industry that began operations here in early 1965 manufacturing foam products.

The Milan Industrial Council, whose membership is composed of all plant managers of the Milan industrial area, meets once a month to discuss and keep abreast of Milan's employment status and circumstances.

TENNESSEE DEDMONS

I received a nice package in the mail the other day from Margaret Dedmon Penny. I had met her husband, Neil Penny, several years ago at Freed-Hardeman College. He was a Gospel Preacher for the Church of Christ. Margaret is a sister to James Dedmon and they "belong" to the West Tennessee Dedmons. I have known various members of this family through the years. Margaret's nephew, John Dedmon, married "Tish" Winstead, the daughter of Bob and Chris Winstead. Bob and Chris were members at the Springfield, TN congregation while I preached there. It appears that the "West Tennessee Dedmons" descend from the Christopher Deadman lineage.

-Leroy

"That's true, protecting property is important. But protecting employees is even more important. That's why we chose an insurance company that specializes in 'people coverages'—American Mutual."

Mr. James F. Dedmon, President
Milan Box Corporation
Manufacturers of Shipping Containers
Milan, Tennessee

American Mutual
INSURANCE COMPANY, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20004

From the Mail Bag

From: Carole

[mailto:carolet@xtn.net]

Subject: note of interest (maybe)



Hi, Leroy,

I've got to say that I love your Dedmon website!!!! I too am a Deadman descendant. My line is this: *Carole Thomason - Charles Dedman "C.D." Thomason - Briscoe Thomason - Joseph Dedman "Joe D." Thomason - Sarah Rebecca Cavender, wife of James Thomason - Joseph Dedman Cavender - Rebecca Dedman, wife of Clemeth Cavender - Edmond Dedman - Thomas Deadman, Jr. etc.*

Since your website has incomplete information about Sarah Rebecca Cavender's descendants, I would love to share what I have with you, for possible publication in your newsletter. In any case, you can always link to my website from your on-line newsletter, if you wish. Perhaps, instead of my main page, you can link to a page I have about James & Sarah Rebecca (Cavender) Thomason at http://pages.xtn.net/~carolet/James_Thomason.html.

-- Carole Thomason <http://pages.xtn.net/~carolet>

(A portion of this letter was included in last month's newsletter, as promised I ran the rest of the email this month. Carole has volunteered to proof read the newsletter for me. I am very thankful to her for that. I know she is busy, but busy people are the ones that usually find the time to help. --- Leroy)

From: Jan Stricklin (tstricklin_0829@yahoo.com)

Subject: Re: Dedmon

Thank you for putting me on your mailing list. I will check with my aunt and see if she has had time to copy the information for you. Also, I meant to tell you. My 22 month old son is named Judson. I found that ironic when I was reading your family history. I never knew of anyone named Judson before we named our son.

Jan Stricklin

Thank you Jan for your help. I am more than glad to add you to the list of those who receive the notices about the publication of the DEDMON CONNECTION. It is because of folks like you that make this publication possible. I don't know many Dedmons named Judson, but my grandfather was one of them. - Leroy

Jan is a niece to Margaret Dedmon Penny. (See page six)

From: MDD82650@aol.com

Sent: Saturday, July 31, 2004 11:15 AM

To: gldedmon@alltel.net

Subject: Re: deadmon

Thanks for your clarification in what information you found in McMinnville. I will send you what I have on this line. There are six attachments for this. I am sure you realize I did not send everything, so if you see something else you are interested in, please let me know. Also let me know if you cannot pickup the attachments.

In your newsletter on the McMinnville area Deadmons, a couple of comments. The Turner-Deadmon reunion is held every two years and the location is not definite. It is decided between reunions. This year (last weekend in fact) it was in the Gatlinburg area. As to the name spelling of the Deadmons in that area - there were names Dedman, Deadman, and Deadmon (at least when we were there) These three names are all used in the family of Willie Oscar Deadmon, a brother of Frank & Fred's father. I long ago came to the conclusion that it did not matter how the name was spelled, we are probably all related.

This portion of the letter is printed on page 3 of this issue as it concerned the "brick wall" article.

You are really due much thanks and congratulations for the Dedmon Connection monthly newsletter. We found it very interesting and will look forward to each new one. It will be nice to have this on a monthly basis. By now I am sure you have found that retirement is different than what you anticipated. I thought it would be more relaxed, but it seems we have trouble fitting everything into our calendar.

By the way, we were in North Carolina a few years ago and in Davie County, which was formed from Rowan County, we found Deadmons buried in a cemetery there and found the location of others buried in a private field in the same area. This may have been Edmond Deadman. We also found a Deadmon Road. We did not recognize any of the names of the Deadmon burials, but they are probably related to Edmond Deadmon who was from that area.

Look forward to more information on this family thru your connections.

Thank you again,

Marianne Deadmon

MY GARDEN

Last month I showed you pictures of my yard and as promised I am including some pictures of my garden in this month's DEDMON CONNECTION. As you can see, I have had to battle the weeds.



A VIEW OF THE GRAPE VINES



A CLOSE UP VIEW OF GRAPES



NO THRILL ON THIS BLUE BERRY HILL



PRETTY VINES, BUT NO PEAS YET



CORN ON THE COB IS HARD TO BEAT



KENTUCKY WONDER POLE BEANS



IN THE SOUTH IT'S SQUASH



ONE OF MY FAVORITES.. OKRA



CUCUMBERS ON THE VINE



RED RIPE TOMATOES



HARD TO BEAT SWEET 'TATERS



AN ALABAMA CAP WILL SCARE CROWS



THE FINISHED PRODUCT



NOW WE ARE IN A PICKLE



WHAT'S FOR SUPPER, GRANDPA?