

The Dedmon Connection

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Leroy Dedmon

This is October and I can hardly believe that I am publishing the ninth issue of the DEDMON CONNECTION this year. If you recall I combined Jan-Feb into one issue, but since March I have managed to have one per month... Hey.. I am just as surprised as you are!!!!

It is hard to believe it has been a year since I "retired". I now understand what folks mean when they say, "I don't have time to retire"..... This has been a busy year for Jane and myself. I held Gospel Meetings in Springfield, TN, Bismark, IL, Beechgrove, TN, Tunnel Hill, GA, Bowden, GA with two more to go, Gurley, AL and Gainesville, GA. In addition to the meetings, I have spoken at about ten different congregations on Wednesday nights since June.

GWEN DEDMON GOWER CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Gwendolyn Jane Dedmon Gower just became a year older on October 7, 2004. I remember that Sunday morning in 1962 that Jane woke me and announced, "*You better take me to the hospital*". Of course we didn't waste any time driving the 20 miles from Gurley to Huntsville, AL. We arrived at Huntsville Hospital around 8 AM and after checking in, the nurse said, "*Mr. Dedmon, you might as well go preach, it will be several hours before the baby will be born*". Remembering the thirty-two hours we waited on Gary, I decided that was good advice. In those days fathers were not allowed to view the process (for which I have always been thankful). When I finished my sermon, I walked to the back door (everyone knows the back door is in the front of a church building) to be greeted by one of my "non church member" friends. "You are the father of a baby girl", he announced. Forty two years later she is the mother of our granddaughter, Carrie, and grandmother of Masie and Curt, our great-grandchildren.



GWENDOLYN JANE DEDMON GOWER CELEBRATES HER 42ND BIRTHDAY AT THE RED LOBSTER WITH FAMILY MEMBERS.



MASIE JANE AND CURT DOUGLAS WEBB, THE GRANDCHILDREN OF GWENDOLYN DEDMON GOWER

HAPPY BIRTHDAY NATALIE



NATALIE CATHERINE SMITH, THE DAUGHTER OF STEVEN AND TANYA SMITH CELEBRATED HER FIRST BIRTHDAY ON OCT. 8, 2004. SHE IS THE GRANDDAUGHTER OF DON AND ALMA RUTH DEDMON SMITH. SHE IS ALSO THE GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER OF MY MOM, RUBY DICKSON DEDMON.



I REMEMBER MYRTLE

When I began preaching at Gurley, AL in 1960, one of the first persons I met was Myrtle Smith. That was forty-four years ago and according to the adjacent article she had lived half her life. The Smith family was a very integral part of the little congregation that met next to the Post Office along side the railroad tracks. This is where I began preaching as what may be termed as a "local evangelist" in February 1960. Prior to that I had preached by appointment at several places in the North Alabama area.

In those days the church membership at Gurley was around fifty, with the Smith and Gray families numbering approximately one fourth of the total attendance. Another family, the Aubery Pyle family, probably represented one-half of the membership. However, the Huntsville area was growing and the surrounding area grew with it. Many of the Redstone Arsenal employees chose to live thirty to forty miles away as housing in Huntsville was limited and expensive. As a result the congregation grew rapidly for about a three year period, reaching around 150 in attendance.

Myrtle and Ernest Smith had four children, Johnny, Jimmy, Don and Ann. The two oldest boys, Johnny and Jimmy, were just beginning their own families and Don had just graduated from High School. Ann was one of the teen-agers at the congregation. While Ernest was best described as being on the "quiet side", he provided a good example of faithfulness in attendance and support of the church.

It seemed to me that everyone in the North Alabama area was related to Myrtle Smith. It was a common thing for folks to introduce me with "...and I am Myrtle Smith's _____ (aunt, uncle, nephew, cousin, etc....) So my favorite line was, "Myrtle, you are kin to everyone in Gurley, Alabama except me!!! ..then in 1963 her son, Don, married my sister, Ruth. So, from that moment, I became Myrtle Smith's daughter-in-law's brother. She always treated me like family.....

I felt honored when the family asked me to have a part in her funeral along with James Ashworth and Tim Rice. Although she is gone, her memories will live on for the friends and family of Gurley, Alabama.

'She could really make you laugh'

**Myrtle Gray Smith, 88,
was always ready with a joke**

Monday, September 20, 2004

By SHELBY G. SPIRES

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Myrtle Gray Smith

Myrtle Gray Smith was always ready with a quick joke and time to spend on her front porch swing with visitors, her daughter-in-law remembered Friday. Smith died Tuesday. She was 88.

"She had a tremendous sense of humor," said Ruth Smith, her daughter-in-law. "Everybody who knew her could sit and talk with her. Anybody could sit on the front porch swing and talk and laugh with her for as long as they liked. She could really make you laugh."

A native of Madison County, Smith was a member of the Gurley Church of Christ. A dedicated mother and homemaker, Smith spent her free time volunteering for the church, Ruth Smith said.

"Her children remember her as being very strict, but she loved them very much and wanted the best for them. She was very dedicated," to the church, Ruth Smith said. "When there was a need for food to be sent if there was a death or sickness, she would send food. She would go do what she could to help."

Ruth Smith, who married Don Smith in 1963, remembered the time her mother-in-law borrowed Don's car to drive to a funeral.

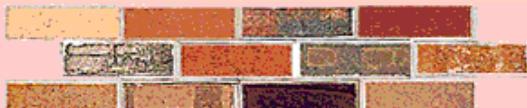
"Don was a race car driver, and she needed a car to drive in a funeral procession, and she borrowed her a 1957 Chevy," The car was a race car and it proved a little difficult to handle in the slow moving funeral procession, Ruth Smith said.

"It kept jumping and jerking and cutting out on her. She let him know about it and she didn't borrow that car anymore," Ruth Smith said with a fond laugh.

Smith was preceded in death by her husband, John E. Smith. Survivors include her daughter, Ann Miles of Gurley; three sons, Johnny Smith and Jimmy Smith, both of Grant, and Don Smith of Gurley; nine grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was Thursday at Berryhill Funeral Home. Burial was in Memory Gardens.

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.

Friday 10/10/2003 2:52:10pm

Name: Brian Dedmon

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Location: California

Comments: My father Arvle Dedmon was born in Soddy-Daisy, lived in Dayton area about 10 years, then moved to California (20ies ?). His father was Carl Dedmon, I believe he had a general store in Dayton.

This letter was published in volume 22 and I asked Tim Dedmon to do a little research on this question and he responded with a great report. It is printed in the adjacent column. Now we just need to find the right Mark to be the father of Carl. There are a number of our ancestors with the name Mark or Marcus. In fact the first instance of the surname Dedmon is actually traced to Mark Dedmon, the Revolutionary War Veteran, who fought at King's Mountain.

There is a story concerning Mark Dedmon that my dad used to tell and mom affirms the story as being true. This story says that Mark Dedmon was making "moonshine" over on Taylor's Ridge when he was paid a visit by the Revenue Officers. According to the story, he was arrested, but permitted to go to the house to tell his family bye, before they took him in. It seems that he then ran out the back door of the house and jumped the back fence, only to be shot and killed by the Revenuers.

I have never been able to locate the Mark that belongs to this story. Each time that I have thought I found him, someone comes along with the facts and disproves that Mark as being the one. Could it be that Mark the Moonshiner is the father of Carl? According to what Tim has found we do know that Carl's father, Mark, must have been deceased by 1900. Well, it is something to think about.

Assuming that Mark was abt. 20 when he and Minnie married, he would have been born abt. 1874. This makes him about the same age as the Mark who was the son of Thomas Crawford Dedmon, but the other facts do not support this being the Mark. On page four I have listed a review of all the possible Marks... (LD)

From: Tim Dedmon [tdedmon@netzero.net]

To: gldedmon@alltel.net

Subject: Brian Dedmon

Leroy, In issue 22 you had an email from Brian Dedmon, and askd me to help. Brian's father Arvle appears in the 1920 Rhea County, Tennessee Census as Orville being one year and eleven months old, being born in Tennessee. Orville's parents are Carl Samuel Dedmon b Oct 1, 1895 and d Feb 24, 1944 Los Angeles, California and wife Vesta b 1895 Tennessee. They lived on Oak Hill Rd. in Rhea County. Carl's parents are Mark Dedmon and Mimmie Henderson. Mark and Mimmie were married Oct 26, 1894 in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Mark Dedmon b August 1, 1875 the son of Thomas Henry Crawford Dedmon is from my line, and I know he was in the Hixson and Soddy Daisy area about this time. But this Mark married Kate Brashier on Feb 14, 1897 in Waldron, Scott County, Arkansas. I have his death certificate stating his father was Thomas Crawford Dedmon. At one time I had this Mark and Mimmie married on my family tree, until I got the death certificate from the state of Oklahoma.

Carl Samuel Dedmon appears in the California death index, being born Oct 1, 1895 in Tennessee, and dying Feb 24, 1944, his father's first name is Mark and his mother's maiden name is Henderson. I can not find Carl in any 1900 or 1910 Census, until he appears in the 1920 Rhea County Census. I did find a Mimmie Henderson b June 1879 in the 1900 Rhea County Census, but she was single and living with her mother.

Brian I hope this helps, if we can find who raised Carl, I think it may lead us to his father.

--Tim Dedmon

WILL THE REAL MARK DEDMON PLEASE STAND UP???

On page three I mentioned the fact that there were several Mark Dedmons. The mystery surrounds the story of the Mark Dedmon being killed by the Revenue Officers. My thinking is that it must have happened near the turn of the century as my mom seems to recall it being a story told to her as a small girl. She was born in 1912 which means that it probably happened a few years before.. Of course, that is just a guess on my part.... Let's take a look at the Marks that we know about:

1. Marcus Richard (Mark) Dedmon, son of Thomas Charles and Sarah Griffen Deadman, was born August 15, 1758 in Patapsco, MD (Baltimore County), and died March 23, 1839 in Brushy Creek, NC (Rutherford County). He married **Hannah Bailey** November 07, 1785. Notes from Jim Dedmon: Mark was a Revolutionary War vet. (Source: Rev. War pension files—abstracts). He fought in the battle of Cowpens and Kings Mountain as well as a number of Indian scrimmages. There were approximately 750 Patriots at the two major battles Mark took part in. One of those Patriots was Daniel Boone's father. Prior to Mark, our ancestors spelled their name Deadman.

2. Mark L. Dedmon, son of William and Margaret Dedmon, was born 1820 in Rutherford County, NC, and died 1864 in Walker County, GA. He married **(1) Lou Plummer**. He married **(2) Rebecca Macon** 1842 in Davie County, NC.

(This could be the Mark we are looking for, but I found info that shows him buried in Arkansas. Also, there is definitely some wrong info here on the marriage. I have him and Marcus number 4 married to Lou Plummer.)

3. Mark Rufus Dedmon, son of (Mark L. and Rebecca Macon Dedmon, was born 1852 in Walker County, Georgia, and died 1930 in Waldron, AR (Scott County). He married **Laura Princes Duncan** 1881 in Waldron, Scott Co., Arkansas. She was born 1859, and died 1927. Mark is listed in the 1870 Scott County, Arkansas Census. He is listed in the home of David Beaty as being 18 yrs old and born in GA..

4. Marcus L. Dedmon, son of William D. and Ellender C. Nellie McEntire Dedmon, was born 1853 in Walker County, GA. He married **Evalina (Love) Plummer**.

(This was the Mark I had and thought to be the right one until I received the following: from Amelia Lehman [Vanderbiltmom04@aol.com])

Hi Leroy - I enjoyed your latest newsletter, but as I read what I had written to you in Dec., '03, I realized that could not be right - so, I pulled out my file to see what I could find. First, ask your Mother if she remembers "Lafayette Dedmon" instead of Marcus Dedmon. You had him married to Evelina Plummer and I said Evelina Forcher. We were both wrong. Lafayette Dedman married Eavie (Evelina) **Beeze** on Dec. 28, 1876 in Catoosa County. I know that **Beeze** is correct because I found that name along with **Marcus Lafayette** Dedmon written down by my Aunt. I found Lafayette living in Fulton County in 1910 census. He was 60 years old then, widowed, and several of his children were living with him along with his Sister-in-law, Susie Beeze. Marcus Lafayette died sometime after 1910, but I'm not sure when. I found the death of a **Mark L. Dedman** in Fulton County on Jan. 13, 1923. I don't know if that is the same person because I have never found any records before that referred to him as "Mark." If that is the same person, he would have been 74. I think that I will order the death certificate to see if that could be my Great Grandfather.Thanks! Amelia

(I need to re-open the discussion with Amelia.)

5. Mark Dedmon, son of Thomas Henry Crafford and Martha Dedmon, was born August 1, 1875 in Chattanooga, TN (Hamilton Co.). He married **Kate Brashier** on Feb 14, 1897 in Waldron, Scott County, Arkansas.

6. Hansel Marcus Dedmon, son of Abram Oliver and Rachel A. Gentryn was born October 14, 1876, and died June 07, 1962 in Monroe, OK. He married **Ada L. Pearson** January 24, 1897.

7. Mark Dedmon, son of Thomas Henry Crafford and Martha Dedmon, was born 1877 in Chattanooga, TN (Hamilton Co.). He married **Minnie Henderson** October 28, 1894 in Chattanooga, TN.

(According to Tim's article on page 3, #5 & 7 may be the same person. He either married twice or there are two with this one being the son of somebody else other than T.C. and Martha.)

WILL THE REAL MARK DEDMON PLEASE STAND UP???

--continued from page 4

There are other Mark and/or Marcus Dedmons, but those listed on page 4 are the most likely ones to be the one of the "Family Tradition Moonshine Story". The main reason I think that is because I really believed he died before my Mom was old enough to actually remember the event. She just remembers it was a family story handed down.. However, I will list the others.

8. Mark Rufus Dedmon, son of Isaac Charles (Crate) and Marietta (Mary) Capehart Dedmon, was born July 20, 1878 in Whitfield County, GA, and died May 10, 1916. He married **Emma Blanche Thurman** October 21, 1901.

9. Mark R. Dedmon, son of William and Rebecca McElhaney Dedmon, was born September 22, 1898, and died April 27, 1924 in Hixson, Hamilton Co., TN. He married **Grace**.

10. Mark Dedmon, son of Dolphus and Annie Tate Dedmon, was born about 1905. (*No further info*)

11. Mark Dedmon, son of William Ivan and Dorothy Givens Dedmon, was born about 1940. (*No further info*)

12. Mark Steven Dedmon, son of Alfred Donald and Tierney Blaine Barton Dedmon was born August 23, 1963. He married **Tierney Blaine Barton**

13. Mark Lee Dedmon, son of Wray Kenneth and Carolyn Naomi Smith Dedmon was born December 16, 1969.

Well, there you have a "baker's" dozen Mark Dedmons and confusing it is! For certain we need to "clean up" our information on all the Marks. Therefore, I am asking all you researchers to get busy and see what you can do to help. Let me know the "for sure" information you have along with your source. I will publish our findings in a future issue to help us get it together. Incidentally, I have a nephew named Mark, but since he is my sister's son, his surname is Price and not Dedmon.

The variations of our surname do not have the same popularity for the name Mark. However, I did find a **Mark Corbin Deadman** and a **Marcus Allen Dedmond**. There may be others and if so, I welcome the information....

From the Mail Bag

From: Danny McBee
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To: gldedmon@alltel.net

Subject: Re: DEDMON CONNECTION



Leroy, as always, you have done a great job with the newsletter. I enjoyed reading the eight pages. Our quest from the beginning was to learn more about our Deadman/Dedmon/Deadmon/Dedmond/Dedman ancestry and our cousins of the like name. We have certainly done that these last many years since Rad Dedmon shared with us some original Dedmon Connection articles. I really thank you for your efforts and at any time I will open my files to anyone needing information or willing to share information with us on our Dedmon ancestry and heritage. I appreciate all you do and all that our fellow cousins are doing to find out more about us Dedmon descendants. My Dedmond connections are slowly but surely dying off. I have two Dedmond aunts left and that will be it as far as my line goes back [but not forward]. Their names are Gussie Dedmond Enloe and Agnes Rebecca Falls. They are 96 and 82 years old respectively. I hope all of our cousins will continue to help us break down every brick wall needing broken down and continue to share information with us. May God Bless. Also, a belated July 4th to all of my cousins. -- Danny Albert McBee, son of the late Dorothy Dorthea Dedmond McBee.

Danny has continued to be a great supporter and encourager to me in this effort. I know what he means about the "older generation" passing. In fact, I am fast becoming the older generation. It is sad to think of all those who have "crossed over the river" since I began the publication of THE DEDMON CONNECTION. There is so much information contained in the memory banks of the "older generation". When I first began my research I sat down with mom and acquired what I thought was all she knew about the family. I was so wrong.. and even now when I mention a name she usually gives me a half dozen more to go with it.... She will be 93 in January...

From the Mail Bag



From: Jim Bowen
Bowen.James@insightbb.com

Sent: Monday, September
13, 2004 9:47 PM
To: gldedmon@alltel.net

Subject: Capt. Gustavus Dedman, Co. I 2nd Kentucky Volunteer Infantry, CSA

Dear Mr. Dedmon,

My name is Jim Bowen. I am member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans (Past Commander of the Capt. Gus Dedman Camp 1845) and consider myself to be an amateur War Between the States historian. I was looking at your website and found it to be a great resource.

For several years, I have been researching Anderson County, Kentucky Confederates. Specifically, Orphan Brigade Kentuckians. Anderson County produced 2 companies of "Orphans". Co. I 2nd Kentucky Infantry (Capt. Dedman, cmdg) and Co. G 6th Kentucky Infantry (Capt. Utterback, cmdg).

Capt. Dedman, (a 3rd generation descendant of Samuel Dedman, 1729-1800) has been a focus of my research for quite awhile. What I am particularly looking for is a photograph of Capt. Dedman. Do you know if there is such a photograph in existence?

I would be grateful for any assistance you can be in this matter. Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,
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There is an article in volume 11 of the DEDMON CONNECTION written by Jackie Dedman and also one written by my brother, Tom Dedmon in volume 12. That is about all I know about Gustavus. I certainly would like to have more information if it is available. Thanks, Leroy

(I printed Colleen's letter in last month's issue of the CONNECTION. Here is my answer and her reply. LD)

Colleen,

*I would love to have the pics.. and it is great hearing from you again... If my memory is correct there was sickness and maybe death in your family the last I heard.. Hope I am wrong... anyway I will be glad to send you whatever you want.. I just need to know the format you need... (ged.., word, txt.. etc)
Have you read my latest newsletters?
Leroy*

From: Colleen Shannon [cshannon10@comcast.net]

Sent: Sunday, August 22, 2004 8:23 PM

To: gldedmon@alltel.net

Subject: RE: Dedmon info

Dear Leroy, There was sickness and death in the family. James Sr., David, Gladys (Jim Sr.'s wife), Ginny (Jim Jr.'s wife), and Jim Jr. Also Novva Dedmon passed away. She was 100. I use Wordpad. I'll save it to my desktop and then print it out. I'll gather the death dates for you also. I think I had told you about Jim Sr. and David. Yes I have read your newsletters. I still can't believe that there are so many Dedmons. Novva passed away on Memorial Day of '03. That was her favorite holiday also. Jim Jr. died Feb. 18th 2002. He was 54. He went in for back surgery and plaque showered down both his legs. He was in a drug induced coma for 9 days. They ended up amputating both legs to try and save his life. We came to know the pastor at the hospital real well. She was wonderful. She ended up doing dad's funeral. They say that He doesn't give us more than we can handle....but between 1999-2002.....that was a lot. Gma (Gladys) passed away June 4th 2000, and Ginny passed July 11th 2002. My sister (Deanne) lived in the Netherlands at the time and she and her family came home for both Gma and Ginny. I'll get the pictures together some time in the near future. It's not that I don't want them, I just don't know who they are. Well, enough rambling. Take care.

Colleen

From: Winfred Duke [wvduke@charter.net]
Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2004 2:32 PM
To: gldedmon@alltel.net
Subject: Re: newsletter

Thanks for including us in your newsletter. I enjoyed previewing them. One little correction is that mother spells her name Fulks. That is also interesting in daddy's family history. The spellings are varied from Fulk, Foolk, Foulques, Fowke, Fowlkes, Foulks, Folks, Fulks, Fults, Fultz. My cousin has traced our ancestors back to 800 AD. They lived in Anjou but had castles in Brittany, England, Maine, Normandy, and the Holy Land. One of the ancestors was beheaded on June 17, 900 by Baldwin II of Flanders because of political involvement. One of the castles still stands today. It was not the original which burned in 1132. It was rebuilt in 1137 and is known as the Angers Castle. So much for that. Daddy's first cousins use all three of the last three spellings but I am not sure how all of this came about. From what I can pickup in my cousin's book, the last two spellings were derived from Fulks.

We do wish to receive your newsletters as they are enjoyable. Thanks also for including Ramona's and Thomas' picture.

Virginia Duke

Thanks Virginia, I have made the correction and also want to run your letter in this issue of the DEDMON CONNECTION. I realize you are not technically a Dedmon, but your connection to the tree through Thomas is close enough. I found your article very interesting and wanted the other researchers to read it. Of course, you know the spelling of a surname often changed with how folks thought it sounded. That certainly has been true with the Dedmon name. Originally we spelled our name Deadman, just like your son-in-law, Thomas. I just wish I had been into the family research more when I lived in that area. All those years I just kept saying, "I am not kin to Frank and Fred Deadman, they even spell their name wrong".... Then I found out that is the way my ancestors spelled the name. Also, I could have found more information from them....

....Leroy

From the Mail Bag (Continued from page 6)

From: Jackie Bishop
To: gldedmon@alltel.net
Subject: Re: newsletter



Great newsletters and really appreciate your putting in my query about Dedman / Dedmon / Deadmons / — and White's that married. Now, hoping someone will be able to help me.

Wow, great garden and the best of the gardens have the weeds - part of the deal but hey, well worth the effort because look at the outcome. The Dedman /Dedmon/ — book you mentioned by Wanda. Wondered if there's mention of any White's in the book also. If the book has an index would you mind checking?

I'm corresponding with another person with Dedman / Dedmons/ — and Whites so I forwarded your email about the newsletters - hope it was OK

Thanks again for sharing all your hard work - Jackie Mae Bishop

From: Jackie Dedman [JackieD@citicom.com]
Sent: Monday, September 13, 2004 11:41 PM
To: gldedmon@alltel.net
Subject: Re: newsletter

Leroy,

Thanks for the review Aug/Sept Issues. Looks Great as usual.

Funny you should include what I said about Hurricane Frances, as we are supposed to be visited by another one, Ivan in day or two. From the news, looks like he is going to miss us for the most part. . :)

They just said we will still get some high winds and more heavy rain. But that's ok long as the brunt of it misses us, right?

God Bless, Jackie

(As far as I know Jackie and Chuck survived the hurricane, in fact, by now Ivan has passed through. Even us folks here in Georgia felt the effects of that one....LD)

DEATH NOTICES

(Some of the obits in this issue date back a couple of years, but I am including them anyway as they contain a wealth of info.... Leroy)

Rad Foster Dedmon

Rad Foster Dedmon, 81, Salisbury, died Thursday (Jan. 13, 2000) at Rowan Regional Medical Center. Born Nov. 2, 1918, in Davie County, Mr. Dedmon was a son of the late Sallie Foster and Herbert Marshall Dedmon. He was educated in the Davie County schools.

A World War II veteran of the U.S. Army, he landed on Day 1 of the Normandy invasion. He also served in the Korean War and served two terms of duty in the Vietnam War. Mr. Dedmon was owner/operator of Dedmon Sewing Machine Co.

He attended North Creek Primitive Baptist Church in Davie County. He was a member of the Spencer Moose Lodge, the VFW and Spencer American Legion Post No. 241, where he had served as commander and chief. He served on the athletic board of American Legion baseball and coached girls basketball at Spencer School. He was a former member of the Spencer Jaycees.

He is survived by a brother, George Dedmon, of Ringgold, GA., and a sister, Addie Henderson, of Salisbury.

Services: 2 p.m. Sunday, Lyerly Funeral Home's James C. Lyerly Chapel, conducted by the Rev. Claude Aldridge. Members of Spencer Moose Lodge will sit in a group. Burial, Rowan Memorial Park, with military graveside rites conducted by the Rowan County Veterans Council. Visitation: 1-2 p.m. Sunday, at the funeral home.

Memorials: Rowan County Veterans Council, P.O. Box 1054, Salisbury, N.C. 28145-1054.

(Is interesting that I am actually George Dedmon of Ringgold, GA, but am not the brother of Rad. I must meet the real George Dedmon. I have talked to him on the phone.... Rad Dedmon was one of the early researchers and provided me a lot of information as I began....LD)

Annie Belle Dedmon

Annie Belle D. Horne, Jonesville (Dec. 1999)
Annie Belle Dedmon Horne, 80, 115 Hames Ave., died Saturday.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Arnold (Brenda H.) Sanders of Jonesville; sisters, Mary Bradley, Nancy Jolly and Sara Caldwell all of Spartanburg; two grandchildren, Danette Atkins and Suzann Sanders both of Jonesville; two great-granddaughters, Summer Armstrong and Phillip Armstrong of Jonesville.

Visitation: 6:30-8 p.m. tonight at Holcombe's Jonesville Chapel. Graveside service: 11 a.m. Monday in Gilead Baptist Church Cemetery.

Memorials: Gilead Baptist Church Building Fund, 748 Gaffney Highway, Jonesville, SC 29353. Family: 102 Academy St. (*via the Greenville News*)

Mozelle D. McSwain

CHERRYVILLE — Mozelle D. McSwain, 79, 419 Tot Dellinger Road, died Dec. 11, 2000, at Cleveland Regional Medical Center, Shelby. She was a native of Cleveland County, daughter of the late Augustus Clee and Corine Vashtie Wellmon Dedmon, wife of the late J.M. McSwain, retired from textile and sewing manufacturing, member of Mount Zion Baptist Church.

SURVIVORS: Sons and daughters-in-law, John Lewis and Margaret McSwain, Thomas Eugene and Lavonda U. McSwain, Cherryville; daughters and sons-in-law, Mary Helen and Thomas Hinson, Macon, GA., Gail and Ricky B. Ford, Wanda and John W. McLeymore, Cherryville; sisters, Ruby D. Black, Cherryville, Betty D. Frye, Lincolnton; 14 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews

PRECEDED IN DEATH BY: Brothers, Leroy P. and A.C. Dedmon Jr. **FUNERAL:** 2 p.m. Thursday, Mount Zion Baptist Church, Rev. Wayne Key **BURIAL:** Church cemetery **VISITATION:** 6:30-8:30 tonight, Carpenter's Funeral Home; other times at the home

MEMORIALS: Mount Zion Baptist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 579, Cherryville 28021 or Hospice of Gaston County, P.O. Box 3984, Gastonia 28053