

The Dedmon Connection

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Leroy Dedmon

TWO DOWN, TWO TO GO....!!!

In my attempt to catch up the newsletter, I am now working on the February Issue of the CONNECTION. Since we are already in the month of April that makes me still two months behind. I have just recently posted the January issue on the web site. Since I am so far behind, I have not given all of you the “preview” that you usually get. However, if you find something that needs changing, don’t hesitate to let me know. It is never too late to make changes.

This year is off to a fast start and before you know it, we will be looking back on the year 2005, wondering where the time has gone. We have been busy since the first of the year, attending two lecturships at Freed-Hardeman University in Henderson, TN and the East Tennessee School of Preaching and Missions in Knoxville, TN. (Actually East Tennessee was in March) I set up our display and remain on hand to discuss our work..... it’s a great life.... but hey, somebody has to do it!!!!

Jane Dedmon celebrates
birthday....
You're catching up
with me, hun



Jane Dedmon

February 1, 19xx was a “red letter day” for Berlin and Cynthia Glasscock as their first child was born. Jane was the oldest of three children, Ruth and Edward LeBron. On April 5, 1959 she became my bride (a red letter day for me). We are approaching our 46th anniversary. (In fact it has already taken place.) She is the mother of our precious children, Gary and Gwen. We are greatly blessed with three grandchildren: Carrie, Greg and Jonathan and two great grandchildren: Masie and Curt. Those who know us best recognize the organizer and stability of the relationship. She has been my inspiration and encourager for the 45 plus years of preaching the Gospel. She knows how to be a “preacher’s wife”.. She did not marry a preacher as I was a design draftsman with Combustion Engineering in Chattanooga when we married. However, when I decided make the “career change” she was in agreement. I could not have done it without her. For six months we are the same age... then I become older again. I took her out to Provinos for supper on her birthday... No expenses spared... I am a big spender... .. Oh, ok so you know they give a free meal on your birthday... It’s the thought that counts...



It seems like only yesterday when brother McBroom called me and asked if I could preach at Gurley, AL until they could find a preacher!!!

Keep in mind that until that time I had only “filled in” for preachers in the North Alabama area. I was not really a preacher. In fact I sometimes wonder what it takes to be one. I remember several years ago, while at Springfield, TN, I was “arrested” for impersonating a preacher. That’s another story for another day.... Back to this story.....

It began while I was still in High School shortly after I was baptized at the Chattanooga Valley Church of Christ in Flintstone, GA. James Watkins, the preacher that baptized me, had moved to the East Chattanooga congregation, and Lawrence Garmon came to the Valley to be our preacher. Those who remember brother Garmon know that he was strong on preacher training. In the short time he was at the Valley, he had almost every male member of the congregation in the pulpit at one time or another. He instilled into the hearts of the Valley members the importance of preacher training. The last time we counted there was at least a dozen men who are now preaching the Gospel. In fact the current preacher at the Valley, Ried Perry, is “home grown”....

Only eternity will reveal the influence of that man of God, who so unselfishly shared the pulpit with others. I can name several others who preach as a result of his influence from the other places he lived.

In the spring of 1957, it came my “turn” and to say I was nervous is putting it mildly. I remember the title of the sermon, “What Lack I Yet?”. It was from a little tract written by Gynnth Ford, entitled, “Don’t Die On Third”. Since I was an avid baseball fan, I thought that would be a subject I could handle. It was on a Sunday night, I entered the pulpit with a stack of notes six inches high. At least two hours worth of material. It might be my one and only time, I would make the most of it... Two hours was not much for such excellence...I barely stretched it into five minutes. I told this story while preaching in a Gospel Meeting a few years back and was approached by a young man who said smiling, “several of us are

wondering if you will preach that sermon again?” “Which sermon”, I asked. He replied, “That five minute sermon”. “Man”, I thought. “I can’t say hi, how are you in five minutes”. How time does change things....

Jane and I married on April 5, 1959, and moved to Huntsville, Alabama in June of the same year. I was well on my way to a great career in the NASA Space Program. Little did I know what the future held for me..... I latter thought, sending a man to heaven has to be more important that sending a man to the moon.

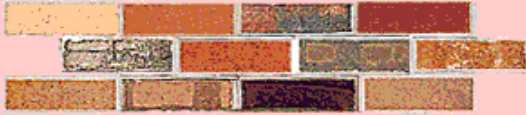
We began the search for a congregation in the Huntsville area to call home. That is not an easy task. One day I ran into Arlen Moore, who had also moved from Chattanooga to work at Redstone Arsenal. He and his wife, Faye, were living in Paint Rock, just east of Huntsville. He invited us to their house on Sunday for dinner and to worship with them at the little congregation in Paint Rock. We were welcomed with open arms and soon placed membership there. We then moved to a little house between Paint Rock and Gurley, Alabama.

We didn’t have preaching on Sunday night and so the men took turns presenting lessons. Since I had the “five minute” sermon available, I volunteered to take my turn. I must have done a little better and they asked me if I would be the “Sunday night preacher”. I agreed and thus actually began my career as a “gospel preacher”. That was about August of 1959.

Word got out somehow and I began getting calls from other congregations in the North Alabama area to “fill in” when their regular preacher was away. Jane recalls the knock on the door and opening it to Jimmy Elkins from the Glovers Chapel congregation. He said, “I understand a “Church of Christ preacher lives here”. She replied, “We are members of the Churh of Christ and my husband does preach some”. ”We need someone to help us Sunday” he said, and continued, “We need him to preach, lead singing and preside at the Lord’s Table.” She asked, would you settle for two out of three?” Leading singing has never been a quality of mine. I tried it once and abut half-way down the page I saw the word REFRAIN... so I stopped... everyone else kept singing...

So, in February 1960, I began preaching at Gurley, AL until they could find a preacher” That took about four years.....

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.

From: Dinah D Huthnance

To: wcoc@mindspring.com

Sent: Monday, March 11, 2002 11:30 AM

Subject: Dedmon family

Mr. Dedmon,

My name is Dinah Brown Dedmon Huthnance, and I am from Dyersburg, Tennessee. First, I'd like to thank you and compliment you for setting up such a wonderful website for our family name! I was so excited to stumble across it (I found it on the search engine www.google.com). I have loved reading about the history of our name, however, there has always been a small piece of information I have been unable to find. Mind you, I have not been researching the Dedmon name for very long, so I might not have looked in enough places. My question is this: have you at any time ever run across a picture of the Dedmon family crest or shield? It's something I'd love to find, if possible, and I know that my family would love to have it, as well. To my knowledge, no one in our family has ever seen what it looks like; and I think it would be such a neat gift for all of us! Again, please let me thank you for the time and work you have devoted to researching our family name. Your efforts and hard work have not gone unnoticed, and are greatly appreciated!! I would also greatly appreciate if you have any information regarding our family crest. Thank you, again!

Dinah Dedmon Huthnance

The West Tennessee Dedmons continue to "elude" us as to exactly how they fit in the family tree. It does appear that they connect to the Christopher Deadman limb. I have not found a family crest. I did find once something about the Dedman family, but I can't locate it now... Maybe some of you can help us in this matter...

Last month we had a couple of letters about Elder Dedmon. From the beginning of my research, I have known of Elder, but have not been able to locate any information on him. In fact some family members are not sure if Elder was his real name or a nick-name or maybe a title. Because of what we know, or at least what we have heard, I don't think it is a title, or at least a religious title. Here is my letter to Cathy Nivens in answer to her first inquiry. You can tell from the date and email how far behind I am in publishing inquiries in the newsletter.

From: Leroy Dedmon

[minister@mindspring.com]

Sent: Wednesday, February 13, 2002

To: Cathy Nivens

Subject: Re: FAMILY HISTORY HELP!!!

Cathy, do you have the family info back to Elder... I am checking the possibilities... I have a James A. Dedmon with his birth listed as 1892, I am checking the sources on him... The A could be an E and the date could be wrong... I have nothing on him as to his wife and children... His father was born in GA and married a GA girl and they moved to Oklahoma... not sure when... Also, I am looking at all the Dedmons born approx 20-30 years prior to James Elder to see which ones I have nothing on... Leroy

From: "Cathy Nivens"

[cathy.nivens@mail.state.ar.us]

Dear Leroy,

Thank you for your quick reply. After carefully looking at the picture on the web page of Judson's general store, I gave it to my mother yesterday and she looked it over. The fellow standing the fourth from the right with a hat on (the short fellow standing right behind the man with his arms crossed over his chest) could pass for Elder at a young age. This weekend we have some family visiting from out of state, and I will be sharing my current info with them. I thank you for your bits of news so far, and I will be e-mailing you next week with maybe some more news and maybe I can get my mom's old pictures sent to you for further inspection. Thanks again and I will talk to you soon.

Sincerely,

Cathy Nivens

From: Gigi7398@aol.com

Subject: she wanted to be more colorful



*Masie Jane Webb
(alias the Smurf)*

I laughed 'til I cried when Gwen (my daughter) sent this photo. It seems that Carrie (my grand daughter) took a nap while Masie (my great grand daughter) entertained herself by applying magic markers to her skin. It took several baths to remove all the evidence. Masie won't talk to us about this incident, so we are "in the dark" as to why she may have done it... .. who knows...

From: Jim & Mary Dedmon

To: minister@mindspring.com

Subject: Family tree

Hello Leroy My name is jim Dedmon from Radcliff Ky. We were in contact a year or so ago and I promised to get you a list of my siblings for the family tree. It has been a hassle getting it on my computer I even had to get a new one before I could get it done. I now have a web page James Ray Dedmon of Radcliff Kentucky on family Tree Maker and it is on the World Family Tree. I hope you can pick at least one page up so you can add us to your master plan. Thanks Jim Dedmon

This e-mail may have appeared in another issue, but I am including it here to re-open communication with Jim as I have not heard from him in a while. After a little search I was able to find his web page., located at <http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/d/e/d/James-R-Dedmon/index.html>

From: GaryDedmon@aol.com

Subject: grand mother

Grandmother Dedmon

When I was just a tot
no matter how hot
You pitched untill I learned to hit
You did not need a mitt
but more important your love
showed me you did not need a glove
I will never forget the days
in the summer we had fun always
love always, Gary Dedmon



From the Mail Bag

From: Carl W. Smith

Subject: Dedmon Tree

I am Carl W. Smith, my mother's maiden name was Jewel Dedmon, Daughter of Lawrence and Lillie Dedmon and Sister to Ted and Denver Dedmon. I ran across this page surfing the net and am interested in the Dedmon tree. I have not had time to look over all of the descendents of John Deadman yet, but I find what I see to be very interesting. If you want, I will send information concerning my children and grandchildren that seems to be missing, so let me know.

I will be in touch.

Thanks for your information.

Carl & Vera Smith

csmith@moby.net



From: RUTH & DON SHEPPARD

[mailto:WAShep@attbi.com]

To: minister@mindspring.com

Subject: The Dedmon Connection picture

Hello! I have corresponded with you in the past. My husband's mother was a Dedmon. Ike Dedmon was her grandfather. I noticed a picture of Ike Dedmon and family in the 2001 Newsletter. You seem certain that this is him. I was wondering where the picture came from? We have pictures of Ike and family when they were older but none this young. The older woman looks like Ike's wife Addie. Do you know if she is Addie's mother? She and her ancestors are a real roadblock for us. It would be great to think that we have a picture of Addie's mother. I enlarged your picture and compared one I have of Addie when her children were grown and she looks a great deal like this older woman.

Thank you for you newsletter. We really enjoy it. I am looking forward to the next issue. Do you have any other pictures of the line going back from Ike?

Thanks!

Ruth Sheppard

DISTANT COUSINS ONCE REMOVED??

We have many relatives with surnames other than Dedmon. I receive many inquiries regarding these. In some cases I have a connection and in many others, I don't even have a clue. Maybe you do.

From: <CandLFORD@cs.com> To: <minister@mindspring.com>

Dear Minister,

Do you have anything on William Francis Du Vall's father Ephraim B: 1815 Maryland or his mother Mary Jane Lattimore B:1826 in Pennsylvania? We follow Nora Francis DuVall who married George Edward Fuller whose daughter Mildred Mae Fuller Ford is my Mother. Are we of Maureen?? Haven't found any connection??? Been researching the Duvalls for a few years and still am searching for old Ephraim. Anyway, I have been to the Bethesda Ebenezer Cemetery and found William Ernest and Rosie Duvall's stone. Would you know where Thomas and Mary Aretta Fluharty are buried? Thanks so much. Cecil Ford

Oddly enough, there are Duvalls in the North Georgia Area. I know a few who are related. However, this connection is actually through my daughter-in-law, Diane Toothman Dedmon on her father's side.. He was from West Virginia and related to the Fluharty family.

From: bspivey
[mailto:bspivey@nctc.com]

Subject: William Marshal
Brown

I saw your posting at Ancestry.com. William Marshal Brown's parents were William Wade Brown born on April 03, 1828 Jackson Co., TN died March 24, 1917 and Aletha G."Sally" Ragland born February 24, 1835 Jackson Co., TN died April 20, 1887 Jackson Co., TN. William Wade Brown and Aletha Ragland were my 2nd great grandparents. Connie

This connection is also through my daughter-in-law, but on her mother's side. In fact, I am told that this side of her family can be traced back to Daniel Boone... .. interesting.....

From: Larry Walker

To: minister@mindspring.com

Subject: Walker County Georgia - Family History

TO: Leroy Dedmon;

My name is Larry Walker. I am working on putting together my family history. It is my understanding that you have done some research on surname "Walker" in Walker County, Georgia. Can you please share with me what you have or direct me to another source.

Thank you!

LarryWalker

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larrywalker@mac.com

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From:Lori Lewis

<sassybloomers65@yahoo.com>

To: <minister@mindspring.com>

Subject: Patterson/Dedmon Family tree

Hi!!! My sister J. Jennings wrote to you about our family (Patterson). My name is Lori Lewis and I am also Jeri D. Schaper/Hunter's Daughter. I don't know everything that you know, but I will try to help you fill in where you don't know. My Mother has 4 other sisters, daughters of William Hunter and Hazel Hunter/Patterson. There are Betty Lou Salazar/Hunter (oldest), Patricia Lecretia Sanatra/Hunter(second oldest), Luise Dunn/Hunter(third oldest), Jeri Dian Schaper/Hunter (fourth oldest), and Judith Young/Hunter(the youngest). I talk to my Aunt Judy a lot so I will ask her about what she knows. I hope this part has helped, if not feel free to ask me anything..... I think this is great what your doing.....

Lori Lewis

My grandmother was Alice Walker. I have very little information on her family. I know about four Walker families from the Walker-Catoosa County area... Some day I plan to research this side of family. --Leroy

Fleeta Dedmon married Ebenezer Patterson around the turn of the century. I think this particular connection goes back to her family. I do have some information on the Hunters and Jennings... The reason I created the Dedmon Family Web Site is due to this particular reason... It is much easier for the kin who are not Dedmons to find me....

From: LDedmon5@aol.com
To: GLDEDMON@aol.com
Subject: A question.

Mr. Dedmon,

I don't know if you will be able to help me or not. Or even if you would want to, but I would like to ask you a few questions. My name is Lisa Dedmon. I am an African-American. My great-great grandfather's name was Henry Dedmon. Because he was born a slave and freed under the emancipation proclamation it has been extremely hard to trace my ancestry because of the lack of information. I do know that his father John Dedmon (a white man) was from the Nacagdoches area in Texas, maybe even Grimes county to be more specific. If you have any ideas of how I can obtain this information or what direction I could possibly go in, I would greatly appreciate it. Thanks and God bless. ...Lisa

Of course we are glad to hear from you Lisa. You can't change history and whether or not we agree with the actions of the past does not change them. I for one am glad to live in a time when the color of one's skin does not really matter. I am not saying all prejudice is gone as it is not, but I for one do not support mistreatment of anyone for any reason. The past is just that, the past. I must have sent her some info, but at this time, I do not know what I sent...

From: LDedmon5@aol.com
To: GLDEDMON@aol.com
Subject: Re: A question

Leroy,

Thanks for your help. I really appreciate it. I had hit a dead end road. Here's the information that I have. I know the birth date is correct, but I have no information on John Dedmon. HENRY Dedmon (1859-1932) was born in Texas on March 3, 1859 and died in 1932. His funeral was held in Muskogee, Oklahoma, at Peoples Funeral Home. He was freed by the Presidential Emancipation Proclamation Grimes County, Texas, Confederate State. He married CARRIE SMART Dedmon on December 24, 1881 in Grimes County, Texas (Galveston). Henry died April 5, 1932 in Arkansas Valley, Oklahoma, at 73 years of age. Mother and Father of Henry Dedmon are JOHN Dedmon and HAGAN SMOOTON Dedmon. She was born in Georgia. Thanks again for your help.

Lisa Dedmon

From: Gayle Sparks
[mailto:ggparrish@hotmail.com]
To: minister@mindspring.com
Subject: Re: family

Leroy,

No I'm not kin to Joyce. Sparks is my married name. I was a Parrish before. My mother is Mary Lee (Elliott) Parrish. Her mother was Minnie Zora Lee (Dedmon) Elliott. Zora Lee's dad was Thomas Dedmon (Lon). My aunt Nelda Sue who is my mother's sister could tell you more she has done history on the family. Gayle

This letter from Gayle was in answer to the following letter that I had sent her in response to her first inquiry.. I am not able to locate that letter. It is possible that I have already printed it in a previous newsletter.

From: "Leroy Dedmon"
minister@mindspring.com>
To: <ggparrish@hotmail.com>
Subject: family

Well I always wondered what excuse I would need for visiting the New England States and now my cousin contacts me... Would you please send me more info of your family... are you related to Joyce Sparks... Leroy

Joyce Sparks is a family member related to James Lee Dedmond (a segment of the family who adds the "d" to the end of the name). I have not heard from them lately and thought that just maybe there was a connection here.

Name: Richard & Patty Dedmon
E-Mail: dedmonprop@aol.com
Comments: My husband's dad is Don Dedmon and his dad was Glen Dedmon. We are from San Diego County CA.

It is good to hear from cousins you have not met. Richard and I are cousins six different ways. The closest is 3rd cousin twice removed. We are also 13th cousins. His great-great grand father was born here in Georgia, but was among those who moved to Arkansas, where he died in 1889. I am sure when those family members went West they intended to return to Georgia at some point in time. After all there is nothing that indicates they were not of sound mind.

From: <ac13ac87@hotmail.com>
To: <minister@mindspring.com>
I'm a Dedmon from Shelby N.C.



My grandfather was A.V.
Dedmon My Grandmother is
Lizzie Lee Kedrick Dedmon. My grandfather died when I was only one year old, but my grandmother celebrated her 97th birthday on Dec. 4, 2001. I would love to know if we are of the same Dedmon tree. Please email me @ Dedmon@aol.com if you have any info. on my family tree. Thank you,
Sincerely, Lynda Demon

It is no secret that I am waaaaaaaay behind in publishing all the enquiries that I have in my possession. I am not sure if Lizzie Lee is still living or not. I tried to search the name to see if I have recieved any information about her the last couple of years.... I am sure Danny McBee will let me know once he reads this...

From: "Teresa Bean" <tmbear@comcast.net>
To: <minister@mindspring.com>
Subject: New Email Address
Hello Everyone,

I now have high speed internet access, which means that my email address has changed once again. The new address is tmbear@comcast.net. Hopefully there will be no more changes in computers or internet accounts for me for a long time to come. I hope everyone is doing fine. Drop me a few lines if I haven't heard from you in awhile.
Teresa

And a Georgia hello to you Teresa. I had wondered what happened to Teresa. She provided some very valuable research early on in regard to some of our ancestors. If I remember correctly it had to do with James Bowen or Bowman and his relationship to the Dedmons. In searching my data base, I could not find Teresa. Could it be that she never sent me her family information that connects her to the family tree. There was another lady in Mississippi, that I talked to about the family tree when I first began my project. Now I can't remember who that was.. I know that Jim Dedmon knows her... and I have not heard from him in over a year... Maybe I will now....

From: Randy Hovis
To: minister@mindspring.com
Subject: Dedmons

Just thought I'd give you an update. My mom is Minnie Virginia Dedmon Link, daughter of Martin Luther Dedmon and Hattie Mae Baxter. She went by "Virginia". Mom died 08-22-2001 in Lincoln County, NC. The descendants of Luther and Hattie have been gathering about three times a year trying to build up some interest in maintaining family ties. I took some pictures to the last one (which was about two weeks ago) and Ruby identified the man in one as RY, Jr. He was in his coffin. There is a picture of all Luther's kids taken around 1940 or so and one or two really old folks taken the same day that Ruby couldn't identify. Just know they are relatives, too. Photo was taken in front of Luther's house.
Pat (Patricia Virginia Link Hovis)

It was good to hear from Pat again. She has been very helpful in providing family information on her limb of the tree. However, she has not sent me any of the aforementioned pictures.. (hint hint!!!!) and that goes for the rest of you procrastinating Dedmons.... Or should I just say Dedmons? It seems that being a Dedmon and procrastinating is synonymous...

From: JOYCEMMCENTIRE@aol.com
To: minister@mindspring.com
Subject: McEntire Family History
Hello,

I am doing research on the McEntire family and wonder if you have anything on Hezekiah McEntire. His daughter, Mary Elisabeth is my husband's grandmother and we are searching for her ancestors. I noticed you have Alonzo H. McEntire, and wonder if that could possibly be the one I am searching for. Send me anything you have on the McEntires and I will be most grateful. Thank you.
Joyce McEntire

The McEntire family crosses the Dedmon family several times... In fact, my great-grandfather was married to Ellender McEntire and after her death he married my great-grandmother.

JUST FOR YOUR INFORMATION



From: "Jim Dedman"
<jdedman4@yahoo.com>
To: <minister@mindspring.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2002 4:21 PM
Subject: What's new?

Just wanted to let you know that I graduated from Baylor Law School a few weeks ago and just finished the Texas bar examination. Not fun. In September, I'll be off to Houston to serve as a brief attorney for the Fourteenth Court of Appeals.

I realize this message is several years old by now, but it is still good information. I have not heard from Jim in a while and was wondering what he was up to... You can keep up with him a little by visiting his web page at <http://www.jdedman.com/>

From: <Skylerdeannndra@aol.com>
To: <minister@mindspring.com>
Subject: Re: deadmond line
Leroy,

Martha's father, according to info from my mother, was James Deadmond born 1842 Aug, and died June 1937. He was married to Margaret Johnson. --Laura

I am sure there was other exchanges, but I have not been able to locate them at this time. Maybe these names will "ring a bell" and somebody will send me the needed information to connect. Don't laugh folks, you will get there some day... My senior moments sometimes are extended to days. But look on the bright side... I can hide my own easter eggs.....

I COULD USE YOUR HELP

I need some articles and pictures of the Dedmon and related families.... I want this newsletter to be more than just information on my personal family. Send some articles for the "Down Memory Lane" and the "Brick Wall" columns and anything else you may have.

From: Worshamchris@aol.com
To: GLDEDMON@aol.com
Subject: Re: newsletter

Hello,
I didn't know the name Dedmon was popular. My Father's name is Edgar Gene Dedmon. His mothers name was Nellie Dedmon and his father's name is Bob Dedmon. I don't know their full names but I will get back to you with that. We are originally from Oklahoma. And that's where most the the Dedmon's live - Texas too. I don't know if we are related, but would be interesting to find out.

Thanks
Chris

Name: Bruce E Dedmon
E-Mail: brucededmon@hotmail.com
Location: Jacksonville, FL
Comments: I am the son of Charles B. Dedmon and I also have two sisters, Chalotte Minor and Charlene O'Donnel.I never knew so many Dedmons were out there.

Name: Misty Dedmon
E-Mail: mistydedmon@grandecom.com
Location: TEXAS
Comments: I'm the only Dedmon in Texas that I can find! How exciting to see a page dedicated to the name!

I remember when I started the family research project. I thought I knew all the Dedmons in the United States. It was not long until I realized that I did not know all the Dedmons in the State of Georgia. I do recall the excitement of finding Jim Dedmon in California and Danny McBee in North Carolina. Then there is the Florida family. We have had two reunions and I still don't even know all the decendants of my great grandfather. I created the web page so you could find me and that you have!!! I now have over 12,000 family members in my data-base. The earliest record dates to the year of 1440. We have almost almost 2,300 different surnames. Of course Dedmon has about five spelling variations. Little did I know there was so many of us.....