

# The Dedmon Connection

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Leroy  
Dedmon

## BUSY, BUSY, BUSY....

Well, here we are into the “second quarter” of the year, and time just keeps on ticking. Hey, there are no complaints here, I am just thankful I can still hear the clock tick. That seems kinda strange for Jane says that I can’t hear the alarm. I think that is because it usually rings while I am asleep.

We are busy here at the “sanctuary”(the name Jane and I have given to our home place). Our friends from Mexico, (the Tech family) Moises, his son Moises, Jr. and son-in-law Jaun are helping plant the garden. The Techs are members of the church at Woodstock. I don’t know what I would do without them. They came into our lives as a result of the Spanish Ministry, which was begun while I was the preacher at the Woodstock congregation.

## Happy Birthday Jonathan....

It was April 20, 1987 when our third and last grandchild was born. He was named Jonathan Patrick Dedmon. It is hard to believe he is 18 years old. He was the second and last child of our son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Diane (Toothman) Dedmon.



I remember as young boys, Jonathan and his older brother Greg came to visit and stay a few days. On about the third day one of them did something that called for my correction. I must have sounded a little “rough” to them as Jonathan said,

“Granddaddy, you were happy the first day we were here”.....that was the time he hid from us and we searched in vain for more than an hour to find him. I finally said to Greg and Carrie (our granddaughter), “well, let’s just go to the Dairy Queen and look for him when we return” ...He appeared!!!!

Jonathan will finish High School next month, so I will publish his picture in a little larger format in the May issue.

This was about the time I took all three of them to the Cracker Barrell to treat them to real treat. The CB had a special on root beer, and since none of them had tasted it, I orderd all of us a “frosty mug” of root beer. This brought back wonderful memories of my own childhood. It was considered a royal treat to drive up Rossville Blvd. to the S&W Root Beer Drive-in... Oh the shades of yesteryear.

Well back to our story.... As we were leaving the CB, I noticed a special on a large bottle of the beloved root beer. It must have been a two liter bottle, or maybe a quart... Anyway, I bought Jonathan the advertised special. It seems he was the one who made the biggest fuss over the new found drink... He, of course, was going to save it for future celebration.

About six months later, Gary called to inform me that Jonathan had drunk “the whole thing” and from the description it had spoiled. He became very sick and was taken to the hospital where they pumped his stomach. Upon returning home, Gary picked up the almost empty bottle and smelled the contents. The foul odor indicated it had fermented or something. The taste was horrible. Gary then asked Jonathan, “Did you not realize how bad it tasted?” Jonathan replied, “Dad, that stuff always tastes bad.....



*I received this from Danny McBee after he read the last issue, Volume 34. I thought it served for our memory lane stroll...      ... L e r o y*

Leroy, excellent as always. My mom's Dedmond family is gone now. Aunt Agnes Dedmond Falls and Aunt Gussie Dedmond Enloe were the last to die. Agnes on September 22, 2004 at age 88 and Gussie on November 12, 2004 at age 96. I still have my Uncle Earl Sams who was married to my mother's baby sister Martha Dedmond Sams who passed away December 14, 1999. I also have my Aunt Hazel Neely Dedmond who was married to my mother's baby brother Tony Ray Dedmond who died December 21, 1991. I calculated the other night that I had 27 Dedmond cousins. My grandfather William Haley Dedmond and my grandmother Mary Ellen Todd Dedmond had 37 grandchildren. My mom contributed 10 of those grandchildren. 29 of the 37 grandchildren are still alive. I have lost two brothers and one sister. It amazes me at how quickly time passes and we are the older generation now. I am truly proud of my Dedmond heritage. Earlier this month, I went to Ellenboro and visited the gravesite of my great-great-grandmother Sarah Caton Dedmond. She was the wife of William Henry Dedmond. She was born December 22, 1822 and died February 4, 1897. She is buried in the Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery in Ellenboro, North Carolina. She has an old marker that is about 3 feet high, about 6 inches on each side. It was very scaly but completely readable. Very worn from age. This was the first time I had ever visited the gravesite. I found it very quickly as I was looking for an old marker and it stood out among a lot of the new markers in the cemetery. I took pictures of it. The name was spelled Dedmond. My grandfather's name is spelled Dedmond. My great grandfather's name was spelled Deadmon on his marker. Hello to all of my Dedmon/Dedman/Deadmon/Dedmond/Deadman and Deadmond cousins. Danny A. McBee, Deadman historian  
**Danny may be contacted at [McBee49@aol.com](mailto:McBee49@aol.com).**

## I GUESS I ARE ONE....

Jeff Foxworthy said if you knew how many vienna sausages were in a can you are a redneck!!! I laughed and then realized...I knew!!! There are seven... six around the edge and one in the middle. When I asked my brother if he knew he said there were six..... Upon quizzing him as to why he thought there were six, he said, "that's easy, growing up we always split a can and I always got three..."

Several years ago I created a character, which I named, "Preecher Alfalfa Hayseed"... He became the personality under which I do my comedy acts. In a sense he is more popular than I am. Some of you may remember him at the reunions.

Here is the bio I created for him:

"Preecher Alfalfa Hayseed was born at the foot of Taylor's Ridge in Houston Valley, in Catoosa County near Ringgold, GA. He has preached in such places as: *Keel Mt, Gurley, Gossburg, Curlee, Noah, Beech Grove, Shady Grove, Gnat Hill, Cheap Hill, Lumley Stand, Pocohontas, Bearwallow, Greenfield, and Bean's Creek*...From getting both

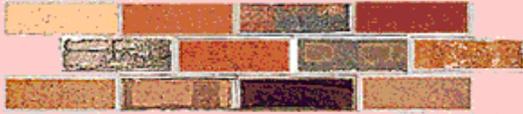


ALFALFA HAYSEED

eyes blacked in church to the preaching of the funeral of the town "reprobate" He reminds us of the humor found in life's experiences. "Preecher" Hayseed says he can remember when it was tradition to take the preacher home for dinner on Sunday. One he says he misses with mixed emotion."

Those churches are real places.... I have preached in all the locations. More than four decades of preaching the gospel has brought many humorous events into my life. Things are always hilarious when you are not supposed to laugh. Of course we all know that "preacher stories" may or may not have actually happened, but we know ..... **THEY COULD HAVE HAPPENED!** I am reminded of the radio preacher who was really into his sermon and with a rather loud voice said, "Folks, I am not just preaching, I AM TELLING THE TRUTH!!!! I believe laughter is "good for the soul"... I created the "Hayseed" character to help us see the humor in life.

## 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.*

Name: Mark Dedmon

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Location: San Antonio, Texas

Hi, I'm not sure if we are related or not. I was born in Phoenix, Arizona on 4-14-65 to Harvey Dedmon and Lois Fuqua (Dedmon). My parents are from Seminole, Oklahoma. I think my Dad was actually adopted into the "Dedmon" family by a "heavy" Dedmon. I'm really not sure. Does any of this line up with your records? I may or may not be a "blood relative" of the Dedmon's, but it's the only name I have ever known and I carry it proudly.

Thank you,  
Mark K. Dedmon

*I have no doubt that we are "blood" relatives. However, to connect to the tree, we need a little more information. but I am sure some of the family researchers will come through on this. Mark or Marcus is a very popular family name as our ancestry has no less than ten in it. Mark was the first of the family members that is recorded to spell our surnam D-E-D-M-O-N. Another Mark is reported to have been killed by Revenue Officers near where I live on Taylor's Ridge. It is hard to believe any of the Dedmon ancestors would have been involved in such an activity. (Maybe he just sold it, surely he didn't drink it.) I wrote at length about this in an earlier issue, but to date we have no new leads on which Mark this was.... It is my intention to do more research on this story and find the correct Mark that is attached to it.*

*As far as the "heavy" Dedmon, there are several of us that qualify. I looked at one of those "height/weight" charts the other day and discovered I am at least 6 inches too short....*

*...Leroy*

Name: Carol Cameron

E-Mail: [ccameronwillow@yahoo.com](mailto:ccameronwillow@yahoo.com)

Location: Fort Worth, Texas

**Comments:** My grandfather was William McKinley Dedmon, b. 09-16-1900, d. 01-25-1966. He married Mary Elizabeth Hodges. They had three children, Venita Mae, William Harold and Barbara Joan. The story is his family moved to Texas from Tennessee around 1914-1917. His parents were Will and Ollie (Crumby) Dedmon. There is a Will Dedmon buried in Able Springs Cemetery near Lake Tawakoni in East Texas. Other children of Will and Ollie were Myrtle, Bessie, and Doss. Any info you can share will be welcome. Thanks.

Name: Jonny Bicknell

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Location: Arkansas

**Comments:** I am in search of info on my husband's late grandfather, Eber Jack Dedman. He died in Shreveport in January 1988. I believe he was 93 years old at that time, so he was probably born in 1894 or 1895. He was married to Mollie Boardman. (year unknown). I believe they only had one child, Mollie Francis who is my husband's mother.

Name: Ruthie Winstead

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Location: Jackson Tn

**Comments:** My mother's maiden name is Dedmon. She is the child of Thomas and Margaret Dedmon. Im trying to find any information to help her with our family tree. We came from West TN

*I knew a Winstead that married a Dedmon in West TN. Her name was Trish, probably short for Patricia. Her parents were my friends from the Springfield church. She married John Dedmon and the last I heard they were living in Jackson, TN.*

*These three inquiries were taken from the guest book. I have placed them here hoping some of you will have information regarding the missing "links".*

**From:** [Fbell75@aol.com](mailto:Fbell75@aol.com)  
**To:** [minister@mindspring.com](mailto:minister@mindspring.com)  
**Subject:** Re: family

## From the Mail Bag



Children of Mary Dedmon and John Wood: Bedia Alice Wood b. 1859 m. John Robinett b. abt. 1855 d. 1938 William Seneca Wood b. May 8 1853 d. Aug 21 1926 m. Missouri Ann Buttcher b. May 5 1858 d. Nov. 21 1937 Martha S. Wood b. Nov. 16 1855 m. Joseph A. Welch b. 1850 Henry Dallas Wood b. July 6 1859 d. 1950 m. Agness Ellis b. 1864... Children of William Wood and Missouri Bulter: Dora A. Wood b. Feb 26 1876 Hattie Wood b. May 2 1879 Maude Wood b. Dec. 14 1883 Cree Ethel Wood b. Feb. 26 1885 Fred Mabon Wood b. Oct 8 1887 Verb Wood b. Jan. 25 1890 Ezra Guy Wood b. April 30 1892 Essie Iris Wood b. Aug 28 2894... Children of Martha S. Wood and Joseph Welch: John Claiborn Welch... Children of Hartwell P Dedmon and Amy Bulter: Columbus Washington Grant Dedmon b. 1865 Amy Lois Dedmon b. 1867 William Newton Asbury Dedmon b. 1869 Seneca N. D. Dedmon b. 1872 Martin J. M. Dedmon b. 1874 Beady Dora Belle Dedmon b. 1876 Henry A. Dedmon b. 1879 Adeline Dedmon b. 1881.. I have more on the Wood line if you want it.... Cindy

*Thanks Cindy for the information and I welcome more material. Mary Dedmon is the daughter of Seneca Dedmon.... See article on page 3 of issue 34. We are still searching for Seneca's ancestors.*

**From:** [Fbell75@aol.com](mailto:Fbell75@aol.com)  
**To:** [minister@mindspring.com](mailto:minister@mindspring.com)  
**Subject:** Re: family

Hi Here goes... William Pettypool b. 1560 —England m. Margaret Redman Samuel Pettypool b. 1595 England m. Alice Jackson William Pettypool b. Oct 20 1630 England m. Ann Pharham Smith William Pettypool b. 1660 England m. Elizabeth Tucker William Pettypool b. abt. 1700 Prince George Co. Va. d. 1738-87 Lunenburg Co. Va. m. France Talley b. abt 1700 Frederick Pettypool b. abt. 1732 Lunenburg Co. Va. wife unknown Henry Pettypool b. abt . 1761 Dinwiddie Co. Va. d. abt. 1833 Ill. m.(1) Jenny Green (children) Nathan Pettypool 3 more unknown. M.(2) Margaret Tarbutton b. abt. 1784 Richmond Co. N.C. d. 1848 Wright Co. Mo. (children) Abraham Pettypool b. July 13 1817 Ga. Isham Pettypool b. 1802 Watauga Co. N.C. Robert Pettypool b. March 16 1805 Watauge Co.N.C. Seth P'Pool b. Oct. 12 1818 unknown Frances P'Pool b. 1800 unknown Joseph P'Pool b. abt. 1807 unknown Obedience (Bedie) P'Pool b. Nov. 8 1809 Watauge Co. N.C. d. Feb 21 1898 Wright Co. Mo. Annis P'Pool b. Oct 22 1814 Watauge Co. N.C. Mary (Pops) P'Pool b. April 22 1822 Hall Co. Ga. Sarah Elizabeth P'Pool b. Oct. 8 1824 Habersham Ga. Nancy P'Pool b. 1829 Ga.

From: <[Fbell75@aol.com](mailto:Fbell75@aol.com)>  
To: <[minister@mindspring.com](mailto:minister@mindspring.com)>  
Sent: Sunday, December 23, 2001 6:10 PM  
Subject: Re: family

Hi I'm sorry to say I have nothing on the Dedmons before Senneca. The P'Pool was taken from Pettypool and was shortened by a lot of the family. Some shortened it to Pool, Poole and P'Pool, but it was Pettypool. And as far as I can find Obedience was her given name and she was called Beadie. I have some info on the descents of this line if interested. Sorry I couldn't help more  
Cindy Bell

*This is the ancestors and decedents of Beda Pettypool, the wife of Seneca Dedmon. Maybe someone in this line can provide information on Seneca and Beda....*

*I did a bit of research on the name "Seneca" and found a couple of interesting items:*

*There is a city in South Carolina by that name. Could Seneca's parents have been from there?*

*Also, there was an Indian tribe by the name Seneca. There has been a lot of speculation that Seneca may have been of Indian descent.*

*This is just something to think about as the ancestors of Seneca still remain a mystery.*

From: Chris McDonald  
[mailto:mcdo1196@bellsouth.net]  
To: gldedmon@alltel.net  
Subject: Deadman family

Several months ago, I happened across a deadman, etc. site that also had links to the Capehart family tree. I did again find the home page with the original homestead on it, but the Capehart family links are no longer there. I was in contact with a gentleman from Arizona (I believe) but cannot remember his name or address as my computer crashed royally after I made contact with him. I was in the process of gathering information and pictures on my oldest daughter's family (I was formerly married to a Capehart). I wanted to send them everything and now I can't find the page. Can you give me any information on him? I would appreciate it.  
Regards, Christine A. McDonald

**My reply:**

Chris, My aunt was married to a Capehart.. see my newsletter volume 22 Page 2 and page 4: <http://dedmon.org/connection/connection22.pdf>  
Also I have Capehart info on my surname page: <http://dedmon.org/html/index/ind0048.html#I07376>  
This is the first page, and I think there are 3 pages.. I suspect you were in touch with Tramel Lindsey... the link is: <http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/l/i/n/Trammell-E-Lindsey/index.html...> Where does your family connect.. Leroy

**Her answer:**

Leroy: I was married to William Raymond Capehart who was the son of William Leonard Capehart and Elizabeth Buffington. William Capehart's mother was Martha Dunn from Wood's Station. My daughter is half-sister to Kelli Capehart. I had been working on my family's genealogy and wanted to do one for her and lo and behold I was just messing around one day on Yahoo and there was her whole family heritage laid out before me. The Buffington's lived in Ringgold in the late 50s. This is kind of sketchy because I haven't had my coffee yet. I will check these sites out and get back to you. If you want the information I have to fit in your info, please let me know. I was so afraid I had lost contact with everything and wouldn't be able to do this for her. Best regards,  
--Christine McDonald

From: JWHenson  
[mailto:henson3@chattanooga.net]  
To: gldedmon@alltel.net  
Subject: Re: Dedmon Connection #21

Dear Leroy: What a wonderful issue of the Dedmon Connection. It is OK to publish my eMail as written on page 8. Hope to see you sometime soon.  
--JWHenson

*It was good to hear from John Henson. I met him just prior to our first Dedmon Reunion after having talked to him on the phone. He called in reference to his family connection on the Dedmon tree. As it turned out he is also kin through my mother's side of the family (Dickson). His Dedmon connection, Hannah Dedmon was my father's great aunt, and my mother's great grandmother. Family Tree Maker shows us kin five different ways:*

- 1) - Half 3rd cousin*
- (2) - 3rd cousin once removed*
- (3) - 11th cousin twice removed*
- (4) 12th cousin*
- and (5) 12th cousin once removed.*



JOHN W HENSON III

*So John is truly a cousin of mine. Even more than a cousin he is a friend. I appreciate all the good work he has done in family research. He has published several books on the Edgemon family. His mother was the daughter of Carrie Elizabeth Dedmon and Samuel Huston (Huse) Edgemon. It was my intention to visit John immediately following my retirement and moving back to the Chattanooga area. To date I am still procrastinating.*

*John is married to Audery Bernice (Gackenheimer) Henson. They have two children: John William Henson IV (a Neuro-oncologist at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, specializing in Brain Tumor treatment and research), and Shandelle Marie Henson (an associate Professor of Mathematics at Andrews University where she teaches and conducts mathematical research in Dynamical Systems).*

*You may visit his web page at:  
<http://home.chattanooga.net/~henson3/>*

**From:** Carole [mailto:carolet@xtn.net]

**To:** gldedmon@alltel.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 online 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](http://pages.xtn.net/~carolet/James_Thomason.html)

*I have indeed added the link to the web page and delighted to do it. This is the way we find our family. Carole is of course a descendent of Cavender and Rebecca Deadman (the daughter of Edmond Deadman)... Carole is also the proof reader of the DEDMON CONNECTION. I appreciate her willingness to do this.*

*I am not sure I have made all the corrections, but will do so ASAP. I do know that I have not sent corrected copies to the internet. In fact this is one of the more difficult things associated with my project. Keeping all the references up to date is next to impossible. Once incorrect informaton is published, someone else may copy and republish it on their wb space. So by the time three or four do this it appears in several places. Then when a corrected copy is published, it is not always known by everyone.....*

*This note was also taken from the guest book. You may visit the book by clicking on the appropriate link from the home page at dedmon.org. Or you may go directly there by typing in the address below into your browser.*

<http://www.htmlgear.tripod.com/guest/control.guest?u=dedmon-leroy&a=view&i=1001&r=http://dedmon.org/indexa.html>

**Name:** Adam Yancey Dedmon

**E-Mail:** [ayd001@uncp.edu](mailto:ayd001@uncp.edu)

**Location:** Rutherfordon, NC

**Comments:** I'm 20 yrs. old and I thought it would be interesting to find out about my family name. My grandfather's name is A.F. Dedmon, his father name is Fred Yancey Dedmon, and his father is Rufus Yancey Dedmon. Me and my father Alton Frank Dedmon have traced our name back to John Mark Dedmon who fought at the Battle of Cowpens, S.C. This is as far as we could trace back. If you have any info. about this or would just like to say hey you can contact us at [ayd001@uncp.edu](mailto:ayd001@uncp.edu). This is a very interesting website.

*Thanks Adam,*

*I assume by now you have discovered the links beyond Mark Dedmon. Since Mark is the first recorded D E D M O N spelling, research often stops there until that very important bit of information is realized.*

*I have often wondered if the change of spelling was a very deliberate action on his part or if it somehow was misspelled on the military documents. It is thought that his ancestors, including his father, were Tories. This appears to be fact. That being true, maybe Mark was looked upon as a "traitor" by his folks. Thus the change in spelling may have been initiated by this.*

*Other change in spellings have been recorded. In fact, the thought just occurred that it might make for an interesting article to discover how many and why of such instances.*

*So, get to work and find as many of these as possible and send them to me.*

*...Leroy*

From: Dedmon@yahoo.com  
Behalf of Tabitha Nelson  
To: Dedmon@yahoo.com  
Subject: [Dedmon] pictures  
bambi\_44706@yahoo.com

Just a note Katies pics when she turned one and the last pic is me, Tabitha, my hubby, Donald, my mom Holly Dedmon-Gilmore my stepfather Danny my brother Russell and my sister in law Kathi.



# Family Reunion....

The descendants of John Marion Dickson are hosting a family reunion  
*(but other Dickson's (Dixon) are invited and welcome)*

When? Oct. 15, 2005

Where? 497 Dickson Rd

(The home of Ruby Dickson Dedmon)

Call (770) 605-1920 for information



*A PAINTING OF THE ORIGINAL HOUSE BUILT BY JOHN MARION DICKSON ABOUT 150 YEARS AGO. THE PAINTING WAS DONE BY ALMA RUTH (DEDMON) SMITH FROM A PHOTO. THE HOUSE STILL STANDS ALTHOUGH IT HAS BEEN SURROUNDED BY MORE STRUCTURE. RUBY DICKSON DEDMON WAS BORN HERE 93 YEARS AGO. SHE PRESENTLY LIVES HERE WITH HER SON AND DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, LEROY AND JANE DEDMON.*

*Bring your lunch (covered dish) and share in the fun.*

*We will begin eating around 1:00pm.*

*Bring photos and/or other information on the family.*