

# The Dedmon Connection

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LEROY DEDMON

## THE “BEAR” FACTS

I enjoy growing a garden. Well, there are some things that I don't enjoy!! I like to plant and harvest, but the work in between is not so enjoyable. It seems that the grass grows faster than the veggies. If it were not for my amigos Juan, Moses and Moses, Jr., I don't believe my garden would have survived this year. In fact, we had to get on hands and knees to find the okra plants and pull the grass from around them. It must have worked as I had a bumper crop of okra. It is “head high” and like the little pink battery bunny, it just keeps on going and going and going and going.....Every day I “pick” enough for a meal and/or to freeze for fresh okra this winter..... yum yum....

This year I decided to plant some water melons and canteloupes. I was a little skeptical about growing good water melons. I felt pretty good about the canteloupes. I had done that before. When we lived in Manchester, TN, I had a garden. I remember planting some canteloupes and watching them grow and bear some nice melons. I would get one of the beauties from the garden, cut it, only to discover it was green inside and I would throw it away in disgust. This went on all summer... green canteloupes... One day I mentioned this to the man from whom I purchased the seed. I will never forget how I felt when he said, “those were green meated melons”....

Another one of my garden stories from that garden in Manchester is when I planted potatoes. I arose early that morning, went and purchased my “seed” potatoes and began the process of cutting the pieces with the “eyes”. As I was about to plant, my neighbor, brother Tom, came over and offered to help. We worked several hours and planted the large space I had prepared for the potato patch. When we finished, I had several “seed” left. I said, “brother Tom, lets plant these in your garden”. He replied, “Ok and thanks, but let's wait ‘till Monday, today is a bad day to plant potatoes.”.....

“Well, back to the water melons.... I had some of the prettiest melons and canteloupes I had seen.... I checked almost daily to see when they were ready. One day I decided one of the canteloupes would be ready the next day. I anxiously went the following morning to get the prize, remembering the green melons from Manchester. When I reached the spot, my heart skipped a beat, it was gone!!! My first thought was than maybe my sister had gotten it, which would have been ok... but she didn't... The next day all my canteloupes were gone, plus a couple of the larger water melons. Looking around I saw some tracks... Coons, I thought... So I set a trap. The next day the trap had been dragged about 20 feet and the food inside was gone....more tracks. I called my friend, Charles, who is an avid Coon hunter and he came to examine the tracks. “These are bear tracks”, he said, “maybe you could sit out here tonight and see him”!!! You have to be kidding.... The next day, all the melons had disappeared.

Moses came to the house the other day, rather excited, “Vi el oso, el oso”.. I knew oso was Spanish for bear. It seems when it saw Moses it ran. My nephew called the game commision to inquire when hunting season for bear was in Catoosa county. There is none, he was told, because we don't have bears in Catoosa county. Well, I thought, if there are no bears then they probably wouldn't care if we killed one!! I kinda like the idea of a bear's head hanging in the den... Jane just said, “forget it”..... What would our ancestors Davey Crockett and Daniel Boone have done....



**Harrison Dedmond**

*I received this from my friend and cousin Harrison Dedmond. It certainly deserves a spot in the Memory Lane. He is the great great grandson of William D. Dedmon. William D. is my great grandfather.*

*Although he is a few years older than me, our "good old days" are very much at the same time. It is commonly reported that he added the "d" on the end of his name to keep his mail from being mixed up wwith other relatives. His father, brothers and son leave off the "d".*

*--Leroy*

From: H.A Dedmond [mailto:had@sierratel.com]  
Sent: Saturday, June 18, 2005

To: Bill Whitla; Clyde Cook; Dedmon Sr, J.C.; Don & Joyce Sparks; Jack Rogers; James Turney; kalvins@earthlink.net; Ken Shanklin; LAVERNE DEDMON; Larry & Fay Baldwin; Leroy Dedmon; Marye Dedmon; Tom Cook; Wendell Holliday  
Subject: [Congratulations - We all survived!!!!]

TO ALL THE KIDS WHO SURVIVED the 1930's 40's, 50's, 60's & 70's !!

First, we survived being born to mothers who smoked and/or drank while they carried us. They took aspirin, ate blue cheese dressing, tuna from a can, and didn't get tested for diabetes. Then after that trauma, our baby cribs were covered with bright colored lead-based paints.

We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, doors or cabinets and when we rode our bikes, we had no helmets, not to mention, the risks we took hitchhiking. As children, we would ride in cars with no seat belts or air bags. Riding in the back of a pick up on a warm day was always a special treat.

We drank water from the garden hose and NOT from a bottle! We shared one soft drink with four friends, from one bottle and NO ONE actually died from this. We ate cupcakes, white bread and

real butter and drank soda pop with sugar in it, but we weren't overweight because WE WERE ALWAYS OUTSIDE PLAYING!

We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back when the streetlights came on.. No one was able to reach us all day. And we were O.K. We would spend hours building our go-carts out of scraps and then ride down the hill, only to find out we forgot the brakes. After running into the bushes a few times, we learned to solve the problem.

We did not have Playstations, Nintendo's, X-boxes, no video games at all, no 99 channels on cable, no video tape movies, no surround sound, no cell phones, no personal computers, no Internet or Internet chat rooms..... WE HAD FRIENDS and we went outside and found them!

We fell out of trees, got cut, broke bones and teeth and there were no lawsuits from these accidents. We ate worms and mud pies made from dirt, and the worms did not live in us forever.

We were given BB guns for our 10th birthdays, made up games with sticks and tennis balls and although we were told it would happen, we did not put out very many eyes. We rode bikes or walked to a friend's house and knocked on the door or rang the bell, or just walked in and talked to them!

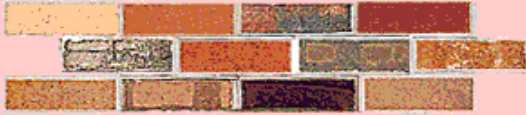
Little League had tryouts and not everyone made the team. Those who didn't had to learn to deal with disappointment. Imagine that!!

The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke the law was unheard of. They actually sided with the law! This generation has produced some of the best risk-takers, problem solvers and inventors ever!

The past 50 years have been an explosion of innovation and new ideas. We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility, and we learned HOW TO DEAL WITH IT ALL!

And YOU are one of them! CONGRATULATIONS! You might want to share this with others who have had the luck to grow up as kids, before the lawyers and the government regulated our lives for our own good.

## 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: Carol Cameron

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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 (Crumbly) 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.

*I picked this up off the guest book and decided it was good for the "Brick Wall" column. William is a popular name in the Dedmon family, but I didn't have this one. It is possible they are part of the West Tennessee clan and in all probability they are from the Christopher Deadman lineage.*

*There is still the missing link that will help us connect with that line. There is no doubt in my mind that we do connect. I believe if we could establish the parents of Chris we would have the information necessary to make the connection. According to some of the researchers, including Wanda Colvin, Christopher is from the same place our ancestors are from. Cavendish, Suffolk, England is the place and I believe Wanda visited there a few years back and found the information that links Christopher to the place. His birthday is believed to be between 1623 - 1627. There are two children of John Lemuel that we have no records on. They are Samuel and Matthew. Samuel's birthday is listed at 1614, which would make him too old. However, Samuel is an often used name in Christopher's line. Matthew is listed as born in 1627, which makes him the right age. He could be Matthew Christopher... Just a thought...*

**From:** Joseph & Cathy Stephens

**Mail To:** [wer2t1@wownet.com](mailto:wer2t1@wownet.com)

**Subject:** Ray Family

I came across your listing of the Ray family at Ancestry.com and was wondering if you have any further info on this line.

1 Leonard Blackman RAY

+ Mary Palestine LUCY

2 Martha Elizabeth RAY

+ Major Florence DEDMON

3 Alma Olive DEDMON

+ Guy Hulon KIRK

4 Hulon Ray KIRK

+ Betty Jo GURNO

+ Mary Linda HOLMES

4 Terry KIRK

+ Suwanna UNKNOWN

+ Suki UNKNOWN

5 Kristie KIRK

3 Jewell Inez DEDMON

+ William K. STALCUP

3 Lillian Florence DEDMON

+ Charles Jefferson OLMSTEAD

3 Wilford Reid DEDMON

+ Bessie Margaret BOWLING

3 Trixie Oneta DEDMON

Thanks Cathy Abernathy Stephens



**Bill Stalcup**

*I think that is about all the information that I have on the descendents of Leonard Blackman Ray. However, one of the descendents, William Stalcup, may have more. I have not heard from him in a while, but last I heard he was living in Arkansas. He is the son of Jewell Inez Dedmon and William K. Stalcup. I noticed he is not listed in the above lineage. I have misplaced his e-mail address, but (if he is still living), Danny McBee probably has it. In fact, come to think of it, I have not heard from any of my Arkansas relatives in quite some time. Pig, Pig, Pig WHOOOooooeee, WHOOOooooeee, ERGH, ERGH RRrkie, RRooooeee, Pig Pig Pig, Piggy." (My version of the razor back hog call). --Leroy*



## Cowboy's Ten Commandments

*I am sure Floyd did not mean any disrespect to you Texans as he is one himself. I guess any of us are "open season" when it comes to humor. In fact all humor, or most of it, is at the expense of someone or something, Rednecks, Alabama, Pollocks, etc., etc. Just enjoy it for the laughs..*

*--Leroy*

People here in Texas have trouble with all those shalls and shall nots in the 10 Commandments. Folks here just aren't used to talking in those terms. So, some folks out in west Texas got together and translated the "King James" into "King Ranch" language: Ten Commandments, cowboy style.

Cowboy's Ten Commandments posted on the wall at Cross Trails Church in Fairlie, Texas.

- (1) Just one God.
- (2) Honor yer Ma & Pa.
- (3) No telling tales or gossipin'.
- (4) Git yourself to Sunday meeting.
- (5) Put nothin' before God.
- (6) No foolin' around with another fellow's gal.
- (7) No killin'.
- (8) Watch yer mouth.
- (9) Don't take what ain't yers.
- (10) Don't be hankerin' for yer buddy's stuff.

Now that's kinda plain an' simple don't ya think?

Y'all have a good Day.

*Floyd, you are in our prayers. I know that I speak for all the family and we miss you... So hurry up and get well soon....*

*--Leroy*

## From the Mail Bag

**From:** fdedmon@juno.com  
 [mailto:fdedmon@juno.com]  
**Subject:** Re: more cousins



Howdy all, Floyd here.  
 Leroy, Look how Gary Deadmond explains the difference in Spellings?

Gary, when y'all sended us'un's a packing thar in Varginny fer grub? Ya'll stol them thar leters sews' we'uns kudin't find r way back to da campgrounds!! Common now an admitit? One thing fer sur tho? Less ta rite !

There now, I've exchanged grettings with my ole buddy Gary! Now for him calling me a "pre-eminent expert on Gene , Alo & Gee". I've been trying to find these 3 guys, (gene, alo, gy,) for ever since I met Gary.

Now what can I do for you young Lady? May I be of some assistance to help you find some of your Ancestors? To, "Pass the time away," (with a lovely person such as yourself,) would be an, "Honor to me!" I am at your service?

Actually, Gary, I think you have more on the "Deadmond"s than I have! That is, from 1784 to present. From thar back, we're still guessing !! Gary, have you checked the "Green's" line in Mass? "Whites"? "Eatons"? William Deadman & wife, Mary Green and William Jr., & siblings were warned to move along with several other families. They moved to Virginia., Kentucky & Tenn. Lator Gator

*--Floyd*

Gary Deadmond <cpod0558@lv.rmci.net> writes:

Floyd,  
 Please allow me to introduce you to Melissa Davis. She is of the Welch line and related to Wayne Calk. She is a sweet lady but very busy (most of the time). She has a few questions for you.

Melissa,  
 This is Floyd Dedmon. The pre-eminent expert on our genealogy. ;-) He can answer just about any question you may have. And he is a heck of a nice person. His name is spelled a little different than mine. That is because when his family moved south in the covered wagon two of the letters fell out and no one noticed until it was too late.

*--Gary*

**Lynn Dedmon <ldedmon1@bellsouth.net> writes:**

Hello Down There,

O.K. what's going on? Hope everything is alright down that way, haven't received very much e-mail from you and I am worried that something may be wrong. Maybe you're taking a Easter vacation, or visiting someone, anyway hope all is well. I have dug up another Dedmon and I can't remember if I gave you his name or not. This is all I have. Luther Lee Dedmon-b.12-21-1882 d. 8-1971. He married Epsie Gibbs, they had three children, Henry, Carl, and Lela. Lela married Tom Gibbs. Tom's brothers Felix and Alex married Lily Dedmon, and Camy Lou Dedmon, respectively? Lela, Lily and Camy Lou were first cousins. Luther lived in the Elmwood, Tn. area, I have heard his name mentioned from time to time, he has to fit in close to my branch. I wonder if maybe he was a 1st cousin to my Grandpa. Will talk to you later, Happy Easter.

--Lynn

**Floyd Dedmon writes:**

Hi Lynn,

Gots da "Bug", an down in da dumps! Thanks for the info, I'll enter it in the "Tree". Big Questions !!! Is there also a Yadkin river in an around Patapsco MD??? also, I've been finding lots of **our Dedman's in Mass.** Thomas & Sarah Griffith, in 1764, Thomas, along with brothers, Edmond and Ezekiel, were moved south into the Jersey Settlement? Where was this? Thomas settled on the North Fork of the Yadkin River in Tryon Co. NC.1765. William & Mary "**Blanchy**" Green, brother to John & **Elizabeth.** (US Mariners.) Were "Warned Out of Town" Mark & **Hannah Baily,** (Contintal Army) Thomas & **Sarah Edmund,** All the wives are from Mass? Any Answers???

Thanks,

--Floyd Dedmon

***This is an exchange of emails between Floyd and Lynn Dedmon. It has been on my "must do" list for some time to visit Lynn. He lives at Lebanon, TN and I occasionally visit that area. He is a descendent of John Dedmon and Susan Hunt. John has recently showed up as a son of Mark Dedmon, the Revolutionary War Veteran.*** --Leroy

**ldedmon1@bellsouth.net writes:**

Hi Cuz,

Sure am glad to hear from you. Hope you beat that old bug and are feeling better. Been kinda worried about you. In regards to the Luther Dedmon that we discussed earlier, I have learned that he did have a son named Billy and that he moved to Las Vegas, and that is where he lived when he died, whenever that was. Also, some bad news came while ago. Meredith (Martin) Dedmon, wife of my Uncle Frank passed away today around noon. She is at the Jordon Funeral Home in Ellsworth, Maine. Uncle Frank seems to be taking things well, she has been very sick for sometime now with cancer. Wish I could go be with him, but since I can't, just help me in asking the MAIN BOSS, to comfort him. I know he can do better than I can anyway. Talk to you later CUZ.

--Lynn

**From: fdedmon@juno.com**

**Subject: Re: Dedmon's**

Hi Lynn,

May God's Prayers of "Enlightenment, Sorrow, and Love", bring comfort to You and Yours from all of us! Lynn, Gary Deadmond lives in the Las Vegas area I believe. Maybe he could help you with "Billy Dedmon" and his death? Check out "The Dedmon Connection" newspaper for April? Be on display this weekend. More later, Luv ya'll

--Cuzsin Floyd

Here's a working copy of my GEDCOM, CharlesDedmon1440Anectors in FTM.GED

You can tell what's facts an what's guessing by how it's filled in. Thanks to quite a few relatives that have helped fill in the blank spaces! You know how it goes! Condrey marries Dedmon, Singletary / Dedmon, McEntire / Dedmon, Cook / Dedmon, etc,etc. Then Hicks / Hall, who in turn marry a Hill that marries a Huff who joins an Allen and then a Reed is chased by a Cheshire that married a Singleterry who married a Dedmon !!! whew—  
— The Web is Woven Rapidly Crookedly Side-ways? It seems as though you end up with a saying something like —I'm My Own GrandPa.

--Floyd

## From the Mail Bag

**From:** Carrie Manis  
[mailto:carriemanis@alltel.net]  
**Subject:** family tree



Leroy,  
Hi I noticed you still don't have my grandmother Annie Ruth Dedmon Boyd's info posted. Do you still need the data? Thanks,  
--Carrie Manis

*Hey Carrie, thanks. I never knew Aunt Ruth's first name was Annie. As you know Thomas Judson Dedmon was my grandfather via Gordon Dedmon. My grandmother Alice Walker died when Dad was a baby and Grandpa married Essie. Now where do you fit in all this? Can you send me marriage info on all Ruth's children? -Leroy*

I am Tanis's daughter. I will get the marriages and children to you soon. Thanks,  
--Carrie

I'll fill in dates for you as I get them. Do you also want great grandchildren? Blessings,  
--Carrie Manis

Joel Lamont Boyd- b 5-21-1948  
married Dorothy Whitmire  
Children Monique Michelle Boyd  
married Donna \_\_\_\_\_  
children Alexander Boyd  
married Connie Quinn  
children Stephanie Koren Boyd  
Adrienne Cecille Boyd  
Tanis Sharmon Boyd 5-27-1950  
married Ronald Virgil Wagnon  
children- Carrie Thelia Wagnon  
b12-07-1970  
Debra Lane Boyd 10-11-1952  
married William Donovan  
children William James Donovan

Do you know when and why Thomas Judson got out of the general store business? Thanks,  
--Carrie

*Carrie's grandmother is my dad's sister (actually half-sister). This information will help fill in the blanks. Thanks Carrie for sending it and stay in touch.*  
--Leroy



*I really don't know why grand daddy left the store business. He had a general store here in the vally in the early 1900's (Photo above). My only recollection of seeing him was in a store in Dalton. He had a paper sack on his head for a hat. I don't know if he owned that store or just worked there. He was hit by a car on my birthday, June 27, 1945. This is also the day my dad, Gordon Dedmon, left for the army. He was drafted just before the end of WW II. Thomas Judson died two days later. My mother had to get her cousin Alex Dickson to drive us to Macon, GA and bring Dad back to Chattanooga.*  
--Leroy

**From:** VON HAMRICK  
[mailto:vbhamrick@webtv.net]  
**Subject:** Dedmon Family Website

Good Morning Leroy,

I have been looking at your Dedmon Family website and I must say, you have done a fantastic job.

There is one thing in my line that needs correcting. #1016, Margaret Elizabeth Hamrick married William Rex Marshall and their 3 children, 1680, 1681 and 1682 are shown as Hamricks instead of Marshalls.

The children of #1681, Roger Wayne Marshall should also be shown as Marshall.

Have a good day.

Von Hamrick

*Thanks for the corrections Von and I have made them in my data base and they will be corrected online the next time I upload the information.*  
--Leroy

## WHAT TREE DID YOU FALL FROM?

Find your birthday to find your tree. Then scroll down for a description of yourself.

This is somewhat accurate in line with Celtic astrology.

Dec 23 to Jan 01 - Apple Tree	Apr 21 to Apr 30 - Walnut Tree	Aug 24 to Sep 02 - Pine Tree
Jan 01 to Jan 11 - Fir Tree	May 01 to May 14 - Poplar Tree	Sep 03 to Sep 12 - Weeping Willow
Jan 12 to Jan 24 - Elm Tree	May 15 to May 24 - Chestnut Tree	Sep 13 to Sep 22 - Lime Tree
Jan 25 to Feb 03 - Cypress Tree	May 25 to Jun 03 - Ash Tree	Sep 23 (only) - Olive Tree
Feb 04 to Feb 08 - Poplar Tree	Jun 04 to Jun 13 - Hornbeam Tree	Sep 24 to Oct 03 - Hazelnut Tree
Feb 09 to Feb 18 - Cedar Tree	Jun 14 to Jun 23 - Fig Tree	Oct 04 to Oct 13 - Rowan Tree
Feb 19 to Feb 28 - Pine Tree	Jun 24 (only) - Birch Tree	Oct 14 to Oct 23 - Maple Tree
Mar 01 to Mar 10 - Weeping Willow	Jun 25 to Jul 04 - Apple Tree	Oct 24 to Nov 11 - Walnut Tree
Mar 11 to Mar 20 - Lime Tree	Jul 05 to Jul 14 - Fir Tree	Nov 12 to Nov 21 - Chestnut Tree
Mar 21 (only) - Oak Tree	Jul 15 to Jul 25 - Elm Tree	Nov 22 to Dec 01 - Ash Tree
Mar 22 to Mar 31 - Hazelnut Tree	Jul 26 to Aug 04 - Cypress Tree	Dec 02 to Dec 11 - Hornbeam Tree
Apr 01 to Apr 10 - Rowan Tree	Aug 05 to Aug 13 - Poplar Tree	Dec 12 to Dec 21 - Fig Tree
Apr 11 to Apr 20 - Maple Tree	Aug 14 to Aug 23 - Cedar Tree	Dec 22 (only) - Beech Tree

## YOUR TREE

### (in alphabetical order)

**Apple Tree (Love)** — quiet and shy at times, lots of charm, appeal, and at! traction, pleasant attitude, flirtatious smile, adventurous, sensitive, loyal in love, wants to love and be loved, faithful and tender partner, very generous, many talents, loves children, needs affectionate partner.

**Ash Tree (Ambition)** — extremely attractive, vivacious, impulsive, demanding, does not care for criticism, ambitious, intelligent, talented, likes to play with fate, can be very egotistic, reliable, restless lover, sometimes money rules over the heart, demands attention, needs love and much emotional support.

**Beech Tree (Creative)** — has good taste, concerned about its looks, materialistic, good organization of life and career, economical, good leader, takes no unnecessary risks, reasonable, splendid lifetime companion, keen on keeping fit (diets, sports, etc.)

**Birch Tree (Inspiration)** — vivacious, attractive, elegant, friendly, unpretentious, modest, does not like anything in excess, abhors the vulgar, loves life in nature and in calm, not very passionate, full of imagination, little ambition, creates a calm and content atmosphere.

**Cedar Tree (Confidence)** — of rare strength, knows how to adapt, likes unexpected presents, of good health, not in the least shy, tends to look down on others, self-confident, a great speaker, determined, often impatient, likes to impress others, has many talents, industrious, healthy optimism, waits for the one true love, able to make quick decisions.

**Chestnut Tree (Honesty!)** — of unusual stature, impressive, well-developed sense of justice, fun to be around, a planner, born diplomat, can be irritated easily, sensitive of others feelings, hard worker, sometimes acts superior, feels not understood at times, fiercely family oriented, very loyal in love, physically fit.

**Cypress Tree (Faithfulness)** — strong, muscular, adaptable, takes what life has to give but doesn't necessarily like it, strives to be content, optimistic, wants to be financially independent, wants love and affection, hates loneliness, passionate lover which cannot be satisfied, faithful, quick-tempered at times, can be unruly and careless, loves to gain knowledge, needs to be needed.

**Elm Tree (Noble-mindedness)** — pleasant shape, tasteful clothes, modest demands, tends not to forgive mistakes, cheerful, likes to lead but not to obey, honest and faithful partner, likes making decisions for others, noble-minded, generous, good sense of humor, practical.

**Fig Tree (Sensibility)** — very strong minded, a bit self-willed, honest, loyal, independent, hates contradiction or arguments, hard worker when wants to be, loves life and friends, enjoys children and animals, few sexual relationships, great sense of humor, has artistic talent and great intelligence.

**Fir tree (Mysterious)** — extraordinary taste, handles stress well, loves anything beautiful, stubborn, tends to care for those close to them, hard to trust others, yet a social butterfly, likes idleness and laziness after long demanding hours at work, rather modest, talented, unselfish, many friends, very reliable.

**Hazelnut Tree (Extraordinary)** — charming, sense of humor, very demanding but can also be very understanding, knows how to make a lasting impression, active fighter for social causes and politics, popular, quite moody, sexually oriented, honest, a perfectionist, has a precise sense of judgment and expects complete fairness.

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Hornbeam Tree (Good Taste) — of cool beauty, cares for its looks and condition, good taste, is not egoistic, makes life as comfortable as possible, leads a reasonable and disciplined life, looks for kindness and acknowledgment in an emotional partner, dreams of unusual lovers, is seldom happy with its feelings, mistrusts most people, is never sure of its decisions, very conscientious.

Lime Tree (Doubt) - intelligent, hard working, accepts what life dishes out, but not before trying to change bad circumstances into good ones, hates fighting and stress, enjoys getaway vacations, may appear tough, but is actually soft and relenting, always willing to make sacrifices for family and friends, has many talents but not always enough time to use them, can become a complainer, great leadership qualities, is jealous at times but extremely loyal.

Maple Tree (Independence of Mind) — no ordinary person, full! of imagination and originality, shy and reserved, ambitious, proud, self-confident, hungers for new experiences, sometimes nervous, has many complexities, good memory, learns easily, complicated love life, wants to impress.

Oak Tree (Brave) — robust nature, courageous, strong, unrelenting, independent, sensible, does not like change, keeps its feet on the ground, person of action.

Olive Tree (Wisdom) — loves sun, warmth and kind feelings, reasonable, balanced, avoids aggression and violence, tolerant, cheerful, calm, well-developed sense of justice, sensitive, empathetic, free of jealousy, loves to read and the company of sophisticated people.

Pine Tree (Peacemaker) — loves agreeable company, craves peace and harmony, loves to help others, active imagination, likes to write poetry, not fashion conscious, great compassion, friendly to all, falls strongly in love but will leave if betrayed or lied to, emotionally soft, low self esteem, needs affection and reassurance.

Poplar Tree (Uncertainty) — looks very decorative, talented, not very self-confident, extremely courageous if necessary, needs goodwill and pleasant surroundings, very choosy, often lonely, great animosity, great artistic nature, good organizer, tends to lean toward philosophy, reliable in any situation, takes partnership seriously.

Rowan Tree (Sensitivity) — full of charm, cheerful, gifted without egoism, likes to draw attention, loves life, motion, unrest, and even complications, is both dependent and independent, good taste, artistic, passionate, emotional, good company, does not forgive.

Walnut Tree (Passion) — unrelenting, strange and full of contrasts, often egotistic, aggressive, noble, broad horizon, unexpected reactions, spontaneous, unlimited ambition, no flexibility, difficult and uncommon partner, not always liked but often admired, ingenious strategy, is very jealous and passionate, no compromise.

Weeping Willow (Melancholy) - likes to be stress free, loves family life, full of hopes and dreams, attractive, very empathetic, loves anything beautiful, musically inclined, loves to travel to exotic places, restless, capricious, honest, can be influenced but is not easy to live with when pressured, sometimes demanding, good intuition, suffers in love until they find that one loyal, steadfast partner; loves to make others laugh.

### **Ivan Keith Dedmon**

Ivan Keith Dedmon died Friday at his home in Yukon after a long battle with neuro fibromatosis. He was 41.

Dedmon was born Aug. 9, 1958, in Oklahoma City and was raised in the McLoud area. He attended McLoud Schools and had worked as a builder and handyman.

He was a member of Mustang Assembly of God and had lived in Yukon since 1992.

Survivors include his parents, Lesley and Mary Dedmon, McLoud; sister, Regina Gail Wells, McLoud; sister and brother-in-law, Rebecca Lynn and Bryan Borchers, Wylie, Texas; brother and sister-in-law, Larry and Debbie Dedmon, Winter Garden, Fla.

Services will be 2 p.m. today at Mustang Assembly of God. Burial will follow at Dale Cemetery under the direction of McNeil's Mustang Funeral Service.

Memorials may be made to Neuro Fibromatosis Research, in care of McNeil's Mustang Funeral Service, P.O. Box 1616, Mustang, OK 73064.

*I found the above obit while searching the web for Dedmon info. I am not sure where he fits into the tree. I figured some of you might know.*