

The Dedmon Connection

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



I CANT BELIEVE IT EITHER!!

Well, here we are in November and I am actually putting together the November issue of the DEDMON CONNECTION. That is a cause for concern as being on time has never been one of my virtues. I am one of those, “down to the wire”, last minute kind of guys. I have had songleaders, who actually called me on Saturday night to get my sermon topic for the next day. Most of the time I would have to say, “Look, it’s just Saturday, I don’t have to preach the sermon until in the morning”, give me a break!!! Then there are those who would dare to ask as they passed through the door on Sunday morning, “What are you preaching tonight?”

On the other hand, Jane is just the opposite. In fact, she has been my “savior” through the years. She even goes as far as writing down the events that are to take place on a calendar. During the 45 years as a preacher for local congregations, it was not much of a problem to keep up with my schedule as most of the time I preached at the same place each Sunday. My meeting schedule was a different story. I would shudder if someone called me and asked, “are you holding our meeting this year?”

My stock answer was always, “I guess so”..... since retirement and preaching at a different place each week is really a challenge for me. A couple of weeks ago I mentioned to Jane that we were to be in Morrison, TN the next week, she said, “No, it is the week following”. I actually had the nerve to disagree!! I even went as far as calling my friend, Ike Turner, in Morrison. “Would you call one of the elders and ask when I am to preach at Morrison”, I asked. He quickly replied, “I don’t have to call as I know, you are staying with us.” When he told me the date, I was reminded not to question Jane again. “Where am I preaching this Sunday”, I asked her. Of course she knew. I couldn’t make it without her.



SATELLITE SATURDAY

November 26, 2005

If all goes as planned our anticipated launch of the 24/7 (twenty four hours, seven days a week) Television Satellite Station will become a reality. Gospel Broadcasting Network (GBN) will telecast Gospel preaching and other related programs, “round the clock”. While the concept is not new, it is a first for the Church of Christ. It truly is exciting to be part of “History in the Making”!! Crawford Communications in Atlanta, GA will “send up” the programs, but getting them down is another matter. All those folks, like my brother Tommy, who have the older large dish will be able to receive it immediately at Intelsat Americas 13 @ 121 degrees west Transponder 20. I am so envious of that. In fact I went to Wal-Mart the other day to see if I could get a 3,000 ft. cable to reach his house. I was told that would not work. There is a “personal dish” one can buy just to receive that one satellite. There is no monthly cost after the modest purchase. That is what I plan to do. In time it will be available on either Dish Network or DirecTV and local cable systems. It will also be on Streaming Video at <http://gbntv.org>. Contact me if you have an interest in this.





THE DEDMON CENTER.

Almost from the beginning of my Family Research Project, I have been aware of the DEDMON CENTER at Radford University in Radford, VA.



Monticello, the home of Thomas Jefferson

So when Jane suggested we visit Charlottesville, the home of Thomas Jefferson, when we left Richmond, I looked on the map and realized that we would go through Radford on the way home. I agreed it was a good idea. This was going to take care of one of my “must do” items I have on my list.

Radford is a beautiful little town in the hills of Southeast Virginia. Located on I-81. We arrived there around 4:30 in the afternoon. It was not a problem to find the University. Signs from the Interstate directed us right to the campus. We stopped a couple of students on the street and asked for directions to the Center. “Just go back to that street and turn left, cross the bridge and you can’t miss it”, the student muttered and pointed back down the street. OH NO, I thought, don’t ever tell me “you can’t miss it”. I have missed far too many of those obvious places. Anyway, we followed the directions and as we crossed the bridge, there it was!!! Much larger than I had even imagined from the pictures I had seen. Rafael and I went inside and met some of the folks who worked there. “I’m Leroy Dedmon”, I said to the receptionist. “Can I help you”, she asked. What, no red carpet?? Where is the band?? I said DEDMON. I guess they hear Dedmon so often that it doesn’t stand out. I know when you do an internet search on the name, the screen is filled with events taking place at the DEDMON CENTER..

Then I was rescued by whom I think was a manager or supervisor of the Center. “I am Ronald Downs, are you related to Donald Dedmon”, he asked? I then explained my connection and that I had been unable to connect Donald to the tree.



He knew quite a bit about the family. Where Donald’s widow was living and that he had a couple of girls, but no boys. He promised to contact Mrs. Dedmon for me. He emailed me the above ariel photo of the Center. You can see the large oval white top of the main part of the Center. We tried to take some pictures of the Center, but found

it next to impossible to get a real good shot of the entire complex. If we really knew the truth, Rafael would have needed an extra wide angle lens to get both “huge” items in the picture..... but I was determined to be in the picture.



Although it was getting late in the day, Rafael was able to get a fairly good shot with me at the sign. You can see the Center on the hill.

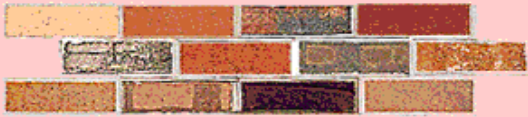


Here is an inside shot of the DEDMON CENTER. As you can tell the Center is a very versatile place. It also has an outside field that is used for many events.



I can only imagine how popular the indoor pool at the Center could be or is. A search on the internet will reveal almost every sport is conducted at the DEDMON CENTER during the year....

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.

DONALD DEDMON

For twenty years Donald Dedmon served as president of Radford University in Radford, VA. Like his predecessor, Donald was born in Missouri and received his undergraduate degree from Southwestern Missouri State College. He



Donald Dedmon

pursued his M.A. and Ph.D. at the University of Iowa. His career included teaching experience at both the high school and college levels before he moved into university administration at Colorado State University and Marshall University. Prior to coming to Radford, Dr.

Dedmon served as Marshall's executive vice president and acting president.

During the two decades that Dr. Dedmon served as Radford's president, the university experienced unprecedented growth in campus size, curriculum, and student population. The school made the transition from an all-woman's college to admitting its first male undergraduates in the 1972-1973 academic year and to university status in 1979.

Dr. Dedmon was a staunch supporter of the importance of faculty teaching at a time when many other institutions were emphasizing research over classroom work.

Dr. Dedmon retired in 1994. Vice President of Academic Affairs Charles Owens served as Acting President until Douglas Covington took office in 1995.

Obviously I found this information while searching for more information concerning Donald Dedmon and makes us proud of the achievement of a fellow kinsman...

Where does Donald Dedmon fit into the Family Tree? Well, that is a good question. About all I know is that he was born in Missouri. I have at least five Donald Dedmons in my data base. There is a Donald Clay Dedmon, born in 1932, but I am not sure where. His folks were in Oklahoma, but that is not too far from Missouri. There is one other Donald that could be old enough but he is listed with three children: two girls and one boy. The information I received at Radford University says that he had no boys.

There is a good possibility that Donald is a descendent of Seneca Dedmon. I do know that some of Seneca's family ended up in Missouri. In fact both Seneca and his wife were buried in Missouri. This just brings us back to one of the "brick walls" that has been with us all the time.

There are more than three lines in the Dedmon (Deadman) tree, but there are three major ones:

(1) - The John Lemuel Deadman line: We do have information that seems to show his ancestry back to around 1200 and going through the Deben, Debenham theory. This is the most widely circulated theory on the origin of the Deadman name.

(2) - The Christopher Deadman line: This is the one that really baffles the researchers. It just seems so obvious that he should connect with John Lemuel. It has been found that Christopher and John are from the same place in England.

(3) - Then there is the Seneca Dedmon line: He is the first Dedmon we have found in Georgia. His father has still eluded us. There has been some suggestion that he had Indian heritage. He was born in Hall County, Georgia in 1799. The name Seneca intrigues me. There was an Indian tribe named Seneca. There is also a town in South Carolina called Seneca. Another place in W.VA. is called Seneca Rocks. I don't know if this offers a clue or not.

(4) - Other "dead ends" include the research of Jackie Dedman, wife of Chuck Dedman. Jackie originally published a newsletter called the DEDMAN CONNECTION.

(5) - There are some Alabama Dedmans that I have been unable to connect to the tree. I met some of them while living in Huntsville. Also, while I was at Bremen I met some Dedmans who were living at Carrollton.

FROM THE MAIL BAG

From: Eedyedgar@aol.com
To: hightowerjr1@ornl.gov
Cc: gldedmon@alltel.net
Sent: Friday, November 11, 2005 9:21 AM
Subject: ZERO POINT ONE (almost) —



“I’ll see you again in SIX MONTHS”

The following letter was sent to me, but as you can see was written by Eddie Hightower to his brother. However, news like this can’t be kept. I just had to share it with you. -Leroy

A VERY GREAT MORNING TO YOU, BUDDY! Well, Buddy, Voncile and Martha Hightower now have both sons who have near ZERO PSA readings.

I’ll never forget that time in your room at Johns Hopkins Medical Center in Baltimore when Doctor Partin came directly from the operating room to inform me that everything was “PERFECT” for you when you had your surgical procedure. And I’m certain that I will never forget what Doctor Goulding told me yesterday at his office near the Tri-Dent Medical Center in North Charleston as he said: “Your PSA score is zero point one. But not quite point one even. A little less. And I need to see you again in 6 months.”

It was all I could do to hold back the tears of happiness. I said to him that this was wonderful news. He made it clear to me that it was more than that. That it was of the greatest news. He said that the reading exceeded his most optimistic expectations. Needless to say, I am grateful for my brother-in-law, Doctor William O’Quinn who discovered my problem early enough with PSA and other testing to make such an outcome possible.

I am thankful to my oncological team of physicians Dr. Frederick Goulding and Doctor Harrell who took the handoff from Doctor O’Quinn and ran with it with such successful results. And, of course, there were many others on their staffs who contributed valuable and necessary talents for these fine physicians to be able to do their best. That is just the medical aspect of this journey of cancer survivorship.

From the very beginning, I sought strength and the blessing of healing from my Creator and Savior. Also, many relatives and friends stood faithfully with me as I sought God’s Blessed help on this journey. I am well aware that the journey continues and will until my Earthly existence has ended. That is what is known as “life”. Much Love, Your brother,

--Eddie

From: David McArdle
email: waylander@dodo.com.au
To: Dedmon@yahoogroups.com
Subject: RE: [Dedmon] member status

Hello everyone, As a new member I thought I would introduce myself. I am assisting my wife with her family research. Her maternal grandmother was Nelly Deadman born Sep 1889 in Westenhams, Norfolk. She married James Ganley in Goole, Yorkshire in 1912 and had 11 children there including my wife’s mother. Nelly’s father Mark married twice, first to Francis Lucas Livermore. They had nine children. My wife’s line comes from his second marriage in 1886 to Alice Helena Hardingham who had three children. From Mark we have a long and very unproven line stretching back to the Debenhams in Huntingdon. This includes John Lemuel who seems to have arrived in Maryland in the 17th Century. We live in Australia on the tropical Queensland coast and would be happy to hear from anyone about this interesting family. --David McArdle

From: Eedyedgar@aol.com
Date: Mon Nov 14, 2005 3:04 pm
Subject: Re: [Dedmon] member status

Hi Cousin Leroy, You probably could have guessed that I desire to remain on the Dedmon Connection list. Thanks for the notice of the recent postings in the group. And you already know that my relationship is through the Joseph Warren Cavender connection, he being a descendent of Rachael/Rebecca Dedmon Cavender. Thanks again for the fantastic service which you so ably provide for those of us who are descendents of the Dedmon ancestors. Cousin Eddie Hightower Branchville, SC Eedyedgar@aol.com

I am attempting to “clean up” our family page at yahoo.com. Some emails are obsolete and others are not family. We welcome all family and friends... --Leroy

Ddedmon
[mailto:gdedmon@juno.com]
Sent: Saturday, Nov. 19, 2005
To: gldedmon@alltel.net



Hello Leroy,
Well I thought I'd let you know how Floyd is doing. He fell a couple of weeks ago and broke a couple of ribs. They sent him home and he was home for a few days. Then he got the taste of blood in his mouth, so we took him to the ER and they ran some tests where they didn't find anything. We went to the doctor on Friday, and he fell again. They sent him over to the hospital and he spent a few days there. They have changed his meds, but this heart is really straining. This is now just a wait and see what happens. He had the cataract surgery in the right eye and it helped a little. They said they would have to go back in 6 months. Now he has double vision, where one lens is a little higher than the other, about an inch.

A couple of his children are coming for Thanksgiving to see him (I will try to get pictures and email them to you). I keep telling him he has to wait till after the holidays, but I would understand if it didn't work out that way. We wish you and everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a safe one.
God Bless
--Glenda and Floyd

I received the above note from Glenda Dedmon on Saturday, but was out of town. I returned on Monday and was about to answer just before the final note came from some family member. We extend our deepest sympathy to the family. We will publish the obituary next month.

From: fdedmon@juno.com
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2005 12:47 PM
Subject: Floyd

This notice is sent to inform you that Floyd Earl Dedmon passed away Sunday Nov. 20, 2005 in his sleep. There will be a memorial for him at our house on Wed Nov. 23 at 2pm. He is to be cremated and his ashes taken to Oklahoma at a later date, to be put at his dad's grave there.

109 N Hopkins
P O Box 152
Alba, TX 75410

If you have questions or would like to call the family the phone number is 903-765-3084.

Thank you

The Dedmons, Dozier and Smith families

From: McBee49@aol.com
Date: Mon Nov 14, 2005 6:43 pm
Subject: Re: [Dedmon] member

Hey Leroy. Danny here. I am related through James Deadman who was the brother of Mark Dedmon. Thanks for all you have done over these many years. I am sure old Rad Dedmon would be proud of the both of us. Thanks again. --Danny
Hey Dan, Of course I will not remove any of those I know personally, but it is good to hear from all of you guys. As I mentioned in an email to you recently, I passed by your town of Gastonia, but as it was about one o'clock in the morning we decided not to call you. We have to respect the work Rad and others did, all without computers and other modern day helps. Of course, much of your work, as well as our cousin Jim, was the hard way as well... --Leroy

(Danny is a tremendous help in the family research project. He is ready and willing to help.)

From: Robert Tudor <rtudor@bellatlantic.net>
Date: Mon Nov 14, 2005 9:10 pm
Subject: Re: [Dedmon] member status

Hi, I am a descendant of the Mecklinburg Co., Dinwiddie Co., Virginia line of Deadmon's. I have reached a roadblock in my efforts to trace the line however. This is what I know: My Great Grandmother, Susie Ursula Deadmon, b. April 22, 1872 in Mecklinburg, Co. VA daughter to John Edward Deadmon, b. about 1828, Mecklinburg, Co., VA., d. unknown, and Sarah Elizabeth Hogwood, b. about 1834, parents unknown, d. unknown, marriage unknown. I believe John's parents to be Samuel Deadmon, b. about 1801 and Ursula, last name unknown, birthplace unknown, marriage and deaths unknown. Any cousins out there with any leads? Looking forward to connecting the lines...Thanks in advance..Robert

I am fairly sure Robert's ancestors go back to Christopher Deadman and most of you know that we are still searching for the missing link that will tie Christopher to John Lemuel. Our "expert" on this line is Wanda Colvin and I am sure she will pick this article up and do what she can with it. This is not the only roadblock in this line. Jackie Dedman has been looking for her missing link for a number of years...

-Leroy

From: Shirley Pittman
Email: [moochie@rfci.net]
Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2005 4:36 PM
To: Dedmon@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [Dedmon] member status

Hi Leroy,
I am descended from Sarah Dedmon, daughter of Mark Dedmon and Hannah Bailey of Rutherford and Cleveland Counties, NC. I would like to remain on the list. Thank you.

--Shirley Pittman

If my memory serves correctly, Shirley is connected with the Padgett and Greene families. Since my great grandmother was a (Green), I have some interest in knowing more of her family. We did correspond a few years ago, but in the midst of moving and changing email addresses, I lost her email. I am glad she contacted me again, as I plan to delve into that branch of the family.

--Leroy

From: Jim Dedmon
mailto: [jdedman3@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2005 4:59 PM
Subject: [Dedmon] Re: member status;
Dedmans from Tennessee, Virginia
Leroy:

I am a descendant of William Howard Dedman who moved to Middle Tennessee (then Maury County) from Mecklenburg County, Virginia. He was a descendant of Christopher Deadman.

--Jim Dedman

It is good to hear from you again Jim. Even though we have not found the "missing link" that would connect your family to my family, we still claim each other. This is one of the issues that Larry Martin suggests would be solved if we participated in the DNA project he wrote about a couple of newsletters back. If I understood him, Jim and I could in fact determine if we are from the same heritage. I am considering doing this right after the first of the year

From: DcTanyaH@aol.com
Subject: Re: [Dedmon] member status

I have a Sarah Dedmon Listed as b 1635 married to Robert Talliaferro b 1630. I haven't had much time to research her yet. I also have researched the Power's family with Deadman connections. I would like to stay on the list. Thanks,

--T Dell Harrel

From the Mail Bag

From: "Diana Soward"
<dirhe@email.com>
Date: Mon Nov 14, 2005



Subject: Re: [Dedmon]

I am no relation to the Dedmon family. I was trying to locate Earl Gene Dedmon for a friend of mine. This man was her biological father whom she has never met and does not know even if he is still living. I was not able to track him down through the Dedmon family records so you can remove me from your list. Thank you.

--Diana

Diana, I apologize for not replying to you sooner, but I thought I did. Do you have more information that might help in the finding of Earl Gene Dedmon... approx age, etc... my first search gave this: If you still have an interest, let me know..

Leroy:

Thank you for your quick reply. I remember that you did have contact with Steve but when I tried to contact him, all emails returned to me with the message that the email address was not valid. In looking for info on Earl Gene I did discover a Earl Gene Dedmon that passed away and is buried in Riverside, CA National Cemetary in 1999 but, of course, I don't know if he is the right person. If you could come up with a valid email address for Steve Dedmon, then I'm pretty sure I could figure out if he is the son of my friend's real father. The Earl Gene Dedmon that is buried at the Riverside National Cemetary was a Marine Private in 1943 to 1944 with a birth date of Feb. 4, 1927, if that is any help to you. Thanks again.

--Diana

Earl Gene's great grandmother, Rachel Gentry, was a sister to my great grandmother, Rosa Gentry. I really would like to have more information on Earl Gene. If the person Diane is helping would contact me, maybe we could find additional information to help both of us. I seem to recall that Steve did contact me a few years ago, but at that time I did not have any information on this branch of the tree.

--Leroy

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....)

Karen Hale, age 42, of South Carthage, died Thursday evening, June 6, 2002, at the Vanderbilt University Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, John Hale; daughter, Katrina Dedmon; mother, Lois Dixon; and sister, Patricia Ray, all of South Carthage. Mrs. Hale's remains are at the Carthage Chapel of Sanderson Funeral Home. Her service will be conducted Sunday afternoon at 3:00 at the Carthage Church of the Nazarene with Bro. Ray Gomer officiating. Interment will follow in the Smith County Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends at the Carthage Chapel on Saturday from 11:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. and on Sunday from 9:00 a.m. until departure for the church at 2:45 p.m. Sanderson Funeral Home of Carthage, directors.

Roger Reed Sr. - Age, 89, of Hueysville, died Monday, May 19, 2003, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital. Born June 8, 1914, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Gold and Sarah Patton Reed. He was a disabled coal miner and a veteran of the U.S. Army and World War II. He was preceded in death by his wife, Olvie Vanderpool Reed. Survivors include three sons, Roger Reed Jr. of Hueysville, Jerry Reed of Lexington, and Gary E. Reed of Eastern; a daughter, Priscilla Tussey of Hueysville; two brothers, Kelly Reed of Mousie, and John Reed of Hueysville; two sisters, Virgie Vanderpool of Garrett, and Myrtle Vanderpool of Greenwich, Ohio; 13 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Shannon Reed; two daughters, Pamra Reed and Janice Reed; five brothers, Norman Reed, Gold (Chuck) Reed Jr., Jessie Reed, A.J. Reed, and Claude Reed; three sisters, Clarice Pickett, Gail Dedmon, and Sadie Chadwick; and one great-grandchild. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, May 22, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home in Martin, with Rev. Ondie Wireman and Bill Tussey Jr. officiating. Burial was in the Reed Family Cemetery at Salyers Branch in Hueysville. Vistation was at the funeral home.



Sadie Rae Sage

Sadie Rae (Smith) Sage, age 91, of Springfield, MO, peacefully left this life on Dec. 24, 2004, following a short illness. Sadie was born on Nov. 23, 1913, in Bowman, S.C. She was preceded in death by her parents, Blanche and Jacob Smith; sisters Bannie Bowles, Ailean Cone, and Geneva Tanner; and two brothers, Samuel Smith and Dan Smith, all of South Carolina. Sadie is survived by her children, **Janet Dedmon**, Judy Bischoff and David Sage; sons-in-law **Bob Dedmon** and Bill Bischoff; grandchildren Rae Dedmon, Jeff Sage and wife Elizabeth, Scott Sage and wife Lori, Amanda Bischoff and Brett Bischoff, all of Springfield, Mo. She is also survived by brother Moses Smith and wife Virginia of St. George, S.C., as well as numerous nieces, nephews, family and friends. Although Sadie's vivacious and loving spirit will be greatly missed, her memory will forever live in the hearts of those who knew her. Chapel services will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 28, at 1 p.m. at Greenlawn Funeral Home North.

VINA, Ala. - **Thomas Larry Dedmon**, 72, died Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2004, at his home. He was a native of Alabama and a truck driver.

There will no formal service. Deaton Funeral Home of Red Bay, Ala., is in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include three daughters, one son, nine grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Tom Dedmon and Flossie Dedmon McKinney, and a sister, Jane Rozelle.

PLAISTOW, N.H. — **Mary R. (Dedmon) Miller**, 76, died Tuesday, November 18, 2003 at her daughter's home in Atkinson. Born and educated in Salisbury, N.C., Mrs. Miller lived in Plaistow for the past 14 years.

She leaves son Peter A. and his wife Chisako of West Palm Beach, Fla.; daughter Liza (Wells) Williams and her husband John of Atkinson; brother Donald D. Dedmon of Salisbury; four grandsons; eight great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.



NOVEMBER

Tommy Dedmon (4)
Greg Dedmon (4)
Gary Dedmon (22)
Tommy Gilbert (26)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

There are at least four in my family that celebrate November birthdays:

1- Tommy Dedmon (11/4) Tommy is my younger brother. Bill, of course, is my youngest. Tom was born in 1943. Our childhood memories include the hours we spent playing baseball in the back yard. He went into the Air Force soon after he graduated from High School. I had already moved to Huntsville, AL. Shortly after he returned from his service to “Uncle Sam”, he married Diane Sparkman. Diane grew up on Mission Ridge Road, very near our home on East Garden Farm Road. In fact, my wife, Jane and Bill’s wife, Connie, also grew up on Mission Ridge Road.



2- Greg Dedmon (11/4) I remember when Greg was born in 1985. We had just moved to Bremen, GA in September. Greg was born premature and had to be taken to Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville for a few days. He only weighed about five pounds. However, he has overcome the small beginning as he is quite healthy and the largest of the grandchildren.



3- Gary Dedmon (11/22) Gary was born while we were living in Huntsville, AL. I never thought about him becoming a “Tide” fan. He has been a staunch supporter of the Alabama Football Team. His heyday, as well as many Crimson Tide fans was during the Bear Bryant days. I learned to live with his enthusiasm for the opponents of my Dawgs.



4- Tommy Gilbert (11/26) Tommy is without a doubt the cousin closest to me as we grew up. I remember with the fondest of memories the times we spent together on the farm (where we are now living).



From the Mail Bag

To: Leroy Dedmon
From: Wanda Colvin
colvinw@sbcglobal.net
Monday, Oct. 31, 2005
Subject: Newsletter



Dear LeRoy,

I just got through reading your last Volumes. As usual, I enjoyed them very much. In your Volume 38 page 7, you had a letter from Jackie Mae Bishop. She is from the lineage of Christopher Deadman (wife of William Dedman by 1st marriage), born in Madison Co., AL. Francis Dedman’s brother was Philip Dedman. The Dedman’s were from Mecklenburg Co., VA and before that, York Co., VA. Philip and Francis’ father was Samuel Dedman who served in the Mecklenburg Co. Militia during the RW and was probably at the final battle in Yorktown. This line can get in DAR & SAR through Samuel’s service. There is proof of lineage clear back to Christopher Deadman in the 1650’s. I will gladly fill in any blanks for her. Sincerely,

--Wanda Colvin

From: Dedmon@yahoogroups.com
[mailto:Dedmon@yahoogroups.com]
On Behalf Of Tabitha
Sent: Thursday, July 14, 2005 5:10 PM
To: Dedmon@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [Dedmon]

How is everyone in the Dedmon family?

I haven’t heard from any members lately but I been busy workin on my father’s side of the family. I hope everything is fine for everyone. Take care. Love, cousin Tabitha Nelson Young, granddaughter of John Dedmon

Everything seems to be fine from this branch of the tree and I have not heard from very many family members lately either. I am hoping that changes soon. I need more information, not just from Dedmons, but also from the other branches. I intend to include more of the related families in future issues of the newsletter.