

The Dedmon Connection

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

SPRING IS SPRUNG

WELL... NOT QUITE, BUT BELIEVE IT OR NOT THE YEAR IS ALMOST ONE-FOURTH GONE. SPRING IS APPROACHING AND IT IS TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT THE GARDEN. THIS YEAR MY BROTHER TOM HAS RETIRED AND WE PLAN TO WORK TOGETHER. AS HE LEFT FOR THE AIR FORCE SHORTLY AFTER I MARRIED AND MOVED TO HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA, WE HAVE NOT BEEN AROUND EACH OTHER ALL THAT MUCH FOR SEVERAL YEARS. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR "PARTNERSHIP". I GUESS WE WILL HAVE TO WAIT 'TILL JULY AND/OR AUGUST TO KNOW THE RESULTS OF THE ENDEAVOR.

THE ATLANTA BRAVES ARE NOT LOOKING SO GOOD THIS YEAR IN SPRING TRAINING. IT SEEMS THIS MIGHT BE THE END OF THEIR WILLING STREAK AS FAR AS THE DIVISION TITLE. I BELIEVE THE NEW YORK METS WILL BE THE TEAM TO BEAT IN THE NATIONAL LEAGUE EAST. THE BRAVES MAY HAVE A SHOT AT THE WILD CARD, BUT IT WILL BE A "RACE TO THE WIRE"..... I PREDICT THEY WILL BE ABOUT 4 OR 5 GAMES BEHIND THE WILD CARD LEADER AROUND SEPTEMBER 1ST. IT WILL PROBABLY BE THE REDS OR THE GIANTS THAT THEY WILL HAVE TO BEAT.



Leroy Dedmon

MASIE IS FIVE!!!



MASIE (MY GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER) IS ALREADY FIVE YEARS OLD. SHE IS ALL SMILES AT HER PARTY GIVEN BY HER MOTHER, CARRIE (MY GRANDDAUGHTER). THE EVENT TOOK PLACE AT GWEN'S FAMILY RESTAURANT IN BUCHANNAN, GA. GWEN IS CARRIE'S MOTHER AND THE GRANDMOTHER OF MASIE. IT IS HARD FOR ME TO BELIEVE SHE IS FIVE AS IT SEEMS LIKE A FEW DAYS AGO THAT JANE WOKE ME AT FOUR A.M. AND SAID, "CARRIE IS IN THE WAY TO THE HOSPITAL". SO WE ARRIVED AT SOUTH COBB GENERAL ABOUT THE SAME TIME MASIE DID.

HIS NAME IS JOESPH,

BUT WE CALL HIM BILLY

I WAS ALMOST EIGHT YEARS OLD WHEN MY BROTHER BILL WAS BORN. I REMEMBER WELL WHEN WE WERE TOLD THAT WE HAD A BABY BROTHER AT DR. STEPHENSON'S CLINIC IN RINGGOLD. FOR SOME REASON I WAS NOT AWARE OF THE FACT THAT WE WERE GONNA HAVE A BABY AT OUR HOUSE, SO IT WAS A SURPRISE. I HAVE NEVER ASKED MY SISTERS IF THEY KNEW IN ADVANCE. I GOT TO GO SEE HIM AT THE CLINIC. WHEN TOLD HIS NAME WAS JOSEPH WILLIAM, SOMEBODY (MOM OR DAD) SAID, BUT WE WILL CALL HIM BILLY... ...AND BILLY IT WAS, EVEN AFTER HE "BECAME A MAN"!!!!!! AT SOME POINT I BEGAN CALLING HIM BILL, BUT I THINK JANE (MY WIFE) AND OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS STILL CALL HIM BILLY. IT HAS BEEN 59 YEARS SINCE THE "BLESSED EVENT" ARRIVED TO TAKE HIS PLACE WITH HIS FOUR SIBLINGS. TRULY MARCH 1, 1947 WAS A "RED" LETTER DAY AT THE DEDMON HOUSEHOLD.





[Dedmon] Family Gathers For Birthday Party for “Uncle” Wilson Clements in 1933

Very proud members of the Park, Yandell, Dedmon, Clements, Cavender, Collins, Shahan, Magill, Beck, Shaw, Chapman, Castleberry, Warrenfells, and other lines gathered on September 8, 1933, to celebrate the birthday of “Uncle” Wilson Clements who was in



Eddie Hightower

his mid-’90’s at the time. This photo was taken in the yard of the Old Home Place of the Park-Clements-Cavender families in Villanow, Walker Co., GA, which was the location of the Park-Clements-Cavender Cemetery, also. The Home Place and Cemetery are on the same road as the historic “Joseph Warren Cavender General Store at the main crossroads of the center of Villanow, GA.



Located between those two family landmarks was also a home which was built by James Clements and became in more recent years the Summer home of Myrtis Cavender Shahan (one of the four daughters of J.W. Cavender). Her son, Maxwell Shahan is pictured, sitting on ground, in second row. Maxwell lived into his late ‘90’s until his death at his home in Knoxville, TN, in the last three years. Myrtis Cavender Shahan is the lady who is standing on the far left of the 3rd row. The attempt at identifying all of these gathered family members was made by Llewellyn Chapman, Frank Clements Shaw, and myself, Eddie Hightower — all descendents of James Park and Martha Yandell Park.

Sitting on the ground in the first row is Myrtis Shaw, who is the mother of young Frank Clements Shaw, Jr., seen sitting in his mother’s lap, then James Clements, next is Charles Clements, and May Clements who is being held by her mother. Sitting on the bench are four family members. The first lady is either Lilian, or Julia Clements, the next lady is Mary Park Clements who is a daughter of the “BIRTHDAY BOY” who is seated to the right with cane in hand and wearing a handsome white beard in coat and tie. To “Uncle” Wilson’s right is Clementine Castleberry.

The lady standing in the 3rd row next to Myrtis Cavender Shahan just may be Adelaide Beck Chase (daughter of Georgia Cavender and Benjamin Beck), but we are not absolutely sure of this. Next to her is Nannie Clements Shaw, and the gentleman to her right is Haskell Castleberry, Sr., next is Minnie Cavender Warrenfells and her only brother Judson Cicero Cavender (the Grandfather of Eddie Hightower and Judson R. Hightower). Seen on the back row, peeking between Aunt Minnie and Judson, is the wife of Judson Cavender, Flora Collins Cavender. The two gentlemen and one lady on the back row, standing with my “Granny Flo” Cavender have not yet been identified by Llew, Frank, nor myself. We need your help, please!

Eddie Hightower obtained this photo and help in the identifications from our Cousin Frank Clements Shaw, Jr. on his visit to Frank’s home at Davis Cross Roads in Kensington, Walker Co., GA, on Aug. 1, 2005. Coincidentally, I had in my possession two other photos including some of the same family members along with others not in this photo which were passed down to me from my mother, Martha Eleanor Cavender Hightower. She was the only daughter of Judson C. and Flora Collins Cavender.

It appears from all the dates and markings on the three photos in question, that they were all taken with the same camera and developed at the same time in a studio in Chattanooga, TN, on Oct. 4, 1933. But this is not an absolute certainty. I will pass along the other two photos with attempted identifications in a later e-mail. Thanks for your patience and I hope that you have appreciated this visit with our long departed “Uncle” Wilson Clements who served the CSA wounded so well on the battlefields of the South.

May God Bless all of you, Eddie Hightower, son of Martha Eleanor Cavender, grandson of Judson Cicero Cavender, great grandson of Joseph Warren Cavender, Great Great Grandson of Dr. Adam G. Clements and Mary Wilson Hill Park, and Great Great Great Grandfather James Park and Martha Yandell.

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.

We still have several “missing links” in our effort to trace the Dedmon family back to “the ark”. Here are a few inquiries received:

--Leroy

Posted by: Shelly Dedmon
barkleymom@yahoo.com

My grandfather was Jefferson Henry Dedmon, b 1916 (approx) in Baytown Texas. His parents were John Thomas Dedmon and Daisy McCaskill Dedmon. His Paternal grandparents were Dallas Dedmon and Unknown McGinty Dedmon. Any information about this line of the Dedmons would be appreciated. Thanks.

From: Katherine Lee (klee@snowhill.com)
Does anyone have any information about William Deadman, publisher and printer in Asheville and Hendersonville, NC? This would have been in the mid- to late 1800's. He married Elizabeth Sheehan and had one daughter I know of - Melissa Deadman. I believe he was originally from Rutherford Co., NC. Any help will be appreciated.

Amonette/Armonett/Amonett was married to Cintha Dedmon b 1815 d abt 1850-60. There was also a brother Jonathan Dedmon, also a sister Matilda b 1815 m John H Amonett. Your info will help to fill in some blanks for me. If I can help some more, please let me know. Thanks for your info.
Nancy Amonette (dnamonette@aol.com)

Pat Bain, (Nashville TN) <dbain12952@aol.com>
My ancestor was Annie Deadman's brother John Jr. I have his line if you need. I have info that John and Susan Hunt had 6 children, Annie, Bethel, John Jr., Cintha, Matilda, and Jonathan. Let me know if you need my info. I have some info on Annie's ancestors if you need.

I am seeking information on the ancestors and descendants of James Hall and Annie Deadman (Dedman) of Smith Co. TN., 1800's:

James Hall b. ABT 1810 d. 1842? Smith Co., TN?
m. Annie Deadman b. 6 Feb 1812 Smith Co., TN
d. 20 Jun 1898 Sykes, Smith Co., TN.

Children:

- * _____ Hall b. ABT 1832 Smith Co., TN
- * Allen Bethel Hall b. 1 Nov 1833 Smith Co., Tenn
d. 22 Aug 1912 Smith Co., Tenn
- * Martha Hall b. ABT 1834 Smith Co., TN
- * William Hall b. ABT 1836 Smith Co., TN
- * John Hall b. ABT 1838 Smith Co., TN
- * James M. Hall b. ABT 1840 Smith Co., TN
- * Telitha Hall b. Oct 1842? Smith Co., TN
d. 15 Jun 1906 Trigg Co., KY m. 4 May 1859
Trigg Co., KY Adam Gordon b. Mar 1837 Roane
Co., TN d. 20 Mar 1907 Trigg Co., KY

Annie Deadman's parents: John Deadman b. ABT 1778 NC d. 1860 Smith Co., TN m. Susanna Hunt b. ABT 1785 NC d. ABT 1885 Smith Co., TN

Children:

- * Annie Deadman b. 6 Feb 1812 Smith Co., TN
d. 20 Jun 1898 Sykes, Smith Co., TN m. James
Hall b. ABT 1810 d. 1842? Smith Co., TN?
- * Bethel Deadman b. 1817 d. 1854 m. ABT. 1847
Nancy Martha Waters b. ABT. 1830
Gerald Gordon <ggordon@runet.edu>

My grandfather was Alexander (Alex) H. Dedmon and was born in Tennessee in 1869. I would appreciate information on any of the descendants of his four brothers. Their names were John, known to have lived and died in Russellville, Arkansas, Burt, who died in Fort Stockton, Texas, Alva, who lived in Van Alstyne, Texas and I believe died in Fort Worth, Texas, and F. Marvin Dedmon who moved to Van Zandt County, Texas and died there in about 1957. If any descendants read this, please get in touch with me at willdone@msn.com.

Thanks,

Willie Donehoo (willdone@msn.com)

I am sure some of our readers will have additional information concerning some of these inquiries. If you do, please contact them and also let me know what information you have as I need to up date my records. Also send me your “brick wall” so I can publish it here....
--Leroy



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I have no idea about the Emerson-Dedmon house mentioned here, but I intend to find out more. I am printing this hoping some of you will have more information and possibly pictures. I do plan to make a trip to North Carolina (The Cradle of our Ancestors). The website for the Salisbury Foundation: http://www.historicsalisbury.org/properties_saved.asp

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DEATH NOTICES

Louis William Fahrberger

Mr. Louis William Fahrberger, 69, of Dalton departed this life Tuesday, March 28, 2006, at the local hospital.

He was born Jan. 13, 1937, in Chicago, son of the late Randolph and Mary McCartney Fahrberger. His brother, Rick Fahrberger, preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife, Carole Fahrberger of Dalton; sons and daughter-in-law, Louis Fahrberger Jr. and his wife Beatrice of Tracy, Calif., Mathew Peterson and Mark Fahrberger, both of Dalton; daughters and sons-in-law, Brenda and Manual Ayala of Sunnyvale, Calif., Melissa Albornes of San Jose, Calif., Jeanine and John Stround of Sunnyvale, Calif. Corinna Gillespic of Dalton; brother, William Fahrberger of Carson, NV.; sister, **Marilyn Dedmon** of Truckee, Calif., 11 grandchildren.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home Thursday from 3 to 5 p.m.

Arrangements are by locally owned and operated Ponders Funeral Home and Crematory, 138 Melrose Drive, Dalton.

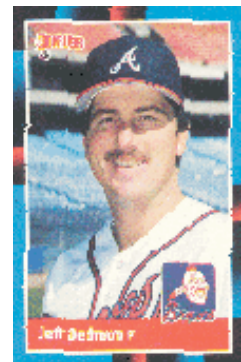
It was my intent (and still is) to contact this family and find the connection to Marilyn Dedmon. Of course some of you may already know. If you do, please let me know. --Leroy

Happy Birthday: Jeff Dedmon



Our “claim to fame” in the world of professional baseball, Jeff Dedmon, turned the ripe old age of 46 on March 4.

Jeff pitched for the Atlanta Braves as a long reliever from 1984-87. He was traded to the Cleveland Indians in 1988. My son, Gary, met Jeff in the early ‘80’s while Gary was working with the Nashville Sounds and Jeff was in the Minor Leagues



Oak Grove United Methodist Church 200 plus years at work

The following is a work of love. We at Oak Grove thank W. D. Floyd for his time.

To get to this cemetery from Forest City, NC go east on E. Main St. and after you cross the river bridge go to the second right or exactly opposite of East Rutherford High School. The cemetery will be about two to three miles on the right. If on highway US-74 go north at the Ellenboro-Henrietta exit, go to second left, look for sign. This cemetery is in two parts, the oldest is the one across the other road and most distant from the church. This is a well maintained cemetery. I started the inventory on February 22, 1997. I started in the old part away from the church in the northeast corner and worked toward the west. The inventory was completed February 24, 1997. Some unreadable markers and quite a few unmarked graves. The new part, or part next to church, was started in the south west corner.

DEDMON, EVELYN MARCH 24, 1922 MARCH 25, 1922
DEDMON, ROY R. MARCH 5, 1916 OCTOBER 4, 1918
DEDMON, RUPERT J. JANUARY 12, 1910 MARCH 7, 1912
DEDMON, R. JANET MARCH 29, 1906 JUNE 27, 1907
DEDMON, EMMA A. OCTOBER 6, 1904 OCTOBER 28, 1905
DEDMON, EMILY WATSON DEC 11, 1850 NOV. 20, 1903
DEDMON, PEARL V. JANUARY 25, 1909 JULY 19, 1910

I am fairly certain that more family members are buried in this cemetery. It is difficult for me to find those whose surname was not Dedmon. I only print what I know and will be glad to publish more if the information is sent.
<http://www.blueridge.net/~oakgrove/cemetery.htm>

PHOTO OF THE YEAR

My good friend and cousin John Henson sent me this photo. I thought it was too funny not to print. This could be our family. Thanks John....



MORE KIN FOLKS

*I found this interesting website entitled **Plumas County Adventures** by Ron Cooke. **Plumas County is Located in the Sierra Mountains of Northern California. Among the cemetery listings I found the Quincy Cemetery District Database. There were three Dedmons listed along with a Dedman and Dedmen. This was the first time I had seen this spelling. For more information you may email Ron at: rcooke@csuchico.edu.***

Located on a hill between Quincy and East Quincy, lies the Quincy Cemetery. This database was assembled from cemetery notes, not by inspection of the markers.

Dedman, Martha J. (ashes) 1950 I 109
Dedmen Henry Pool 1933 I 109
Dedmon Archie Lloyd 1956 I 109 (ashes)
Dedmon, Florence M. (ashes) 1993 I 110
Dedmon, Herbert Le Roy 1956 I 109 (ashes)

<http://www.csuchico.edu/chem/rcooke/qcdd.html>
I found a Henry Pool Dedmon, but he died in 1912. The name was interesting as he was the son of Senecca and Beda Pool Dedmon. This one could have been a grandson of Senecca.

FROM THE MAIL BAG

FROM: bambi_44706@yahoo.com
DATE: Tue, 21 Feb 2006
SUBJECT: Leon Dedmon



Our family is having a birthday party for Leon Dedmon. He will be 94 in March anyone that would like to come please contact me. Love, cousin Tabitha
I wrote her asking for more information and received this reply.....

I was told his party will probably be the weekend of the 11th of March, but I wasn't given place I just know it will be in Canton Ohio. He just recently moved back to Ohio from Alabama. Also, a correction he will be 91 not 94 I was given wrong age, also for the ones that wanted to know I'm his great granddaughter. Love, cousin Tabitha
ps: As I get info from family I will let everyone know

HAPPY BIRTHDAY LEON



The Coast Guard-manned USS *Serpens* was laid down under Maritime Commission contract (MCE hull 739) on 10 March 1943 by the California Shipbuilding Corp., Wilmington California. She was launched on 5 April 1943 and was sponsored by Mrs. H. P. Needham. She was transferred to the Navy on 19 April 1943, renamed *Serpens* and designated cargo ship AK-97. She was commissioned at San Diego on 28 May 1943 under the command of LCDR Magnus J. Johnson, USCGR.

Following shakedown off southern California, *Serpens* loaded general cargo at Alameda and, on 24 June, sailed west to assume provision ship duties in support of operations in the Solomons. By mid-July, she was in the Tonga Islands. At the end of the month, she was en route from New Caledonia to New Zealand and, by mid August, she had emptied her holds at Wellington. She then took on more cargo, returned to New Caledonia, and commenced a series of short hauls to Vitu Levu, Tutuila, Penrhyn, Bora Bora, Aitutaki, and Tongatabu. On 9 November, *Serpens* returned to New Caledonia.

In early December, she moved into the southern Solomons, and, after completing a Florida Island-Banika Island run, she stood off Lunga Point, Guadalcanal, to load cargo for Bougainville. During January 1944, she completed two runs into Empress Augusta Bay. In February, she was ordered back to New Zealand for dry-docking before loading dry provisions. For the next four months, *Serpens* delivered consignments to bases in the New Hebrides and the Solomons, returning to New Zealand to reload only once. In July, she was at Purvis Bay for the installation of a SF-1 radar. LCDR Perry L. Stinson, USCG, took over command from LCDR Johnson on 22 July 1944.

She then resumed operations and, through October, carried general cargo and rolling stock between ports and anchorages in the Solomons. In mid-November, she loaded repairable vehicles from the Russells and from Guadalcanal and sailed for New Zealand where, after off-loading, three of her holds were converted for ammunition stowage. Late in December 1944, the Liberty ship commenced loading at Wellington, finished it at Auckland, and returned to the Solomons in mid-January 1945.

On the 29th, she was anchored off Lunga Beach. The commanding officer and seven others, one officer and six enlisted men, were ashore. The remaining crewmen were loading depth charges into her holds when the *Serpens* exploded. After the explosion, only the bow of the ship was visible. The rest had disintegrated, and the bow sank soon afterward. 198 Coast Guard crewmen, 57 Army stevedores, and

a Public Health Service physician, Dr. Harry M. Levin, were killed in the explosion and another soldier who was ashore was killed by shrapnel. Only two of those on board, SN 1/c Kelsie K. Kemp and SN 1/c George S. Kennedy, who had been in the boatswain's locker, survived.

An eyewitness to the disaster stated: "As we headed our personnel boat shoreward the sound and concussion of the explosion suddenly reached us, and, as we turned, we witnessed the awe-inspiring death drams unfold before us. As the report of screeching shells filled the air and the flash of tracers continued, the water splashed throughout the harbor as the shells hit. We headed our boat in the direction of the smoke and as we came into closer view of what had once been a ship, the water was filled only with floating debris, dead fish, torn life jackets, lumber and other unidentifiable objects. The smell of death, and fire, and gasoline, and oil was evident and nauseating. This was sudden death, and horror, unwanted and unasked for, but complete."

LCDR Stinson reported: "I felt and saw two flashes after which only the bow of the ship was visible. The rest had disintegrated and the bow sank soon afterwards." The two survivors, SN 1/c Kemp and SN 1/c Kennedy, according to Stinson, "...showed a lot of savvy by grabbing a couple of water lights that we kept stowed in the [boatswain's] locker. They used them to attract attention when they climbed out onto the floating portion of the bow." Both men were injured but were rescued by a base commander in the area.

At first report the incident was attributed to enemy action but a court of inquiry later determined that the cause of the explosion could not be established from the remaining evidence and by 1949 the Navy noted that the loss was not due to enemy action but due to an "accident intrinsic to the loading process." The loss of the *Serpens* remains the largest single disaster ever suffered by the Coast Guard. The dead were initially buried at the Army, Navy and Marine Corps Cemetery at Guadalcanal. Their remains were later exhumed and taken to Arlington National Cemetery where they were interred on 15 June 1949. A large monument in their honor was erected over the grave site and dedicated on 16 November 1950.

Among those missing following the explosion was: **DEDMON, John Clifford, Jr.; Radarman 3/c** The *Serpens* earned one battle star for her World War II service.

http://www.uscg.mil/history/WEBCUTTERS/Serpens_Casualties.html



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Mr. Dedmon is an expert on the aviation industry. He has been involved in the aviation business since 1969. He has extensive experience with regard to the design, engineering, manufacture and distribution of FAA-approved replacement parts. He has testified before a U.S. House of Representatives' Sub-Committee and also has participated in crash investigations and engine tear down inspections with both the FAA and NTSB.

Mr. Dedmon graduated from Rice University in 1965 with a bachelor's degree in economics and later from Southern Methodist University with a master's degree in business administration. He began his career in the aviation business in 1969 when he joined Superior Air Parts, Inc., where he held the position of vice president. His responsibilities included marketing, product development, Federal Aviation Administration regulatory compliance, product liability insurance matters and litigation. In 1985 he became president upon Superior's acquisition by NEOAX, Inc.

In 1990, Mr. Dedmon formed Aircraft Technology Corporation, Inc., and served as its president until its sale in 1998. AirTech's primary business was designing, engineering, manufacturing and distributing FAA approved replacement parts for aircraft engines.

Since the sale of AirTech he has worked as a consultant for Aviation Consulting Group, Inc., where he provides consulting services with regard to FAA regulations in the area of product certification, engineering and manufacturing. He also provides consultation involving product liability insurance, exposure and litigation.

Dedmon has testified as an industry expert before a U.S. House of Representatives sub-committee that was investigating competition in the aviation replacement parts industry. He has given presentations at a number of FAA sponsored events. He has also actively participated in aircraft crash investigations and engine tear down inspections with both the FAA and the National Transportation Safety Board. He has been involved in product liability litigation and anti-trust litigation. His expertise also includes parts manufacturer approval (PMA), FAA quality audits, supplier control, engineering approval and regulatory questions.

(I am always excited to read about Dedmons in the news. Even though I don't know Charles, he has to be kin ('cause he seems smart). Somebody out there enlighten me as to how this family member fits in the tree.)



This page is dedicated to the “branches” of our tree that are not Dedmons. There are several hundred of such families. I will gladly print any information you send me as to your relatives. This includes in-laws and “outlaws”. --Leroy

Jennie Wells

Miss **Jennie Wells**, 89, of Dalton, died Friday, March 3, 2006. She worked at Crown Cotton Mill for 40 years and was the daughter of the late John and Minnie Howell Wells. Preceding her in death were her sisters, Adilee Wells, Johnnie Wells Wofford, Agnes Green and Gladys Long.

Jennie is survived by nieces and nephews, Helen Cox, Stanly and Penny Cox, **Joan Dixon**, Jackie and Frank Tipton and Billy and Rosalie Green, all of Dalton; great-nieces and great-nephews, Kevin and Angie Wofford, Vaughn and Tammy Cox, Connie Green, Blake Tipton, Amii Harris, McKena Ellison, Ray Green, Billy Ray Green II and Zack Green; and lifetime next-door neighbors, Grace Holloway and Floyd Holloway.

Services are Sunday at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Love Funeral Home with the Rev. Tommy Crider officiating. Burial will be in West Hill Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home today from 4 to 7 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to the Alzheimer's Association of Northwest Georgia Chapter, 855 Abutment Road, Suite 6, Dalton, GA, 30721.

Love Funeral Home, 1402 N. Thornton Ave., Dalton is in charge of arrangements. Words of comfort may be sent to the family at www.lovefuneralhome.com.

I am not sure if Jennie is related to my Great Grandmother, Mary Wells, or not, but other family members seem to think so. It is also possible that Joan Dixon is related to my mother. Another possible family connection could be through the Greens listed here.

Paul Callahan, 89, Rossville

Paul Callahan of Rossville died on Sunday, March 26, at his home. He was 89. A lifelong resident of Chattanooga and north Georgia, he was a Baptist and a retired truck driver with the Teamsters Union. He served in the U.S. Army and was a veteran of World War II. He was preceded in death by his wife, Frances Callahan. Survivors include children, Gary, and wife, Betty Callahan of Ooltewah, Tenn., Sandra Sherrell of Tiftonia; stepson, Jim Muse of Rising Fawn; six grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews. Services: Wednesday, March 29, at 12:30 p.m. at the South Crest Chapel with Rev. Lawrence Blackwell officiating. Burial: National Cemetery. Visitation: Tuesday, March 28, from 4-8 p.m. at the South Crest Chapel of Lane Funeral Home and Crematory. Condolences can be sent to www.lane-southcrestchapel.com. Arrangements by Lane Funeral Home, Rossville, Georgia.

My father's aunt, Rachel, married Gene Callahan. As with so many of my fathers relatives, I don't have very much information.

Charles Whisenant, infant

Charles “Chucky” Wayne Whisenant, four-month-old infant of Clyde and Heather Whisenant, died Wednesday, March 29. Other survivors include his brother, Bradley Michael Whisenant; maternal grandparents, Ron and Melodie Coon of Ringgold; paternal grandparents, Aurthor and Theresa Whisenant of Chattanooga, Tenn.; maternal great-grandparents, Charles and Eldena Coon and Joseph and Evelyn Richard; paternal great-grandparent, Delores Jenkins; several aunts, uncles and cousins. Services: Saturday, April 1, at 2:30 p.m. at Tennessee-Georgia Memorial Park with Rev. Billy Joe Smith officiating. Visitation: Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the South Crest Chapel of Lane Funeral Home and Crematory, Rossville. Arrangements by Lane Funeral Home, Rossville, Georgia. Condolences may be sent to www.lane-southcrestchapel.com.

There are at least a couple of connections to the Whisenant family. My dad's first cousin Evelyn Callahan married Aaron Whisenant. I don't have enough information on his family to know if there is a connection to this family or not. Also, Britter Holly Whisenant married Lawson Hambright around 1830, she was the daughter of George and Sarah Amanda Wells Whisenant. The Hambrights are my mother's ancestors. There is also the possibility of a connection with Sarah Amanda Wells to my father's family. I just need more information to be certain of how all this “fits” in the tree.