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LEROY DEDMON

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This is the third issue of the CONNECTION for 2007 and as promised there will be one more if all goes as planned. There is a strong possibility that this one will be published “on time”. At least while I am writing this article, October 1st is still several weeks away. This has been a very busy summer for me. Of course, the garden and yard keeps me fairly busy in addition to my travels. I have preached in Manchester, Ooltewah and McMinnville, TN as well as a few places here in Georgia. The ones that come to mind are: Dalton, Adairsville, Bowdon, Bemen, Tunnel Hill and my home congregation, Chattanooga Valley in Flintstone, GA.

My brother Tom and myself had a pretty good garden this year, even if I do say so. Our sister Ruth, who is the family poet and “scrapbooker”, took this picture and composed the accompanying poem. Of course all must realize that breaks are taken at different times and looks can be deceiving. I guess I don’t have to identify the persons in the photo...



FARMERS IN THE DELL

**They’re brothers, they’re partners, a dynamic duo,
till the soil, plant a garden and watch it grow...**

**Weed, water, thin the rows, then you water and weed....
You look and you marvel, “This all came from seed!”**

**Did I say they were partners? I spoke out of turn;
A lifetime of lessons, will Tom ever learn?**

**As kids, Leroy could convince Tommy black was white...
He said, “I’ll get on my knees, we’ll be equal to fight!”**

**The Bible says Paul planted, Apollos watered, they were a team.
So Tommy planted, Leroy watered, a big brother’s dream!**

**And now, 50 years later, it’s all about the same,
Pictures don’t lie, Leroy’s still ahead of the game!**

--by Alma Ruth

We had a “bumper crop of okra, which was in the area where you know who is sitting and tomatoes where the guy in the hat is kneeling. Other items in the garden included green beans, squash, hot peppers, corn, cucumbers, peas, canteloupes, and water melon. This was not a good year for our blueberries as the cold snap in the spring wiped them out. We had just a couple of handfuls of blackberries, but the grapes were just fine. We made several jars of grape jelly and some grape juice...

**Down
Memory Lane**
 Send me your old stories and articles relating to the Dedmon Family. Come on folks!!! Dig into that old shoe box in the closet and bring out the goodies!!!!



Here is a picture sent to me by Jackie Mae Bishop, who is connected to the Dedmon (Deadman, Dedman) family. The best I can tell she is from the Christopher Deadman side. If that be true, and I am sure it is, then it appears that some of her kinfolk may very well connect to the John Deadman line as well. The jury may still be out on that one though....



In the above photo, Jackie thinks that the second couple from the right may be John A. Dedmon and Bethilda “Tillie” Manerva White Tillie is a sister to Jackie’s grandfather.

Here is an email that I received from her.

Leroy - good newsletter but then it always is - thanks so much for including me when you send out.

I always look forward to getting it and am anxious to see if anyone recognizes the family in the picture I sent that you said you were using in your April-June newsletter. As I'd mentioned I really think the lady on the front row is Bethilda “Tillie” Manerva White who married John Dedmon. Tillie is my GreatGrandDad’s Sister.

“IF” this is Tillie (White) & John Dedmon then more than likely some of the kiddos are theirs and maybe John’s siblings & families. Plus the older man at the end

(on right) of the front row would probably be John Dedmon’s Dad, Francis Dedmon, because I know it isn’t Tillie’s Dad (I have a picture of him - he’s my GreatGreatGrandDad)

I’m sure crossing my fingers someone will know for sure who the family is and maybe who each person is (at least some of them).

Wanda Colvin gave me most of this information for which I’m just so appreciative: John Dedmon (1855 Madison Co, ALA - 1940 Elk City, OK) son of Francis & Mary/Polly (Blankenship) Dedmon. Francis is son of Samuel & Eleanor (Howard) Dedmon. Samuel is

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son of Philip & Margaret Dedmon, Jr. Philip is son of Philip & Mary (Luck) Dedmon, Sr. Philip Sr is son of Christopher & (Ann) Martin Dedmon.

Did I mention to you that one of my cousin had a couple of boxes of old pictures that had been his Moms (my aunt). And I was just thrilled when he loaned them to me. There are lots and lots of pictures that we don't know who they are. I've been sending out to various ones in the family and so far not a lot of luck but I'm going to continue working on this and hopefully one of these days be able to put some names with some of the pictures - cross your fingers for me. Such a shame that no one in the family took the time to set down with my grandparents, etc and ask. I remember as a kid my grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc talking about their families but at the time I guess I was too young to make notes, etc - now I could kick myself.

Excited that you may put in your next newsletter. Thanks again for the newsletter - really enjoyed it
--Jackie Mae Bishop



HERE IS ANOTHER ONE

My Great Aunt Effie Mincher in this picture and on the back of the picture it has "Effie Mincher with other Minchers". If you'd like to put in your newsletter - maybe someone would know who they are, But do realize that this depends on the amount of space you have - Jackie Mae Bishop

I really apologize to Jackie, as I meant to include this in the last newsletter as she mentioned. I received her original email on my laptop while I was out of town and then the laptop crashed and I lost the information. We really do need to try to discover more of the connection to her family. I am aware of other Dedmon/White connections from the Alabama area. Put on your thinking caps and lets get busy on this one. I also need to get a little more information from Jackie. --Leroy

I do not know the author of the following poem. It was sent to me among the many email "forwards" I receive daily. I ran across it while attempting to clean out my files and thought it was worth sharing. --Leroy

WHEN I'M AN OLD LADY..

When I'm an old lady, I'll live with each kid,
And bring so much happiness...just as they did.
I want to pay back all the joy they've provided.
Returning each deed! Oh, they'll be so excited!
(When I'm an old lady and live with my kids)

I'll write on the wall with reds, whites and blues,
And I'll bounce on the furniture...wearing my shoes.
I'll drink from the carton and then leave it out.
I'll stuff all the toilets and oh, how they'll shout!
(When I'm an old lady and live with my kids)

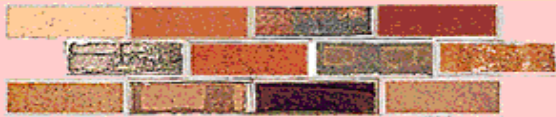
When they're on the phone and just out of reach,
I'll get into things like sugar and bleach.
Oh, they'll snap their fingers and then shake their head,
(When I'm an old lady and live with my kids)

When they cook dinner and call me to eat,
I'll not eat my green beans or salad or meat,
I'll gag on my okra, spill milk on the table,
And when they get angry...I'll run...if I'm able!
(When I'm an old lady and live with my kids)

I'll sit close to the TV, through the channels I'll click,
I'll cross both eyes just to see if they stick.
I'll take off my socks and throw one away,
And play in the mud 'til the end of the day!
(When I'm an old lady and live with my kids)

And later in bed, I'll lay back and sigh,
I'll thank God in prayer and then close my eyes.
My kids will look down with a smile slowly creeping,
And say with a groan,
"She's so sweet when she's sleeping!"
God Bless All Moms and Grandmas Everywhere!

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.

MY THOUGHTS ON THE JAMIE WHITE STORY

by **Von B. Hamrick**
(vbhamrick@webtv.net)

Will the real father of William Henry Deadman please stand up. Was it James Deadman or Jamie White? Was James Deadman really a blood brother to Thomas Griffin Deadman and Mark Deadman? If he was not, it leaves many Dedmond descendants, including me, without a blood connection to the Deadman line.

There are some obvious errors in E. W. Dedmond's Jamie White story but these are facts that a story teller might not verify before telling his story. The main heart of the story is what engages my curiosity. For years, I have researched James Deadman looking for something that might confirm his true identity but to no avail.

There are something's that really haunt me about this story. In my research, I have found many convincing indicators that there were two Deadman Families in Davie County, one not related to the other. The strongest is an obituary for Martha Click Deadman written by her brother, Jesse Click and published in the Hickory newspaper on February 20, 1912. In this obituary, he specifically states that James Roland Deadman, son of William Henry Deadman "was not related to" Hailey Deadman, son of Thomas Griffin Deadman.

Another reason is found in a 1992 letter I received from Francis Dedmond of Boone, NC. He states that this story was wide spread in the family. As a child, he can remember his mother saying many times, "You Dedmonds are not Dedmonds. You are Whites." He does not know where his mother got the story but points out that his grandfather, James Roland Dedmond, the son of William Henry Deadman, lived with them the last seven years of his life. He would have been 27 years old when his father died. It is quite conceivable that he would have had many conversations with his father about his grandfather.

Another good point would be E. W. Dedmond's age when his father died. He was 13 years of age and old enough to remember any conversations, he might have had with his father about his grandfather. It is hard for me to believe that he would just concoct

this story about his grandfather when so many family members were still living that would know the truth.

When the use of DNA in genealogy began, I knew this was the tool that could either validate or disprove this story. If the Y-DNA from a male Dedmond descendant of James matches the Y-DNA from the descendants of Thomas G. Deadman and Mark Dedmon, it would indicate they are from the same family and probably blood brothers. If the Y-DNA does not match, it would support the main premise of E. W. Dedmond's story and more work would need to be done on the White's.

By participating in the Sorenson Molecular Genealogy Foundation, this test will be done at no cost to you. If you are a male descendant of James, Thomas G. or Mark with the Deadman, Dedmon or Dedmond name, please go to the following website and request a Participation Kit.

<http://www.smgf.org>

The only thing they ask in return is that you include at least four generations of your family tree. Do it today and help us take down this brick wall.

SMGF just added some more records to their data base and from the comments I have seen on the DNA-GENEALOGY posting board, the samples for the newly added records were submitted in the last quarter of 2005 and first quarter of 2006. When I submitted my sample years ago the waiting period was about 6 months. I guess when you do for free what commercial labs charge a couple hundred dollars for, you don't have any problem getting the business. Many people had rather pay a commercial lab to do it than put up with the waiting period but I think the free way is better for what we are trying to accomplish. I don't know of anyone that is in a big hurry for the answer.

The story essentially says that James was really Jamie White whose family had been killed by Indians. He was raised by Sarah Griffin Deadman and took the name Deadman to avoid the stigma of "orphan". I am sure you have read the write up by Esby Walter. Most researchers have discounted the story because they felt it could never be proved or disproved. I had it published in the Davie County Heritage Book so it would not get lost.

I will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Although I have printed the Jamie White story in previous issues, I will reprint it on the following pages. Let's help Von out in this matter by participating in the DNA testing.....

VONDURAE

In the year 1680 or about 100 years before the Revolutionary War, there came a man and his young wife to a place on Yadkin river in what is now being known as Davie Co., N.C., that was made famous because of being the birth place of Daniel Boone, the pioneer settler of Kentucky. They settled in a forest, a real jungle. The man was past middle (*age) and his wife was much the junior. His name was Thomas Dedmond and his wife's maiden name was Sarah Edmond. She was an English lady by birth, and to them was born one child, a son whom they named Edmond. Edmond Dedmond married Elizabeth Corbin a French lady in 1753 which was 106 years old before I was born. To them were born 10 children, 5 boys and 5 girls, the eldest one was named Thomas Dedmond (No. 2) and he was married to Susan Tatum and to them were born several children, but their oldest one a girl whose name was Susan, married Thomas (*Stephen Caton) Caton. To them were born 2 children. 1 girl and 1 boy. The girl was married to my father in 1838. This Sarah Caton Dedmond was the mother of 17 children of whom I am the unlucky number 13.

Now I must go back to the jungle. Sometime about 1690 or 1701, there came a man with Daniel Boone's father, and settled nearby with his beautiful young wife, his name was John White, their oldest child was named Jammie Dedmond White, their next was a girl and when she was about a year old was killed against a tree by a band of Indians who came and destroyed everything, leaving Jammie for dead, taking the beautiful wife and mother captive.

Mr. White came home to find his children dead, his wife in the power of savages and his little home a pile of ashes. In his anger his anxiety taking the place of prudence, he alone pursued the savages and was killed by them. His wife was taken to the Tryon section which then reached from Catawba river to the Mississippi. The Chief tried to get her back to her people but was informed by the Catawbans who captured her, that they were dead. (*and they thought so, but Jammie came too.) Thus thinking all her people were killed, she didn't wish to leave a friendly tribe to meet hostile ones, so in the course of time she learned to love the chief and married him for the love of his noble heart and his purity of character.

This great chief's name was Lookadoo. They had one son whom they named Daniel; he was my wife's great grand father for she was the daughter of George Washington Lookadoo who was killed in the 7 days fight around Richmond during the Civil war. She was

born in 3 weeks after her father left home. Thus she was never permitted to see her father, therefore it is claimed by many that she can cure disease. But I must go back to the jungle again and tell you that Edmond Dedmond went to Mr. White's place, found that the awful tragedy and destruction of what had been a happy home in the forest was in ashes with the chickens) picking out the brains of the baby, and little Jammie, their dear boy, more dead than alive. He took Jammie to his own mother who raised him to manhood. She always called him by his two names, Jammie Dedmond, so he grew up as Jammie Dedmond, and when a man of 25, was still called Jammie Dedmond instead of J.D. White.

So as the years passed and he became the father of a family and died when old, leaving a widow with several children, one of which was named William Henry Dedmond. This Wm. H. Dedmond married Sarah Caton in 1838, and was my father. So my name was changed, not by my will or anybody else's will so far as that goes, but it was changed nevertheless, and so effectually changed that there can be no easy way of altering it. I now look back and try to feel that God's hand was in it all. My wife was not allowed a father's love, or even a sister or brother, so I have given her a double portion. (**Daniel Lookadoo was the father of Jesse & he was the father of George--my (Esby Walter Deadmond) wife's Father.*)

(*)written in by Esby Walter in leaflet. Letter from Esby to Major Dedmon 1916-1928

The following note was written by Francis Berniel Deadman (Dedmond), who was a great-great grandson of James Deadman. He was born in 1918 and I am not sure if he is still living. Someone will surely tell me.

JAMES (JAMMIE) (WHITE) DEADMAN THEORY

“As reluctant as some of us may be, I don't think, given the data we have or do not have, that we can categorically rule in or rule out the Jammie White Deadman story. A lot of what Dr. Esby put in his account cannot be accepted. But the story is so wide spread in the family that I am not ready yet to say that it just ain't so. But at the moment, I say I have an open mind on that story but that it might be basically sound, that is, that Jammie was an orphan who was raised by the Deadman's and took the Deadman family name.” (Francis B. Deadman)(1992)

JAMES (JAMMIE) (WHITE) DEADMAN THEORY

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It must be noted here that there I have no written proof that Jessie and William Henry were brothers. They are listed together because of a theory by Von Baxter Hamrick III. Even though they might not have been brothers it would appear that all Deadman, Dedmon, Dedmond, Dedmont, and others that spell their names similar and from this region of North Carolina were related. (William Reid Stalcup-1993)

Bill Stalcup is a descendent of James Deadman. The following comes from Danny McBee, who is another of the long list of descendents of James Deadman.

A book entitled "Muster Rolls of the Soldiers of the War of 1812: Detached from the Militia of North Carolina, in 1812 and 1814. The list includes James Deadman of Rowan County, North Carolina.

James did not marry until 1804. He would have been thirty three years old at this time. James did not show up as a head of the household in the 1790 Rowan County Census or the 1800 Rowan County Census. He did show up in the 1810 Rowan County, North Carolina Census as the head of the household, age 26-45, (James Deadman's actually age would have been 39 at the taking of the 1810 Census). (I wonder where James Deadman was in the 1800 Census. He was probably in the household of Thomas G. Deadman as there was a male between the age of 16-26 listed in that household (James Deadman would have been 29 years old at that time if my date of his birth is right.) I wonder why he waited so long to marry. I also checked to see if he could have been listed as Jammie Deadman White, referencing back to the tale of the Indians by Esby Walter Dedmond, but there was no James D. White in the 1800 Rowan County, North Carolina Census. James could have been a farm laborer working at someone else's farm during his younger years.

James Dedman is listed in the 1815 Rowan County, North Carolina Tax List. He is listed as having no acreage. James Dedman shows up in the 1815 Rowan County, North Carolina Tax List of Capt. Sharp's Compy 1815 as owning no acreage.

Charles Odell Williams, of Mocksville, Davie County, North Carolina, suggests the following story: Some think that Jesse Deadmon; (1806? - 1863); and William Henry Deadmon's; (1812-1875); father and mother may have died when they were young boys and were raised by other members of the family also, like orphans, possibly. Their father was thought to be named James Deadmon; (1770?-1816?); and he was in the War of 1812 at the Battle of Horse Shoe Bend in Alabama. So it might be possibly that Jesse Deadmon and William Henry Deadmon were really named White and not Deadmon, or their father might have been named James White; (1770? - 1816?); and raised in the Deadmon family household and they took the name Deadmon and not used the name of "White". There were Indian Wars in the United States of America from 1607 until the War of 1812 Wars, too. (Copied by Danny A. McBee, February 1, 1997).

I appreciate Von Hamrick for his persistence in trying to determine the validity of the Jamie Deadman White mystery. It does appear the DNA testing may help solve it. It took a bit of patience on Van's part to make an attempt to educate me on the ways and means that DNA will help us. The following from Von helped me to understand.

The Y-DNA follows the male line and Mark's Y-DNA would have no connection to mine. The Y-DNA is passed down from father to son unchanged for hundreds of years. For example, none of the Hamricks in the database are close kin to me. In fact, I do not even know them but their DNA matched mine. This tells me that we have a common ancestor about 10 generations ago. This is how we will prove or disprove the Jamie White Story. If the story is true, all of James' descendants will be carrying the White Y-DNA and it will not match the DNA of the other Dedmon descendants because they do not have a common male ancestor. It is really so simply that it makes it complicated. The Y-DNA comes from the Y Chromosome. The female does not have a Y Chromosome and does not change the Y that is handed down from father to son. No Y is passed to a daughter. This is strictly a male thing. Let me know if you have any more questions. -- Von

So what we need is a Dedmon male who is a direct descendent of James Deadman. --Leroy

THIS QUARTER'S BIRTHDAYS AND AN- NIVERSARIES



**Happy Birthday to the following
who celebrated birthdays this quarter:**

Jana Richard - (7/5) .. Jana's grandfather was Herman August Dedmon. Our lines connect at Mark Dedmon. She is through his son Thomas and I am from Thomas' brother William.

Micheal Wayne Dozier - (7/10) .. Michael is the son of Glenda Dedmon and step-son of the late Floyd Earl Dedmon. Floyd is still missed by all the Dedmon researchers. His contributions to the "**Dedmon Connection**" were always enjoyed by the readers. Floyd was a brother to Ernie Dedmon, Jr. who is listed later in this article as he celebrates an August Birthday.

Amanda Cochran - (7/23) .. Amanda is the granddaughter of my brother Bill. Her mother is Kym Dedmon Cochran.

Ruth Smith - (7/24) .. Ruth is the third child and second daughter of Ruby and the late Gordon Dedmon. That being the case she is my (Leroy's) youngest sister. She now lives "part-time" with us in order to help our other sister Caroline care for mom.

Charles (Chuck) Dedman - (7/24) .. Charles is a descendent of Samuel Dedman, which is one of the lines that take us to a brick wall. We are still trying to make the connection that takes his line back to Christopher Dedman. At least that is what we suspect concerning his ancestry.

Jackie Dedman - (7/28) .. Jackie is the wife of Charles (Chuck) Dedman. Jackie has done tremendous research on the Dedman/Dedmon/Deadman family and was the original publisher of a "snail-mail" newsletter called the **Dedman Connection**. It was her encouragement that caused me to begin the on-line publication that you are now reading. It has been my intention to republish those early newsletters, but have never gotten a "round tuit".

Ernie Dedmon, Jr. - (8/7) .. Ernie is the father of our "claim to fame" in the world of major league baseball. You may remember Jeff Dedmon a relief pitcher for the Atlanta Braves in the '80's before being traded to the Cleveland Indians. Jeff and wife, Wilma reside in Yorba Linda, CA. Their daughter Kristen has been the subject of several articles as we followed her "softball career" with UCLA. Ernie is now 82 years old.

Ashley Ellison - (8/10) .. Ashley is the daughter of Rebecca Price, the wife of my nephew, Ken Price. Ken is the son of my sister, Carolyn and her husband, Claude Price.

Ruth Richard - (8/21) .. Ruth is Jana Richard's mother, and of course, the daughter of Herman August Dedmon. Ruth and Jana have been a lot of help through the years on family research. They live in Arkansas.

Teresa Dedmon Guerrero - (8/24) .. Teresa is my niece, the oldest daughter of my brother Tommy and his wife Diane. Teresa lives in Arkansas.

Ruth Glasscock Morton - (8/31) .. Ruth is my wife's sister and has been a part of the family for more than forty years. I thought it appropriate to include her.

Jennifer Dedmon - (9/5) .. Jennifer is my niece, the daughter of Thomas and Diane Dedmon. If all goes as planned, I will be "tying the knot" for her in November as she has planned her wedding.

Kenneth Price - (9/8) .. Ken is my nephew, the oldest son of my sister Carolyn.

Sandra Kay Sholar - (9/14) .. Sandra is the daughter of my wife's sister (Ruth Glasscock Morton)

Stephen Ray Smith - (9/19) .. Steve is the son of my sister, Ruth Dedmon Smith.

Those celebrating anniversaries this quarter:



Scott and Suzi Youngberg - (8/1) Suzi is the daughter of my sister Carolyn. They live in the Florida Keys and Scott has made quite a name for himself as an entertainer with his guitar and songs.

Brian and Cindy Dedmon (7/11) .. Brian is the second child and oldest son of my brother Bill. They live next door to me and have three children, Hana, Morgan and Briana. He works for the Georgia Highway Patrol and Cindy works for Price Pharmacy in Ringgold, GA.



Carolyn and Claude Price - (9/2) Carolyn and Claude celebrated number 47. She is my sister and lives just across the field from us. They have three children, Kenneth, Suzi and Mark. Ken lives nearby at East Ridge, Suzi lives in Florida and Mark is in Missouri.

If I left anyone out it is unintentional and it may mean that I do not have the information.

DEATH NOTICES

Alva E. (Wigginton) Owens of Harrah, age 80, was born Sept. 13, 1925 in Wister, Okla. Alva was the daughter of Otis Calvin and Gertrude Elizabeth (**Dedmon**) Wigginton. She left this life Feb. 18, 2006, in Harrah, Okla. Alva graduated in 1944 from Howe High School in Howe, Okla. She married Thomas Monroe Owens Sept. 13, 1947. She was a secretary for the Harrah Public Schools for 29 years and was a member of the First Baptist Church, Harrah, Okla. Alva enjoyed watching her grandkids play ball and perform in plays and dance recitals. She loved reading, going to Branson and her family was very important to her. Alva was preceded in death by her parents, husband, brother, J. D. Wigginton and daughter, Linda Kay McKinley. Survivors include: one son and daughter-in-law: David and Lisa Owens, of Seminole, Okla.; one daughter, Carolyn Gregory, Harrah, Okla.; one brother, M.C. Wigginton, Owasso, Okla.; one sister, Phyllis Maggard, Tulsa, Okla.; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren and many other relatives and friends. Services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2006, at the First Baptist Church, Harrah, Okla. and Dr. Tony Nickel officiated. Interment followed at Memory Lane Cemetery, Harrah, Okla. Services were under the direction of Smith~Parks Funeral Service in Harrah, Okla. You may leave personal condolences in the online guest book at www.smithparks.com.

I don't know this for a fact, but Alva's mother may have been the daughter of Adolphus F. Dedmon and Cassina "Cassie" Logan Dedmon. They had a daughter named Gertrude, who was born in 1903, which means she would have been about 22 years of age in 1925 when Alva was born. Before you fill this information in as fact, let's do a little research. If anyone finds out, please let me know.

WALDRON - Evalee Gloria Davis, 68, of Waldron died Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2000 in her home. She was a retired factory worker and a Baptist. Graveside service will be 10 a.m. Saturday at Birdsvew Cemetery in Waldron under the direction of Martin Funeral Home of Waldron.

She is survived by six daughters, Gloria Kilcollins of Mena, Laura Jeanette Morphew and Sandy Brazel Dedmon, both of Waldron, Diane Bowles and Tana Gordon, both of Tulsa, and Jonna Hoffman of Texarkana, Ark.; five sons, Bob Brazel of Roseburg, Ore., Ted Brazel of Waldron, Gary Brazel of Hatfield, Ronnie Hoffman of Mena and Russell Hoffman of Florida; 21 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. Pallbearers will be **Bob Dedmon**, Audie Powell, Gary Kilcollins, Cyrus Humphreys, Mark Wagner and Dean Willis.

Una Teems, 91, Chickamauga

Una Beatrice Teems of Chickamauga died Monday, June 11, 2007. She was 91. She was born in Catoosa County to the late Benjamin and **Mary Dedmon** Keys and was preceded in death by her husband, Ernest Teems, daughter, Barbara Jean Teems and stepmother, Lula Keys. A special thanks to Joyce Henry for all her love and support. Survivors include her sisters, Evelyn Coulson of Ringgold, Joan Gibbs of Martin, Willie Lee Wilson of Soddy Daisy, Tenn.; brother, Benjamin "Junior" Keys of Chickamauga and many nieces and nephews. Visitation: Tuesday, June 12 from 4-9 p.m. and Wednesday prior to the service. Services: Wednesday, June 13 at 2 p.m. in the J. Avery Bryan Chapel. Burial: Lakewood Memory Gardens South. Arrangements by Wilson Funeral Home, Chickamauga.

Una was the grand daughter of Joe Lane Dedmon. Joe Lane was a half-brother to my grandfather, Thomas Judson Dedmon. It is interesting that I have recently heard from Raymond Cathcart, who is a descendent of Daniel and Susan (Denton) Cathcart whose youngest daughter, Florence, married Joseph Lane Dedmon.

Mary Dedmon

CLINTON , Ky.- - Graveside services for **Mary Margaret Dedmon** , 82 , of Clinton , formerly of South Fulton , Tenn. , will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Shady Grove Cemetery in Union City , Tenn.. The Rev. Mike Jeffers will officiate.

Mrs. Dedmon , a native of Obion County , Tenn. , died at 12 : 40 p.m. Sunday at Birchtree Health Care in Clinton.

She was a charter member of South Fulton United Methodist Church and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

I am not sure which limb Mary is from on the tree, but I have a suspicion that it is from the West Tennessee Dedmons. While I have met and know or know about several Dedmons from the area of Jackson and Milan, TN. I have never been able to attach them to our line. I also think that Mary may be a widow of a deceased Dedmon (if she is a widow, I guess he is deceased). She could be an old maid. Maybe somebody who reads this will know and inform us.

--Leroy