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HAPPY NEW YEAR

I know I said the “CONNECTION” would be a quarterly issue, but that was last year. My New Year’s revolution is to go back to a monthly newsletter. Now, before you get too excited, I realize that I said “revolution” and not “resolution”. There is a difference. Revolution among several definitions, means “a sudden, complete or marked change in something”. Resolution suggests a resolve or determination: “to make a firm resolution to do something”. So, if this becomes a monthly publication, it truly will be a revolution. In other words, I am not promising anything!!!!

IT’S ABOUT TIME

I am reminded often of how swiftly time passes when you are late for an appointment and how slow it moves when you are waiting. I have to admit that I am not a good manager of time.....

I am not at all like the husband who was watching his wife cook breakfast. After a while, he could stand it no longer and said, “honey you can save a lot of time if you would simply get all your items from the refrigerator you will need and place them on the counter. That way you won’t be running back and forth.” It was a great time saving suggestion. Now he can cook breakfast in half the time it took his wife to cook it!!!

Time is a precious commodity and once it is gone it can never be recalled. It can not be stored for future use, nor can we borrow on tomorrow. I believe it was Thomas Edison, who said, “If you want tomorrow to be pleasant, then make today pleasant, for tomorrow, today will be yesterday.” To emphasize the importance of today, Jesus said, “I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.” (John 9:4)

It is so easy to procrastinate. “Why do it today, when we can put it off until tomorrow!!” For sure that has become my trademark. I am a “down to the wire”, last minute kind of guy. Give me a deadline, threaten me with my life and I will probably not be more that a couple of weeks late.

(I wrote the above last January with good intentions. Someone said, “The road to Hell is paved with good intentions”. That may be true for at least I know that most of us intend to do better than we do. Anyway, as you have guessed by now, the CONNECTION is not a monthly issue. I am for the present, leaving it a quarterly publication. Of course this issue is only three months late, but that is not bad for me. Now while you are shaking your head at my dereliction, it will be a good time to write that article you have been promising me for the last ten years.... -- Leroy)

**Down
Memory Lane**

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



(John William Henson III, is the grandson of Carrie Elizabeth Dedmon and the great-great grandson of Hannah Dedmon. Hannah was my father's great aunt and my mother's great grandmother. He is married to Audrey Gackenheimer. Family Tree Maker says we are 3rd cousins. I met John several years ago and he has been a lot of help to me in the research project. When I first met John, he lived in Chattanooga, but has since moved to the Wood Station Community near Ringgold, GA. He actually only lives about five miles from me, as the old timers used to say, "as the crow flies". He and Audrey recently visited with us and he brought me a couple of disks with a lot of information. Although the following was written to his children, it is a great "Down Memory Lane" article. I hope you enjoy it as did I.

-- Leroy)

Good morning my dear children!

Its still dry here in north Georgia and gets rather hot in the middle of the day. This morning early while it was still cool Audrey hustled me out berrying (or is it berring . . . not burying for sure). This was our second foray into the berry patch this summer. She made a most respectable Black Berry Cobbler last time. I am uncertain what the word cobbler in a pie has to do with shoe making, but I didn't invent the expression.

As I go from vine to vine with cup and stick in hand I am carefully watching for snakes. You can't run very fast with the vines pull and tearing at you. You see, the birds come to feast on the berries and the snakes get protein from the birds they catch. If I see a snake, he gets more than he bargained for. I seldom see one but am sure that they are watching me in large numbers.

It all reminds me of the old days when Mom would shake me out of bed at daylight. She wore long sleeves, a slouch hat and carried a broom handle with a nail at its end which was bent into the shape of a question

mark. That was for drawing the distant vines within reach. Audrey and I carried a small quart plastic cup, but not Mom. She took two small pans and a five gallon tub. I could tell from the paraphernalia that we were going to be there the better part of the day. It wasn't a fun outing it was an existence trip. Mom canned the berries and made jelly and jam from them. I am sure that those trips took away my taste for the berry. That dislike still exists to this day. I asked Audrey what she was going to do with these berries and she said, "Wash them and eat them!" I bet they pucker her mouth a goodly amount. I won't be assisting in the eating.

There is one good thing that I observed and that was that the berries are on their last leg and we will not be going out among the chiggers and snakes again this season.

Have a nice day my dears and stay in continuous touch with the berry picker.

Love, Dad



(This picture was taken at one of our Dedmon Reunions a few years ago. I believe this was at our 2000 reunion. Left to Right are Ruby Dickson Dedmon (my mother), Betty Algood, Sonny Algood and John Henson. These were the descendents of Hannah Dedmon. -- Leroy)

MORE FROM JOHN HENSON....



Good Morning Cousin LeRoy:

I have attached a photo of Joe Dedmon, a son of my great grandfather Joseph Dedmon who married Martha Black. Joe is seated in a hack in front of the Dedmon saloon on Rossville Avenue in Chattanooga. Rossville Avenue is not to be confused with Rossville Boulevard. Rossville Avenue is a very short street. The name of the saloon was "The Last Chance Saloon" so named as I understand because it was the last chance to buy alcohol before going into Georgia. Its a good name anyway! I thought you would like to have the picture. (JWH)

Thanks John and for sure I would like to have the picture and appreciate your thinking of me.

--Leroy

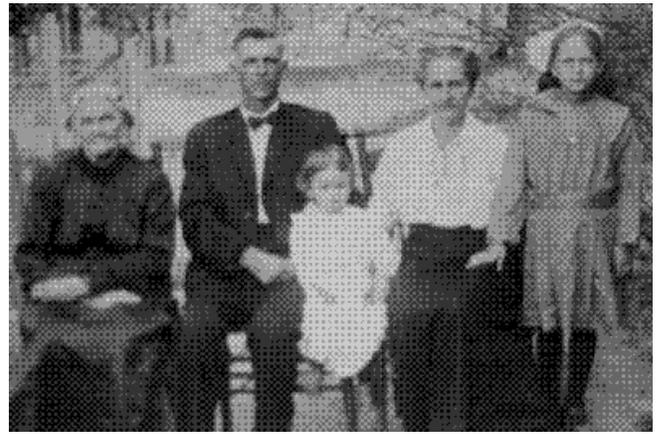
Hello Cuz...

I hope you are well. Audrey and I are doing well. Did you get the photo of Joe Dedmon in the hack before the Dedmon salon? Well, I have attached a photo that I made last week of the old building. There are features of the present building that is in common with the old photo. (JWH)



Yes, I got the photo and it is included in this issue of the DEDMON CONNECTION. It is good to hear from you and to know you are well.

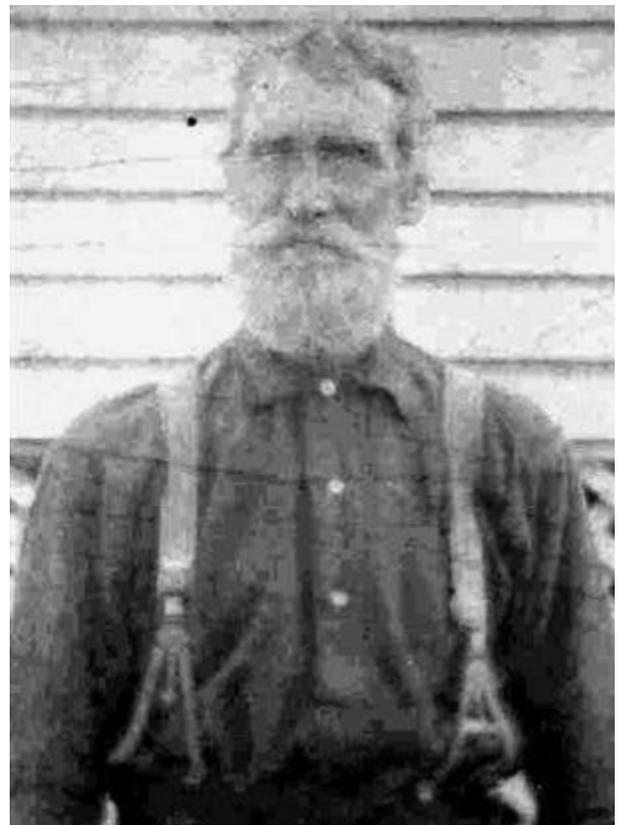
--Leroy



(L-R) Martha Black-Dedmon, John T. Dedmon, Helen Dedmon-Black, Margaret (Mag), Johnnie Mae Dedmon-Cornelison

This is another photo sent to me by John Henson. Martha Black-Dedmon was the wife of Joseph Dedmon, the great grandfather of John Henson. John T. Dedmon was the son of Martha and Joseph. Margaret was the wife of John T. Helen and Johnnie Mae were the daughters of John T. Helen married James Harold Black and Johnnie Mae married Lester Cornelison.

--Leroy



*Joseph Dedmon, Father of John T. Dedmon
Joseph was the great grandfather of John Henson*

ONE MORE TIME....

I can not help but print this article John Henson wrote after his visit to our house last September. Also keep in mind that I will print your material you send me.... hint... hint... --Leroy

A pleasant

Sabbath Day's Journey

September 1, 2007

Leroy Dedmon is a retired Church of Christ minister. He has a brother Bill who is also a Church of Christ preacher. My grandmother Edgemon was a Dedmon, and a distant relation of Leroy Dedmon's relatives. When Leroy retired from the ministry he moved back to his ancestral home here in Catoosa County, Georgia.

I have known Leroy for several years and have worked together with him on various aspects of the Dedmon and Black family history. Leroy has done a lot of work on the Dedmon line, and I have furnished him with some of our family records.

At 3:30 pm Audrey and I left our house and drove over to the Dedmons by following Leroy's map. They are located in the most primitive area of our county. When we reached Dickson Road and turned left off Houston Valley Road we were confronted by an ancient Baptist Church on our right. The congregation long ago deserted the old structure and built a new Hickory Grove Baptist Church a little further to the south.

The Dickson Road is a narrow lane running back toward the base of Taylor's Ridge, dead-ending in the Dedmon's yard. There are two other houses back there, both family members.

I was immediately enamored with the Dedmon house and its isolated location. Mrs. Ruby Dedmon, the mother of Leroy, was born a Dickson in this same house on Jan 8, 1912. Her grandfather had built the old log structure with its stone chimney about 150 years ago. Inside the great room is a fireplace whose stones were laid by Mrs. Ruby Dedmon. She did some of the stone walls along an outside porch and the masonry chinking between the well preserved, hand hewn logs of the original structure. She is now 95 years old and of very clear reasoning ability. As we sat talking the family would ask their mother questions about old neighbors, and old family members. She recalled each question with a clear mind. She is such a pretty person!

Leroy's sister, Ruth Smith, was there. Her home is in Alabama. Her husband died a couple of years back, and she spends more than half of her time here tending to her mother.

I did not know there was such a lovely example of pioneer craftsmanship remaining in our area as is this homestead. Inside the great room the ceiling has the original sturdy poles that supports the floor above. A stairway runs up against the wall opposite the stone fireplace. About half way up, the staircase turns left and proceeds into the attic above.

The kitchen has iron cookware hung from the wall much as it must have been in olden times. It was nice visiting with the Dedmons and extra nice to know that some people still enjoy tranquility in these hectic days. You can tell that I envy their location and life style!

--John W. Henson, III

I appreciate John writing this article. He is such a talented writer and it makes me wonder why I struggle with writing this newsletter when he does such a wonderful job. I am not sure if I related to him that mother's grandfather, John Marion Dickson, that built the house was a half brother to Joseph Dedmon, the great-grandfather of John Henson. Who knows, it is possible that Joseph helped build the house.



While we are on the subject, let me share with you a picture taken from a view just outside the front of the house looking toward the ridge that eventually connects with what is generally called Taylor's Ridge. Also, it is across that ridge where you would find Wood Station and the home of John Henson. The Redbud Tree is the first to show its colors in the spring. You can also see one of the peach trees in the background to the right.



...Just the GOOD NEWS

One of the several objectives of the Dedmon Family Newsletter is to find family members and then inform other family members of their existence. I especially like to locate those of our family who offer other services or in some way have “made a claim to fame”. One of my more recent finds is that of Jim Dedmon. Jim is a professional photographer from North Carolina. I am not sure how he fits in the family tree, but surely some of you know and will let me know. He has some very beautiful photos displayed on his website at www.jdedmonphoto.com. Pay him a visit.

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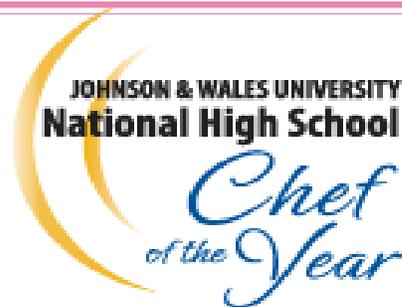


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My love for photography began when I was ten years old with the help of my grade school science teacher. My father later helped me build my first

darkroom in our basement at the age of 12. Over the years I have enjoyed the artistic aspects of this medium and included working in the retail end, managing a professionally oriented camera store in Charlotte specializing in the pro market. Now I enjoy using my eyes to bring you a product that will elicit your emotions as well as tell your story.

I provide personal photographic services for commercial and personal clients, bringing out the life in the party or event, and the strengths of your company through photography. I capture images that will portray the moment, whether its a wedding, event, your personnel, your family, your building or your business. Imagine... photography. Published in the Rhinoceros Times, Charlotte Magazine, The Charlotte Observer and numerous websites.



STEP UP TO THE PLATE

Adam Dedmon

Adam Dedmon of Massillon, Ohio

Pan-Seared Wasabi Pea-Crusted Tuna

Dedmon attends R.G. Orage High School, where he is a member of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), ProStart, and the National Technical Honor Society. He has been cooking for years: “as a child, I was always bound and determined to help out in the kitchen, even with the simple things such as cookies and the clean-up. I have been watching the Food Network since it became available on cable to me.”

Currently, Dedmon works at the Glenmoor Country Club. He credits his culinary instructor, Chef David Browne, for teaching him “to be a go-getter and to be a team leader, not a follower and to take the initiative to be all that I want to be.”



Adam Dedmon, 17, a senior culinary arts student at R.G. Drage Career Technical Center, helps serve a spicy pork meal for other classmates to taste Thursday. Dedmon is a finalist for the National High School Culinary Challenge.

I know this is a few years old, but it still has interest as far as the family is concerned. I am not sure of the parents of Adam, but maybe someone will tell. Cooking is not one of my talents as those who are close to me can attest. They still talk about the turkey I roasted a couple of Thanksgivings ago. How was I to know it was to only be in the deep fryer 30 minutes instead of 90. --LD

DEATH NOTICES

(There are many Dedmons not in our data base. I once thought we had them all, but the following lets me know that we are still lacking pertinent information. I am counting on some of our Arkansas family to fill me in on Paul's family) -Leroy

Paul A. Dedmon

Paul A. Dedmon, 87, of Egypt, died June 30, 2007, in Jonesboro, AR.

Born at Swifton, he was the son of Calvin and Anna Sheets Dedmon. He had lived at Egypt most of his life and was a retired cotton ginner for Rainwater Gins. He was of the Assembly of God faith.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Juanita Minyard Dedmon; a stepson, Gary Graham; and a brother, A.C.

Survivors include his wife, Ethel Arnold Dedmon; a stepson, Michael Graham, Jonesboro; a stepdaughter, Kathy Pugh, Nashville, Tenn.; a foster son, Billy Williamson, Batesville; two sisters, Jewell Taylor, Egypt, and Ruby Cooper, Clarkston, Mich.; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral was Tuesday at 10 a.m. at House-Gregg Funeral Home with Gilly Campbell officiating. Burial was in Lawrence Memorial Park.

Pallbearers were Mike Graham, Joey Graham, Kevin Pugh, Blake McEntyre, Brandon McEntyre and Michael Joe Graham.

Hill, Orla Jr.

posted April 10, 2005

Orla Hill Jr., 83, of Chattanooga, died Friday, April 8, 2005, in a local hospital.

Mr. Hill served with the 3rd Marine Division during WWII. He attended Ladd's Chapel Church of God.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Sherrie H. Dedmon. Survivors include his wife, Clatice J. Hill; grandson, Stephen Dedmon, Birmingham, Ala.; granddaughter, Elizabeth Grigsby of Hendersonville, Tenn.; great-granddaughter, Emily Dedmon.

There will be no visitation or memorial service. In lieu of flowers he would have wanted donations to St. Jude Children Research Hospital in Memphis.

Arrangements are by Chattanooga Funeral Home, East Chapel.

(I realize this is a couple of years old, but it is still news to those of us who did not know about it. I am not sure who Sherrie was married to, but maybe someone will recognize the names and let us know.) -Leroy

From the Mail Bag

From: ImgCln@aol.com

Sent: March 04, 2008

To: gldedmon@alltel.net

Subject: Needing help again..



Hello Leroy,

You had sent me the data on the Dedmon family previously but I was foolish and did not make a backup and therefore I lost all information that I had (even on other family lines) when my computer "DIED" on me.

I bought another computer and am trying to regain information. If you would be so kind as to send me the Dedmon Family data again I would be ever so grateful. I tried several times to reach you at <minister@mindspring.com> but it would not go through so I e-mailed Danny McBee and asked him how to reach you. A cousin on the Hezekiah Dedmon side, Imogene Clanton

It was good to hear from Imogene again. I did not realize how long it had been until she mentioned the old email address. I have not used it since retirement four years ago. Of course, I told her I would send the information and receive the following reply...

Good of you to respond to my request. When you send the data this time, I AM GOING TO MAKE 2 BACK-UP COPIES. I use Family Tree Maker so if you can and will, please send it in that format. Thanks so MUCH!!!

One of a lot of your cousins, Imogene

Start a new Knitting Meetup Group!



Sarah Dedmon is just 1 of 362 on our list of people near Dallas interested in Knitting Meetups. When you start a Knitting Meetup

Group, we'll tell all of them about the group. You'll also be able to send each of them a personal invitation, including Sarah Dedmon. <http://knitting.meetup.com/cities/us/tx/dallas/>

...ALL IN THE FAMILY



My nephew, Brian Dedmon, lives next door to me. He is employed with the Georgia Highway Patrol and has recently passed his tests and physical to become a trooper. When traveling through Georgia and get a ticket, you now know someone who can help you, just call Brian.... and he will tell you where to send your payment.... He is also an officer in the local volunteer fire department in Ringgold, GA. Brian and his wife Cindy have three girls who are shown above with the red truck. (L-R) Hana, Briana and Morgan. Brian is the oldest son of my brother, Bill.

...AND MORE FAMILY



Kenneth Price is the oldest son of my sister, Carolyn. Recently, their church published a new directory and he sent me a picture of his family. Shown above is

Kenneth and his wife Becky with their son Taylor. They attend the Jones Memorial Methodist Church in East Ridge, where they are involved with several activities.



BIRTHDAYS AND

ANNIVERSARIES THIS QUARTER

JANUARY -MARCH, 2008

I realize that some may be omitted from this list, but rest assured it was not intentionally. If I do not have the information, I can't print it. Even if I do, there is still the possibility that I am human and subject to mesteak.

BIRTHDAYS

Ruby Dedmon, Jan. 8.
My mother 96 yrs old.

Carolyn Dedmon Price,
Jan. 11. My sister.

Maye Belle Armstrong,
Jan. 11. A Dedmon
descendent and family
researcher.

Danny McBee, Jan. 12
Dedmond descendent
and family researcher.

Cheryl Mansell Dedmon,
Jan. 14.

Tim Dedmon's wife.

Justin Smith, Jan. 22.
My sister, Ruth's
youngest grandson.

Craig Dedmon, Jan. 24.
My brother Bill's
youngest son.

Tonya Smith, Jan. 27.
My sister Ruth's
daughter-in-law.

Mark Price, Jan. 28.
The youngest son of
my sister Carolyn.

Belinda McBee, Jan. 29.
Wife of Danny McBee

Jane Glasscock Dedmon,
Feb. 1. My wife of
forty nine years.

Jim Dedmon, Feb. 1.
Cousin and diligent
family researcher.

Ellen Dedmon Humphrey,
Feb. 14. Floyd
Dedmon's daughter

Connie Buff Dedmon,
Feb. 14. My brother
Bill's wife.

Bill Dedmon, March 1.
My youngest brother.

Seth Smith, March 3.
My sister Ruth's
oldest grandson

Jeff Dedmon, March 4.
Ex- Atlanta Brave.

Will Dedmon, March 9
Son of Tim Dedmon.

Masie Webb, Mar. 15.
My gg granddaughter.

ANNIVERSARIES

Gwen and George Kiley
Jan. ?? . Gwen is my
daughter.

Bud Hullender, 90, Ringgold

Bud Hullender of Ringgold died Thursday, June 28, 2007 at a local health care facility. He was 90. He was born July 10, 1916 to Henry and Annie Robertson Hullender. He was ordained as a Baptist minister in 1947. He was post mechanic for the Civil Service at Fort Oglethorpe during World War II. After many years of service, he retired as a certified Chevrolet technician and a member of Delray Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by wife, Bertie Mae Hullender; daughter, Jo Ann Hullender; sisters, Pearl Hullender and Ruby **Cummings**; brothers, J.P. and John Hullender; grand-daughter, Lindsay Hullender; grandson, Brad Hegwood. Survivors include daughters, Rachel Harold of Chattanooga, Tenn., Pat Hegwood Watts of Ringgold; sons, Franklin, Gary and Mike Hullender, all of Ringgold; sisters, Rosalee Byrd, Shirley Hamill, Maxine Hughes and Muriel Guffey, all of Ringgold, Myrtle Teems of Tunnel Hill; brother, Earl Hullender of Dalton; seven grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. Services: Sunday, July 1, at 1:30 p.m. at the funeral home chapel with Rev. Harold Watson officiating. Burial: Woodstation Cemetery with grandsons serving as pallbearers. Condolences may be sent at www.heritagefh.com The family wishes to say a special thanks to NHC Healthcare Fort Oglethorpe and Hospice of Chattanooga for their wonderful care and compassion. Visitation: Friday, June 29, from 5-8 p.m., Saturday, June 30, from 1-8 p.m. at Heritages Funeral Home and Crematory, Fort Oglethorpe. Arrangements by Heritage Funeral Home, Fort Oglethorpe.



This page is dedicated to the "branches" of our tree that are not Dedmons. I will gladly print any information you send me as to your relatives. This includes in-laws, "outlaws" and other laws... (Leroy)

Juanita Hettich

Juanita **Byrd** Hettich of Chickamauga died Monday, July 9, 2007. She was 83. She lived in the North Georgia area since the 1960s and was a member of New Chapel Freewill Baptist Church in Pickwick, TN. She was very loving, kind, caring and a remarkable person, that was known to be an avid giver to churches, kids, family and friends, and made several donations to anyone in need. She will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved her. She was preceded in death by her parents, Jim Andy and Maude **Byrd**; husband, Robert Carl Hettich; daughter, Barbara Ann Hogan Tapp; one sister, Ineta Nopal Dunaway. Survivors include her two grandsons and granddaughters-in-law, Barry and Nicole Tapp of Chickamauga, Andy and Jenia Tapp of Fairview, Tenn.; five great-grandchildren, Camry and Corey Tapp, Chelsie Ann and Kelly Tapp, Kalyn Prescott. Services: Thursday, July 12, at 1 p.m. CST at New Chapel Freewill Baptist Church, 625 Old SR 57, Pickwick, Tenn., with Paul Childers officiating. Burial: White Sulphur Cemetery. Visitation: Tuesday, July 10, and Wednesday, July 11, from 5-8 p.m. at the Fort Oglethorpe chapel of Wilson Funeral Home, and Thursday from 9 a.m. CST until the time of service at New Chapel Freewill Baptist Church. Arrangements by Wilson Funeral Home, Fort Oglethorpe.

Bill Callahan

James C. "Bill" **Callahan** of Ringgold died Wednesday, July 11, 2007 at his residence. He was 78. He grew up in the North Georgia area and was a member of Burning Bush Baptist Church. He was an avid NASCAR fan and was retired from Brooks Welding Supply after 37 years of service. He was a member of the Tompkins Masonic Lodge No. 466 F&AM, Grand Chapter of Georgia R.A.M., Chickamauga Chapter No. 99, the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Georgia, Charles Martel Commandery No. 29, and also was a lifetime member of the Alhambra Shrine. He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles Earl **Callahan Sr.** and Esther Wall **Callahan**; brother, Charles E. **Callahan**; nephews, T.R. **Callahan** and Mike **Callahan**. Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Dorothy Stephens **Callahan**; daughters, Kay (Lamar) Shipley, Donna **Callahan** Beck; son Randy (Mitzi) **Callahan**; grandchildren, Clay Shipley of Atlanta, Eric (Sydney) Shipley of Calhoun, Mia Grace **Callahan** of Ringgold; sisters, Ruth Graham, Mildred (Tom) Hixson, Barbara (Leo) Chandler; several nieces and nephews. Services: Saturday, July 14, at 2 p.m. at Burning Bush Baptist Church with Dr. Bruce Cappleman, chaplain Pat Davis and Colin Crosen officiating. Burial: Lakewood Memory Gardens, South. Visitation: Friday, July 13, from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Condolences may be sent at www.heritagefh.com. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Chattanooga, 4411 Oakwood Drive, Chattanooga, TN, 37416. Arrangements by Heritage Funeral Home, Fort Oglethorpe.

I have no clue if any of these folk are related to us. However, there are family connections to the surnames: Cumming, Byrd, Callahan and Cline. These are what I call "in-law" connections as they are through the marriage of Dedmon family members. If there is interest in any of these I can provide the connection. --Leroy

William Cline Jr.

William Stanley **Cline** Jr. of Lakeview, Fort Oglethorpe, died in Sandy Springs on Tuesday, July 17, 2007. He was 31. He lived in the North Georgia area for most of his life and was of the Baptist faith. He was currently employed with Level Three Communications as a computer networking technician. He was probably the best known for his academic achievements. He graduated from Lakeview High School in 1991 at age 15. Survivors include his parents, Stanley and Deidre **Cline** of Fort Oglethorpe. Services: Private. Visitation: Saturday, July 21, from 10 a.m. to noon at 534 Cone Drive, Fort Oglethorpe. Arrangements by Wilson Funeral Home, Fort Oglethorpe