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2008

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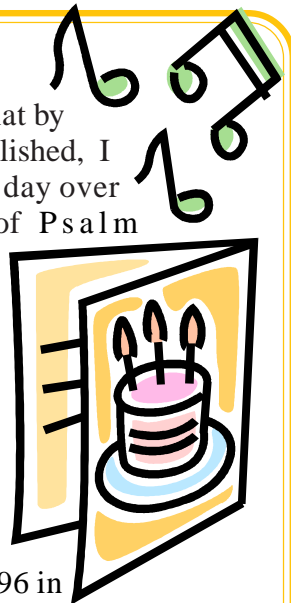
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LEROY DEDMON, EDITOR

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ME

As I am writing this article the thought occurred to me that by the time this issue of the DEDMON CONNECTION is published, I will be 69 years old. To tell you the truth, I don't feel a day over 70. I don't have to be reminded of the "Sacred Promise" of Psalm 90:10 (King James Version) *"The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away."* If I remember my math correctly a score is twenty years, so threescore is 60 and plus 10 makes 70. I told someone recently that I have lived in eight decades and their response was, "You are not eighty years old!!" I didn't say I was, but since I was born in the thirties and this is the decade of 2000, that makes 8. Having said all of this, I am also reminded that we don't have guarantees or promises of any age. My mom turned 96 in January and dad passed away at the age of 84. I suppose one could not complain with either of those choices.



I have often told of the preacher who visited one of his members on her 99th birthday. As he was leaving, he remarked, "Well, I sure hope we get to see that 100th birthday party." To which she replied, "Well, you look healthy enough to me, you probably will make it!!" Age must be on the mind of several of my friends as much of the "forwarded email" deals with age. I recently received one that reminded me of how rich I am. *There is silver in our hair, There is gold in our teeth, There is lead in our feet, And there's gas in our stomachs...* Another one came from an old eighth grade class mate reminding me of several things of the past. That one I am using in the "Down Memory Lane" column on the next two pages of this newsletter. I remember all of them quite well. One of my favorites happens to be the TV Test Pattern.

George Ketner sent the Memory Lane with pictures to me. George and I were classmates from the first to the eighth grade at Osburn Elementary School. Once you completed the eighth grade at Osburn, you had to either go to Rossville High in Rossville, GA or Gordon Lee in Chickamauga, GA. George went to Lee and I went to RHS. He called me last year to speak at the 50th reunion at Gordon Lee. Many of those were also classmates at Osburn. Others I had met through the years through the church. It was an enjoyable time for me and I assume it was for them. I guess I will know if they ask me back for the next 50th reunion. I was also privileged to speak at my own 50th reunion at Rossville. That resulted in several other "engagements".

We attended Jane's 50th in April, but I was not the speaker. I guess my reputation proceeded me in this case, but it was still an enjoyable occasion. The worse thing about those kind of activities, you are forced to associate with so many old people. I wondered if I looked as old to them as they did to me. I saw my 12th grade American History teacher, Miss Carter. I told her that Senior History was the happiest three years of my educational experience. I think we were the first students when she began teaching, as she was not much older than we were. At least that was what we thought... ..memories are made of this....

*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!!!!



**A stroll down memory lane-with photos**  
From: George Ketner [ketnerg@bellsouth.net]



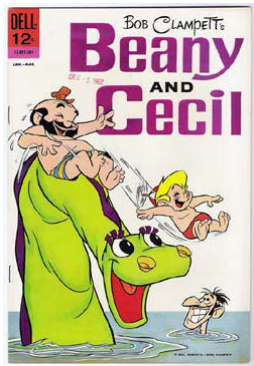
45 rpm spindles



Metal ice cubes trays with levers



Green Stamps



Beanie and Cecil



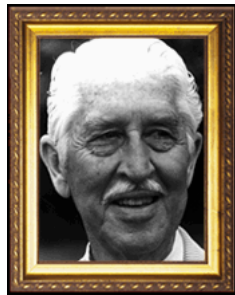
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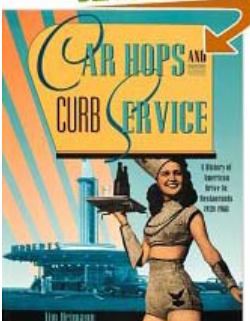
Cork pop guns



Drive in Movies



Marlin Perkins



Car Hops



Drive in restaurants



Studebakers



Washtub wringers



The Fuller Brush Man



Sky King



Reel-To-Reel tape recorders



Tinkertoys



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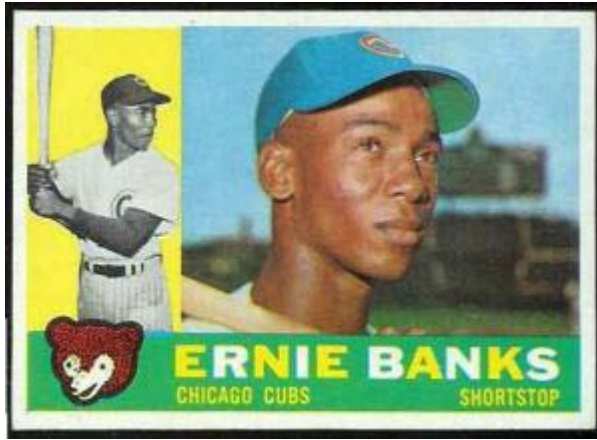


5 cent Cokes

A STROLL DOWN MEMORY LANE WITH PICTURES (continued from page 2)



15 cent McDonald hamburgers



5 cent packs of baseball cards



Brownie camera



Penny candy



25 cent a gallon gasoline



Gum wrapper chains



5 cent stamps



Speedy Alka-Seltzer



Jiffy Pop popcorn



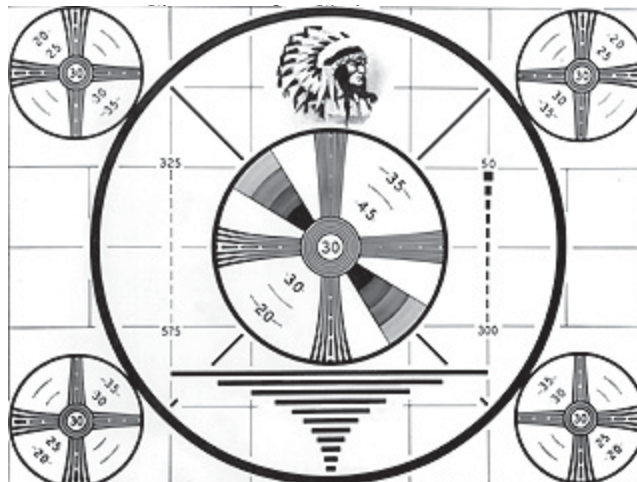
Chatty Cathy dolls



Brownie Camera



"A little dab will do you"

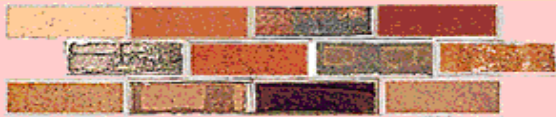


TV Test Pattern



Aluminum Christmas Trees

## 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.*

**James Walden** <[thewaldenhome@yahoo.com](mailto:thewaldenhome@yahoo.com)> wrote:  
I am looking for people who have a direct relation to Samuel H. Dedman and Sarah Ann Whitworth. I am trying to fill in some blanks on this family. Samuel H. Dedman was born in 1812 in Lunenburg County, Virginia and moved to Marengo County, Alabama where he married Sarah Ann Whitworth and raised his family under after 1854 when he moved to Desha County, Arkansas. Here is a list of their children:

- i. THOMAS F. DEDMAN, b. 1835
- ii. DAVID D. DEDMAN, b. 1837
- iii. MARY J. DEDMAN, b. 1844
- iv. SAMUEL W. DEDMAN, b. 1842
- v. MARY J. DEDMAN, b. 1844
- vi. WILLIAM DEDMAN, b. 1847
- vii. WOODRUFF DEDMAN, b. 1849
- viii. RICHARD DEDMAN, b. January 13, 1851
- ix. WINSTON MATTHEW DEDMAN, b. 1854

Here is a list of vii. Richard Dedman and Alice Elizabeth Butler children:

- i. HATTIE DEDMAN, b. April 19, 1879
- ii. STELLA DEDMAN, b. May 24, 1885
- iii. WHARF DEDMAN, b. June 25, 1887
- iv. FLOY DEDMAN, b. April 20, 1890
- v. CLIO DEDMAN, b. April 17, 1892
- vi. LILLIAN DEDMAN, b. April 12, 1896
- vii. MANILA DEDMAN, b. January 20, 1900
- viii. ALICE DEDMAN, b. September 23, 1902
- ix. RICHARD LONGWORTH DEDMAN, b. May 02, 1907

I am the grandson of Richard L. Dedman.

*There was one reply to Richard's cry for help, but as you can see it was not of help to him. If I am not mistaken, "aunt Rain" lives in Springfield, TN and is a teacher at the high school there.*

**From:** Dedmon@yahoogroups.com (aunt rain)

**Subject:** Re: [Dedmon] Samuel H. Dedman born 1812  
Hi,

I'm sorry that I'm not able to help you. My Deadmans were all Canadians. --Rain

## DEATH NOTICES



### *Our Heartfelt Sympathy to Charlie Walker*

*Our deepest sympathy is extended to Charlie Walker and his family in the passing of his father, Howard Walker. Charlie is the husband of Barbara Joeen Smith. She is the great granddaughter of Ella Rosetta Dedmon and Zachery Taylor Gibson. I find it interesting that Charlie and Barbara have ties to Poteau, OK as well as Cheryl Frechem. (see page 6 of this newsletter about that.)*

**From:** Charlie Walker [CWA8875@aol.com]

**Subject:** Father's passing

Just to let everyone know my Father Howard Walker passed away on April 24, 2008 and was buried on 28 April 2008. I would like to thank all of you for keeping Dad in your thoughts and prayers. I sure do miss him but will get over this hole in the road. Barbara and me and the entire Walker family would like to thank you all for your support. Thanks,  
Charlie and Barbara

**From:** Genpatton1944@aol.com

**To:** gldedmon@alltel.net

**Subject:** Sorry not to be in contact for so long:

Dear Rev. Dedmon,

I am very sorry not to have written in so long. I lost my mother on March 16, 2005. It has nearly killed me. I took care of her all my life and now she is gone. She suffered a heart attack and had bypass surgery, but it didn't work. I lost my dad on March 18, 1988, so March is not a good month for me. As soon as I can get a way to scan a picture of my grandmother and great grandmother, I will send it to you. It is the only one ever taken of them together. Great grandma's name was Laurea Victoria (Dedmon) Hogue. She was the daughter of Thomas W. Dedmon. I just wanted to say hello to you and let you know what happened. Your Distant cousin, Terry Smallwood.

*It was good to hear from Terry after such a long time. It had been around five years since my last contact with him. I am still waiting on the picture. I will publish it in the newsletter when I get it, along with the family info...*



# ...Just the GOOD NEWS

*This article appeared in a recent Dalton State Alumni and Friends magazine. Mark Price is the youngest son of my sister Carolyn. Dalton State College is located in Dalton, Georgia.*

## From the Campus of Dalton College ALUMNI PROFILES

### Mark Price

Mark Price used to park near the gym and walk to class, admiring the dogwoods and redbuds that lined the hillside between the gym and the library.

The effect was like that of a private college, not one with an open door policy and "remarkably low" tuition.

Price earned an associate degree in General Arts in 1990, went on to the University of Georgia and the University of Missouri to earn his bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in Philosophy, and is now an Associate Professor of Philosophy and Chair of the Humanities Department of Columbia College in Missouri.

"In some ways, Columbia College reminds me of the Dalton College I remember," Price says. "Small class size, approachable professors, an

emphasis on teaching. I am an advocate of the teaching college; it certainly benefited me."

Price praised the "excellent education" he received at Dalton State, which he attributes in large part to the competency of the teaching faculty. "Almost all of my professors held terminal degrees and were masters of their craft," he says. "At large universities, students are likely to have graduate students as instructors in general education courses, not professors who hold doctorates."

While here, he managed to become involved in campus activities, joining the college chapter of Amnesty International.

"I remember putting up posters in the student union when the Berlin Wall fell. That was an exciting time."



**MARK PRICE**

*(The family is proud of the many accomplishments of my nephew (my sister Carolyn's son). We rarely see him except at a couple of the major holidays, but we know he is a busy person)*

*--Leroy*



### This Quarter's Birthdays

April - June

- Claude Kenneth Price - April 10
- Amy Smith ----- April 15
- Harrison Dedmond --- April 17
- Jonathan Dedmon --- April 20
- William Brian Dedmon - April 29
- Diane Toothman Dedmon-May 4
- Jessica Dawn Cochran - May 6
- Rebecca Cagle Price - May 11
- Carrie Jane Webb ---- May 16
- Scott Alan Youngberg - May 25
- Joyce Dart ----- May 26
- Morgan Paige Dedmon-May 28
- Taylor Alexander Price- June 15
- George Leroy Dedmon- June 27

## ANNIVERSARIES THIS QUARTER

- Leroy and Jane Dedmon  
April 5 (Number 49)
- Craig & Brittany Dedmon  
April 24 (Number 4)
- Robert & Marye Dedmon  
June 12 (Number 44)

*I am more than happy to list any birthday or anniversary. If you want to be included, then just let me know. For some reason I am unable to include those that I know nothing about.*



*Pictured above is my great granddaughter, Masie (left) and her cousin, Cassidy (right). It is hard to believe that Masie is now seven years old.*

## From the Mail Bag



Dear Leroy,

I am the daughter of Aubrey Joe Dedmon, granddaughter of Joseph Earl Dedmon from the Poteau, OK area. My grandfather was born on a reservation. He lived and died in California, other than that I do not have much information on my paternal family tree. However, in looking over your site I came to find invaluable information through Floyd and Tim Dedmon. I am not sure how our families are connected, and would love to get in touch with them to find out where the connection lies. Also roots web had a comment regarding Gene and Aubrey Dedmon having a half brother (the e-mail was from his daughter), she must be my half-cousin and I would like to try and connect with her. I do not remember her name. Sorry that I am asking for a needle in the haystack. I would appreciate any help you can offer. --Cheryl J. Frechem

***Upon receiving the above e-mail from Cheryl, I replied with the following, along with some genealogy information. Due to the length of the material, I did not reprint it here, but it is available to anyone who has an interest in it:***

Cheryl, This is the info I have on Joseph Earl. I will begin with his father, John Harrison. One note of interest is that John Harrison's mother, Rachel Gentry, was my mothers great aunt.. Abraham O. and Rachel Gentry Dedmon were from this area (Ringgold, GA), but went with several who moved west and regions beyond.... It seems that there was a half-brother (Earl Lee Dedmon) He could possibly still be alive, being born in 1938 would only be a year older than me. Floyd Dedmon died last year and Tim lives near me in Chattanooga, TN. I may have had some communication about this that was published in the DEDMON CONNECTION (The on line newsletter that I publish)... Look over this info and fill in the blanks (missing persons) make additions, subtractions and corrections.... Stay in touch... --Leroy

***It took me a long time to find the connection with Rachel Gentry. Mom had told me that she went to Arkansas with some of the Dedmon family and thought she married a Dedmon. The Dedmons and Dicksons find themselves kin to each other in several ways. When I first began the Dedmon research, one of my sisters asked if I had traced the Dicksons. My reply was, "Yes, I traced them all the way back to the Dedmons".***

Thank you so much Leroy!

This is an excellent start for me. Is there a way to contact Tim Dedmon? A little interesting tibit from my family. My father Aubrey Joe Dedmon married my mother 10 yrs. or so after the death of my mother's first husband, Stanley Dedmon, who was the younger brother to my father. Stanley died shortly after the Korean war when my brother was six months old, he was a pilot on an aircraft carrier that was on a mission taking pictures when the radar went out on the plane and they hit the side of a mountain. My mother did not often talk about his death, nor did my father, and my brother was only six months old at the time. Since both my father and mother are deceased we know very little. I am excited to find out more about my fathers family, and appreciate the in-depth website you maintain. Aubrey and Stanley children are as follows:

Stanley married Henrietta Murial Lorraine Rodgers: they had a son John Lawrence Dedmon (my brother or half-brother) Aubrey Joe Dedmon married HM Lorraine Dedmon: they had two daughters, Laura Leigh Dedmon 44 yrs old, and Cheryl Jeanette Dedmon 41 yrs old (me). My siblings and I are all living and all in Las Vegas, NV, except for myself, I live in PA.

Warmest regards, --Cheryl Frechem  
[cfrechem@verizon.net]

***Tim's email is tdedmon@netzero.com. I am sending this to him and also to a veery diligent Dedmon researcher and cuz of us, Danny McBee.***

From:jdedmon1@windstream.net

By all means..thank you so much for the thought. Your email was a wonderful surprise. My father, Robert Eugene Dedmon, born in Lebanon TN, passed away three years ago this August from leukemia. My grandmother, Ida Mae Inman, still is alive in Frankling TN. Her ex husband, my grandfather, was William Dedmon of Lebanon TN, residing mostly in Canton OH. I have two sisters who I will pass on this page to as well. Thank You, --Jim

***The above email was in response to my request to list Jim's Photography web page in the last quarter newsletter [www.jdedmonphoto.com]. It is amazing to me how many Dedmons are in the Nashville, TN area. I lived there for about twenty years and never met them. A note of interest is the passing of his father with leukemia as that was what took my father six years ago. Some day I hope to meet the Nashville Dedmons. --Leroy***

## I WAS SICK....

*There are several Dedmons who are in the Medical field. I am not sure I want to go to a Dr. Dedmon (Deadman). Kidding of course. These are the ones that I know about. If you know others, send to me...*

### Dr. Cindy Dedmon

701 University Boulevard Suite 507  
Tuscaloosa, AL 35401  
(205) 752-9500

### Dedmon Chiropractic Clinic

193 Thompson Ln  
Nashville, TN 37211  
Phone: (615) 333-7581

### David B. Dedmon, DMD

Street: 364 South Pine Street  
Spartanburg, SC 29302-2654  
Phone: (864) 582-5000



David B. Dedmon DMD

*I have never met David, but several years ago I got an email from his mother, Catherine, who told me about her son, the Dentist. Then, my doctor at the time, seems like his name was Watkins, told me he was in Med School with David. Also, I published an article about him in volume 55 of the Dedmon Connection.*

<http://yp.bellsouth.com/sites/dedmondavidb/>

### Dedmon II, Roy L DC

Camden Chiropractic Health Center  
(731) 584-7926  
115 Highway 641 S, Camden, TN 38320

### Dr. Robert E. Dedmon, MD MPH FACP

Dr. Dedmon is again conducting rabies awareness/educational programs for public and health professional groups. This is the second year for concerted rabies education efforts in this Wisconsin locale. Dr. Dedmon is former VP Medical Affairs at Kimberly-Clark Corporation (1976-1997) and currently serves as a volunteer for the Rabies Working Group for WRD 2008. ([www.worldrabiesday.org](http://www.worldrabiesday.org)) He is active as both an educator and an advocate for efforts to 'Make Rabies History'. He has published 2 articles in Asian Biomedicine ([www.asianbiomed.org](http://www.asianbiomed.org)) during 2008. He is also a member of the International Society of Travel Medicine (ISTM), The American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (ASTMH), the International Society of Infectious Diseases, and a Fellow of the American College of Physicians (FACP).

From: jdedman@verizon.net

Subject: Chuck

Hi, Just wanted to share a portion of email received from the Sheriffs office, really proud of Chuck.  
--Jackie

*The first SCA Alumni newsletter was mailed out to the Alumni members on Friday. The newsletter includes SCA Alumni and Sheriff's Office updates, current events.*

*We hope everyone can attend this meeting as we plan on giving tribute to Chuck Dedman; Class #3; who has been instrumental in the success of the Crime Prevention section of the Sheriffs department. Chuck has been unwavering in his contributions to the department for the past 18 years.*

*Chuck recently received some unwelcome news from his doctors at Moffitt Cancer Center, but we want to make sure he is aware of how valuable he is to the Sheriff. Please plan on attending to show Chuck our appreciation*



Chuck and Jackie Dedman

*Happy moments, praise God.  
Difficult moments, seek God.  
Quiet moments, worship God.  
Painful moments, trust God.  
Every moment, thank God.*

--Jackie Dedmon

*Jackie was the publisher of the original Dedman Connection. I have several of those issues. They were B.C. (before computers). We have yet to connect to Chuck's place in the family tree but we have not given up.*

## DEADMAN FAMILY REUNION SET FOR AUGUST 30TH

*I have just received notice about a family reunion set for August 30th, 2008. As a result of this, I have made some last minute changes in this newsletter to include it here. I apologize to my proofreader Carol along with Jonathan Mitchell, Mandy Marlow-Elder and Shana Franks for replacing their articles. They will appear in the next quarter issue. The following e-mails were sent to me by Charlotte Parker and Marianne Ryan* *--Leroy*

There will be a Birmingham “**Dedman/Deadman Family Reunion**” on Saturday, August 30, 2008. The main gathering of the reunion will take place from 12:00 (noon) until 8:00 p.m., at the Hoover Lake House, 300 Municipal Drive, Hoover, AL. The food will be catered and each attendee will be asked to make a financial contribution to cover expenses of the Saturday event.

This is a gathering of the descendants of David D. Dedman, born in 1822 in Madison Co., and died in 1896 in Birmingham. In the early 1900's there were lots of Dedmans living in the Birmingham area. There were many aunts, uncles, siblings and cousins. Over the years the Deadmans have lost contact with many of their Dedman cousins. Yet it is believed that some of them may still remain in the greater Birmingham area. This may include descendants of James Erwin Dedman, Harry David Dedman, Wilbur Thomas Dedman, Annie Price Dedman Parks, Francis Dewey Dedman Maxwell, Marie Lucille Dedman Chaple, Sallie Eva Dedman Schwend, Hattie Dedman Lewis, Gelia Dedman Martin, and Samuel H. Dedman. We hope that some of these descendants will learn of the upcoming reunion and make plans to join us.

My grandfather, Ernest Leon Deadman Sr., born in Tusculumbia, AL in 1883, moved to Birmingham as a young man and there he married, raised his family and died. He had five children and 16 grandchildren. In 1901 he went to work for the Frisco Railroad and continued to work for Frisco until November 1948 when he retired. As a young man, for some unknown reason, he decided to change the spelling of his name from Ernest Dedman to Earnest Deadman.

Another highlight of this reunion will be an early celebration of the 90th birthday of Ernest Deadman's only surviving child, Molly Kate Deadman Beard. She still lives in Birmingham (2286 Capri Drive, Birmingham, 35226) and she turns 90 in October.

Deadman descendants will be coming from South Alabama, Texas, Florida, Ohio and North and South Carolina *--Marianne Deadman Ryan*  
[[marianneryan@juno.com](mailto:marianneryan@juno.com)]

Dear Leroy: Please add me to your e-mail list for your site. I also wanted to tell you that the only surviving child, and a good many grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of Ernest Deadman Sr. are meeting in Birmingham on August 30. One of the meeting organizers is my sister, Molly Kahn. ([mollykahn@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mollykahn@sbcglobal.net)). Other organizers are: Marianne Deadman Ryan ([marianneryan@juno.com](mailto:marianneryan@juno.com)) and Elizabeth Deadman Gault ([chagault@bellsouth.net](mailto:chagault@bellsouth.net)).

The meeting is in honor of the upcoming 90th birthdays of Mollie Kate Deadman Beard [only still living child of Ernest Deadman Sr], and Margie Deadman, widow of Card Raymond Deadman, a son of Ernest Sr. We hope to get copies of some documents from the library, and get more photos to put in 'The Deadman Family Tree', a public tree on Ancestry.com. Everyone would be welcome to attend.

Do you know if anyone has had DNA Y- Chromosome analysis done? We hope to get DNA for extensive analysis of the Y-chromosome from the oldest male Deadman we can find. We will probably arrange it at the get-together on the August 30. It would be nice to get samples from the Arkansas branch, and from you as well, if that is not asking too much. Anyhow, check out some of the information on the public tree.

*--Charlotte Parker*

[[CParkerMO@aol.com](mailto:CParkerMO@aol.com)]

**TIME: Saturday, Aug. 30, 2008 - (1:00 to 8:00 P.M.)**

**PLACE: Birmingham, AL (Hoover Lake House)**

**300 Municipal Drive - Hoover, Alabama**

**The food will be catered, and each person will be asked to make a small financial contribution to help cover the expenses.**

*I sure hope I can attend this event. I have had the privilege to correspond with some of these family members in the past. Their roots go back to Christopher Deadman, but as I have always said, we must be connected a generation past, if we just knew his father. --Leroy Dedmon*