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JESUS IS THE REASON FOR EVERY SEASON

The following article with some editing was written by me several years ago but since I don't want to "re-invent" the wheel I chose to use it again.

I certainly am not unthankful folks are thinking of Jesus during this time of the year. However, it does sadden me so many forget him the other eleven months. I remember the cartoon showing the man leaving the church building and saying, "I wish they would put Christmas and Easter on the same day, this running back and forth to church is getting me down." I often see signs with the phrase, "Jesus is the reason for the season." This reflects the omission of the great truth ... "**Jesus is the reason for all seasons.**"

There is no doubt Jesus was born, we just do not know when. Scholars and historians generally agree he was not born on December 25. This is a day selected by a major religion to celebrate what they called *Cristes Maesse*, the Mass of Christ. Concerning the date of Christ's birth the Gospels give no help; upon their data many contradictory arguments are based. The census would have been impossible in winter: a whole population could not then be put in motion. It is also very doubtful shepherds would have been in the field.

The original significance of December 25 was a well-known festival day celebrating the annual return of the sun. December 21 is the winter solstice (shortest day of the year and thus a key date on the calendar). December 25th is the first day ancients could clearly note the days were definitely getting longer and the sunlight was returning. Through the years the general populous has come to accept the date without question.

Again the phrase, "Let's keep Christ in Christmas" (or put him back), indicates the gross misunderstanding which includes so many. Don't get me wrong, we need to keep Christ in all phases of our life, but let's not limit Him to the one day or season of the year. I for one, would applaud the singing of Silent Night on July 4th or Memorial Day. In other words, don't put Christ in the closet with the tree and decorations until next year.

The commercialism of Christmas is disgusting to me. It has reached the point where merchants have begun their decorations and advertising before Thanksgiving. Now, lest one think I am an old scrooge, I want to make "one thing perfectly clear" ... I am in favor of exchanging gifts. I sometimes feel like the one who said, "*The good book says that it is more blessed to give than receive, but receiving is good enough for me.*" We quit fighting the crowds for shopping years ago in favor of giving money to our recipients. I have considered placing a note in the envelope which says, "*If this is the wrong size, I will exchange it for a size smaller.*" This year we made agreements with the family not to exchange gift cards. This may have been promoted by the fact so many businesses are reported to be going out of business. I cringed when the thought occurred that I may receive a gift card on a store which closed their doors on December 26.

I really enjoy the "holiday season", which in my opinion begins around the first of November as families begin making plans to gather for traditional meals for both Thanksgiving and Christmas. It seems there is an overall spirit of caring and sharing. Of course, events such as the Wal-Mart employee being trampled to death by eager shoppers certainly take away from, "'tis the season to be jolly"....



Down Memory Lane

Send me your stories about the Dedmon and related families....

Come on folks!!! Dig into that old shoe box you have buried in the closet and bring out the goodies!!!!!!!

Although Eddie sent me this article over a year ago, I have not had the space to use until now. Sorry about that Eddie, but seems my “cup runneth over” when it comes to material sent to me for the newsletter. I offer it now for your consideration. Thanks, Eddie for your work.

Hi Cousin Leroy,

It was a very nice surprise to receive the first quarter newsletter of 2007 this morning. I recently had been wondering if my e-mail address had somehow fallen off of the Dedmon mailing list. But, learning of the new quarterly publication makes everything clear to me in that regard. I was even more pleasantly surprised to find the thoughts which I had earlier shared with you concerning our artistic cousin Gail Dedmon of nearby Aiken, South Carolina. I am sure with that beautiful artwork of the old Aiken Railroad Depot, the reconstruction efforts in Aiken will be successful.



Here in Branchville, S.C., where my wife of now 50 years (June 14, 1957), Mazie and I live in retirement. Our town’s citizens are also selling prints of the old Railroad Freight Depot to raise funds. The old building is in great disrepair and needs a lot of help. One of our neighbors caught a heavy machinery operator just minutes from leveling what is left of the old building in recent months. But due to his valiant efforts, the bulldozer was loaded back on the flat car and there was at least a temporary reprieve. Just across the tracks from the freight depot is the historic Branchville (SC) Railroad Depot and Museum. It is located at the very first railroad junction in the history of the world. Four Presidents of the United States climbed off of their Presidential Coaches, in the past,



and dined in the Branchville Railroad Depot’s dining room. They were Presidents William McKinley, William Howard Taft, Teddy Roosevelt, and Franklin D. Roosevelt. Actually, the food was delivered to FDR in his coach due to his confinement to a wheel chair. Every fall here in Branchville, we celebrate the railroad history of the area with the Branchville Rayle Rode Dayze Festival. It is always a lot of fun and sometimes educational. Thanks for the update.

Eddie Hightower [eedyedgar@aol.com]



I GUESS WE ARE ALL NUTS AT TIMES

As you may remember, the Deadman Family Reunion was held in August at Birmingham, Alabama. From what I hear it was a success. I only wish I could have been there. I received the following picture and email from Ray Deadman. Ray, of course, is part of the family who gathered in Birmingham. Thanks Ray..... (Leroy)



From: Ray Deadman [CRDRELICS@aol.com]
Hi Leroy, I received your email with the Dedmon Connection link. I really appreciate you including this info in your newsletter. I see one typo I wanted to call your attention to. Where it says Molly Kate DEADMON Beard, it should be DEADMAN. I am Carl Raymond Deadman Jr, she is my Dads sister.

WOW! This is going to be so much fun. We had a ball at the last one. I guess it was 5 or 6 years ago at Gulf Shores Alabama. Will you be there? Where do you live? I hope to see you there.

Here is a recent photo of me and my collector car a 1999 30th anniversary Trans Am WS6 convertible 1 of 500. I am a certified car nut! Best Wishes, Ray

It is certainly a beautiful car, Ray and I wish I could have been in Birmingham to take a ride in it. Maybe you will drive it up to Chattanooga one day. Anyway, it is good to establish a connection with some of the Deadman family members. I have known several through the years who spelled their name thusly. In fact our research indicates this was the spelling when our ancestors came to America from England. I have heard from several through the years as to how and why the spelling was changed. One of my favorites is Dr. Robert Dedmon, who said he changed his in Med School in order not to be Dr. Deadman. Ray indicates his being a "certified nut", which reminds me of my favorite response when asked about being kin to other Dedmon/Deadman family members. I often say, "we are on the same tree, but just different nuts".

From: Cecil Deadman:[deadc@sbcglobal.net]

Subject: Another (*Deadman*)

I stumbled across your site while attempting to find a cousin in Pine Bluff, AR. The site I found was a 2004 newsletter which listed only five spellings of the last name. I since discovered your newsletter from the spring of 2008 and found your new email address.

I was adopted into the McMinnville bunch in the early 50's. There are at least three of the McMinnville, TN bunch who changed the spelling of their name to Deadmon. Some of the McMinnville bunch moved to Oklahoma. The part of the family I became a part of settled in southwest Oklahoma. I have a fairly good list of that part of the clan that I will send to you. Can you confirm your mailing address as 479 Dickson Rd., Ringgold, GA 30736? It may be a few days before I can get it together.

I had the opportunity to meet the Deadman's of Manchester Funeral Home fame in 1996 at the first Deadman-Turner reunion at Falls Creek Falls. I know I met Tommy but I'm not sure if any of the other family was present.

I look forward to communicating with you in the days ahead and the possibility that there may be some family connections somewhere in the past. Cecil Deadman, Mesquite, TX

Thanks, Cecil, and I too, appreciate the opportunity to communicate with you also. When I lived in Warren County, TN, I was not aware of the Deadman-Turner connection. However, in recent years, I have become acquainted with several of the Turners who are connected. Actually, I knew the Turners but was not aware of the family connection. -(Leroy)

I MEVER NAKE MISTEAKS

Thanks to Jim Deadman for the great job he did in proofing the last newsletter. With Carole on the sick list, I have been struggling for help in this area. Pay him a visit at: <http://www.jimdeadman.com>. I have corresponded with his sister, Marianne, through the years. She has done extensive research in the Christopher Deadman branch of the 'ole family tree. Thanks Jim for a job well done... (LD)

From the mail box



From: Eddie Hightower
[mailto:eedyedgar@aol.com]

On July 8th, I will undergo surgery for a large ear cancer. I ignored it far too long. I will lose more of the ear than I would desire, but as the old saying goes, "Ear today, gone tomorrow." But, seriously, your thoughts and prayers will be appreciated.

Mazie and I leave home in the next few hours for a week at the beach to focus on the upcoming cancer/ear procedure. The prostate cancer "seeding" procedure which I under went about three years ago has been very successful. My PSA readings are now in the 0.15 area, which is wonderful. Once again, I will trust in our Good Lord in Heaven for strength and healing in accordance with His Will. May God continue to bless you and yours in your retirement, and in your ministry to the Dedmon Family Connection.

On June 14th, Mazie and I celebrated our 50th anniversary. And we were sweethearts in high school and two years of college prior to our marriage. They have been wonderful years with my wonderful Southern Lady. Keep up the good and valuable work, Your Cousin, Eddie Hightower
Descendent of Rebecca/Rachael
Dedmon and some Cavender fellow.

It is always good to hear from cousin Eddie and I appreciate his contributions to the newsletter. I think the Cavender fellow he mentioned is Clemeth Cavender. The story of Clemeth walking from North Carolina to Georgia to establish a place for his family is one of great interest.

From: Tabitha Nelson <bambi_44706@yahoo.com>
Subject: [Dedmon] **Leon Dedmon**
Leon Dedmon, my great grandfather, died today. I thought I would pass this on to any Dedmons who may know him or are in close relationship to him.
-Tabitha (his great granddaughter)

Tabitha, I am sorry about your loss of your Great Grandfather Leon Dedmon. May God Bless. I am a descendent of Rachael/Rebecca Dedmon who married Clemeth Cavender. I was born in La Fayette, Ga., in Walker County and now live in South Carolina.

--Cousin Eddie Hightower

From: cydedmon@alltel.net
Subject: THE DEDMON CONNECTION
Hey Leroy,

I was on the computer and went to The Dedmon Connection and noticed that you were missing some of my information on the family tree...here it is: father Samuel James O'Bryant Jr., mother Shirley Ann Gibson O'Bryant... paternal grandparents: Samuel James O'Bryant Sr., Agnes Louise Morgan O'Bryant. Maternal grandparents: U.L. Gibson, Oda Lee Hooper Gibson. Here is a sweet picture of the girls attached. If you need any thing else let me know. Your neighbor, Cindy



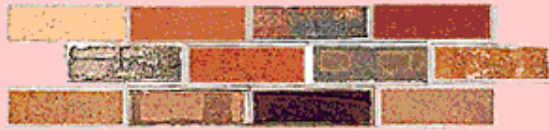
Cindy is the wife of my nephew, Brian. He is the oldest son of my brother Bill. He has just completed his schooling to be a State Trooper. Brian and Cindy live next door to me. Their girls are: (L-R) Hana, Briana and Morgan.

BOUNCED EMAIL

The following email addresses have been returned to me as invalid. If you recognize any of them and know the correct one, please let me know.

cpod0558@lv.rmci.net
pierson@nwol.net
rcathcart@msm.umn.edu
jslloyd@swbell.net
vbhamrick@webtv.net
imgcln@aol.com
gloriareichnerams@yahoo.com
dgloans@yahoo.com
jwalden@midsouth.rr.com

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.

Leroy,

It has been quite a few years since I corresponded with you. My 3xgreatgrandfather was Jacob Wolfe, married to Nancy McEntire. He supposedly was the Jacob Wolfe on Mark Dedmon's Revolutionary Pension Application in Rutherford County, NC. I received some info from Floyd Dedmon back in 2002 that the Jacob above had a father also named Jacob Wolfe and married to Mary Polly Deadman Mark Dedmon's sister not his daughter. I never knew why I never heard from Floyd Dedmon after 2002 that he had passed. I had found a Tim Dedmon and he told me.

Jacob wolf was listed under the names of Mark Dedmon's children and someone named I believe was called Bobby Dedmon who said Jacob was believed to be Mark Dedmon and Hannah Bailey's grandchild. Also in the info he sent he said it hadn't been proven but this first Jacob was Cherokee Indian and called "Crazy Fox". Also was from the same tribe as Prudence "Sly Fox" Bryan, who married Richard Cheshire in Bladen County, NC. They had a daughter and her name was Sarah Prudence "Little Fox" Cheshire. She married a Singletary, I believe his name was James.

I have been in contact with a Charlie Cheshire that descended from Prudence "Sly Fox" Bryan Chesire. In a census there was Richard Cheshire and under mulatto or not white there was one female listed. He also said that Prudence "Sly Fox" and Jacob "Crazy Fox" came from Stokes county NC. I know that Sly Fox and "Little Fox" existed but haven't been able to prove or disprove that Jacob "Crazy Fox" existed. I have found no other info on the first Jacob Wolfe being the father of the second Jacob Wolfe. I do have 8 pages of Wolfe ancestors that the late Forest Wolfe of Shelby, NC wrote. My second Jacob Wolfe was supposed to be born in 1798, which is on his tombstone but on Mark Dedmon's Rev War Pension App his BD was 1794.

I have found and been found by some more Wolfes from Tennessee to Michigan and am corresponding with them. Maybe someone has the tidbit I have been looking for since 1999 about the first Jacob Wolfe and his heritage. I pray I find it before I pass on. If not I will leave my info with my oldest son, Ken Wells, so he can find his roots as well.

I have been mostly confined to bed since 2000. I am fighting MS and have Physical Therapy 2X a week in a rehab pool. I was finally approved for an electric Wheelchair last week so I hope in a couple of weeks I will have it. Please keep me in your prayers. I would if it's in God's will that I walk normally again and not fall because of my balance. I pray you and your family are well.

I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving. My husband and I are in KY where he has been working. He got a call from his niece that she and her brother couldn't get their mother to come to the door and called police. They found her deceased on the couch. She was just 59. The coroner said it probably was a heart attack. We go back home to Alabama in the morning. We had planned to go to the Cemetery in Marshall County, KY where some of our Wolfe ancestors are buried. A son of my 3xgreatgrandfather Jacob Wolfe, named Sanford Wolfe wife, Martha Travis and some of their children are buried in Maple Springs cemetery just outside of Benton KY in Marshall County. Will have to make a trip back up here hopefully by the end of the year. Take care, Melanie Oates Malone [Whitewolfe0510@aol.com]

Melanie has done a lot of research on Jacob Wolfe. It was good hearing from her again as it had been quite some time since she had written me. Of course, her health report explains it all.

From: GERALD PREAS [mailto:gpreas@swbell.net]
Leroy, Thanks for keeping me informed, we have tried so hard to find Louisa Dedmon's father on 1850 Census. We did find a broken grave stone saying Elizabeth wife of Harrall Bridges. We have a picture of Louisa's mom if you like, can attach. Louisa, Robert Thomas, Henry P, and Joseph were her known family. Gerald Preas, Dallas, Texas

Thanks Gerald, I would certainly like to receive the picture. By all of us working together we can find our ancestors. To quote our cousin and fellow researchers, "One Dedmon at a time"...

In The News



Dedmon concerned about student safety

Pat Dedmon is running for a seat on the Oakley School Board not because he believes things are bad, but because they could be better.



PAT DEDMON

Pat Dedmon is running for a seat on the Oakley School Board not because he believes things are bad, but because they could be better. "I do think things here are good; the Oakley School District is a gem," he said. "But the times they are a'changin', and we just need to do what we can to continue to evolve and keep on top of things."

Dedmon, who is a mining technician at the Black Diamond Mines in Antioch, has three children: one at UC Davis, one at Freedom High and one in sixth grade. The first-time candidate heard about the school board position through a friend, who suggested he run. "I thought about it, and then said, 'Why not?' I am a very involved parent, and I think I could bring a lot to the board," said Dedmon. "I want to see the school district continue to do well as it grows and expands."

One of the ways he would do that, he said, is through an open dialogue among the parents, teachers, students and board members. "I'm talking about communication, real communication," he said. "A board member needs to be in touch with teachers and the needs of individual students. It's one thing to hear from management and what they are doing, but to actually go out there and touch each individual school and make sure everyone is getting what they need and want – well, that's a whole different thing." Dedmon is also concerned about student safety.

"One of my issues is that there seems to be a lot of violence in the schools," he said. "I've seen a climate change in the attitudes of children, and I think there needs to be a zero tolerance policy if a student brings a weapon to school. I think right now the district deals with it case by case, but I believe there needs to be a fair policy for everyone."

Eager to embrace the growing population, Dedmon said he also wants to see the area develop at a steady and responsible pace.

"I know we are expanding and building new schools. And one of my concerns is that with all the expansion, we need to make sure the older schools are being taken care of too in regard to repairs and upkeep," he said.

"I also want the teachers to be taken care of so we don't lose the great people we have. The teachers I have dealt with have been so impressive, and we want to make sure we have those same kinds of people in place when we open our new schools."

So Dedmon is not so much looking to shake things up as build on what is there. "I think the district is doing a good job, I do, especially when you read about what is going on in some of our neighboring cities," he said. "I believe I could bring a lot to the board if I get the opportunity."

It is good to see family members interested in improving the community in which he/she lives. I am not sure who won this race, but maybe one of our readers will know and inform us. (LD)



Mr. Adam Dedmon

Mr. Dedmon has been an excellent coach to the 8th grade Hoops team! He has given it his all in coaching the team. The team would like to congratulate him on being such an excellent coach.

The best I can tell Adam is associated with a school in Nevada called Carson Valley. I found his picture with the above tribute, but have been unable to locate further information. There are at least five Adam Dedmons I know about, although some of them may be the same person. Several years ago I received email from an Adam Dedmon, who was a descendent of Seneca Dedmon. If I remember correctly he was in the St. Louis, MO area. Another is a well known member of a high school wrestling team in North Carolina. A few months ago I featured an article about an Adam Dedmon, who was a professional chef. There is another Adam in the Nashville/Murfreesboro, TN area and then the one who is pictured above. As I said some of these could be the same person, as I know very little about them.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Although I published the obituary of Charles Dedman last month, I decided to include it again with the articles sent to me by his wife, Jackie. If it were not for her, I probably would not be publishing this newsletter. She published a mail out newsletter several years ago which she called, THE DEDMAN CONNECTION. When I first met her, she was kind enough to share with me the information she had obtained on the family. Then it was by her encouragement, I decided to create this on-line publication, THE DEDMON CONNECTION. I never met Chuck in person, but he called me once as he passed through Atlanta, but I was not at home, so he left me a message. I have always regretted not being able to meet him.

Our Dear Friends & Family,

My Sweet, Sweet Husband, My Life, Charles Owen (Chuck) Dedman left for his journey today, arriving in Heaven, September 18, 2008 at 1:35p.m. He will be welcomed by his parents, grandparents, grandson and other family members along with numerous friends, to be escorted to celebrate and dine with King Jesus. This Celebration was by invitation only. He departed in presence of his loving wife and two sons. When I receive further information concerning paying our respects here on Planet Earth, of the departure of his Glorious flight will send more information in next email. He arrived safely and resting in the loving arms of Jesus.

--Jackie



Charles Owen Dedman

DEDMAN, Charles Owen 67, Commissioner East Lake Fire District; husband to Jackie; father to Timothy, Robert, Amy and Pamela; brother to Teresa and Deborah, joined his Lord and Savior on Sept. 18, 2008, at his home in Tarpon Springs. Joining in his homecoming

celebration were his parents, Owen and Dorothy Dedman; grandson, Jonathan Hunt; and numerous other relatives. Viewing and Masonic service Saturday, 6-8 pm, at Highest Praise Family Church, 1350 East Lake Rd., Tarpon Springs. Services will be Sunday, 3 pm at the church. Burial in Lexington, KY. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, 12502 Pine Drive, Tampa, FL 33612 or Hospice of the FL Suncoast, 5771 Roosevelt Blvd., Clearwater, FL 33768.

Date: Dec 18, 2008

My Chuck, Christmas 2008

Three months ago today I lost the Sweetest love of my life to the big C. I still hear him call my name especially during the night, I do feel he is at peace in Christ's presence. What a void he left tho, I wake up and walk around in circles not knowing what to do with myself. Such a loss, such hurt and sadness, such emptiness now fills my life. I will be OK Someday "maybe" with Gods help. If you had the privilege to ever meet him, you may saw him as disabled. If you did, you never met the true man he was, full of life, strength, humor, seriousness, compassion, freely giving of himself for others, Total Love for Our Lord and Savior, myself and rest of family, friends, etc. He did more to help others than others who were in perfect health. He was my life, my love, My ALL and More. Our love was the kind you dream of that comes only once in a lifetime. I'll Always be half a person without him, but I promised him I would be ok, I will with Gods help, but believe it will take a long time. My plans were to just stay in bed on Christmas with my memories because the hurt is still so raw, but one of our Church members will not allow that. I was told by phone today I will be having Christmas Dinner with them, or they would come to get me. I need to realize Christmas is for Christ, so I'll go to celebrate the One who gave me life everlasting. If not for HIM I would not had the privilege to shared my life with my Chuck, I have to be satisfied with my memories, happy and sad, I have many. Chuck is Celebrating the upcoming birthday of Christ with the Angels this year, so Merry Christmas Darling, I miss You, just save me a place so when God chooses, I'll join you. Thank You Darling for All the love we shared together. You made me so happy during our life here on earth.

--Jackie





a Birthday!

Carmen Price (10/3) Carmen is the wife of Mark Price and daughter-in-law of Claude and Carolyn (Dedmon) Price. They live in Columbia, MO. Mark is chairman of the Humanities Department at Columbia College.

Susan Elizabeth (Price) Youngberg (10/4) - Suzi is the daughter of Claude and Carolyn (Dedmon) Price. Suzi and her husband Scott Youngberg live in the Florida Keys, where Scott is well known for his entertaining with his guitar and singing.

Gwendolyn Jane (Dedmon) Kiley (10/7) - Gwen is the daughter of Leroy and Jane Dedmon. She and her husband George live in Buchanan, GA, where she operates Gwen's Family Restaurant. Gwen and her parents opened the restaurant in 1991 while Leroy was the preacher at the nearby Bremen Church of Christ. Her daughter Carrie also works at the restaurant.

Natalie Catherine Smith (10/8) - Natalie is the daughter of Steve and Tonya Smith and grand daughter of Alma Ruth (Dedmon) Smith. She lives with her parents and two brothers, Seth and Justin at Hazel Green, AL, just north of Huntsville.

Diane (Sparkman) Dedmon (10/19) - Diane is the wife of Thomas Gordon Dedmon. Tommy is a brother of Leroy. Diane is employed by the Country Inn and suites in Dalton, GA. Tommy and Diane live in Houston Valley in Catoosa County, near Ringgold, GA.

Wayne Alan Dedmon (10/24) - Wayne is a brother to Tim Dedmon. Wayne lives in Chattanooga, TN.

Gregory Lebron Dedmon (11/4) - Greg is the son of Gary and Diane (Toothman) Dedmon and grandson of Leroy and Jane Dedmon. Greg lives with his parents and brother, Jonathan, in Springfield, TN.

Thomas Gordon Dedmon (11/4) - Tommy is a brother of Leroy. Tommy and his wife, Diane, live two houses down from Leroy and he is employed on a part time basis with Dalton College. He was the maintenance supervisor there prior to his retirement.

Kymerly Yvonne (Dedmon) Cochran (11/7) Kym is the daughter of Bill and Connie (Buff) Dedmon. She resides with her two daughters, Jessica and Amanda in Ringgold, GA. She is employed with the Windstream Telephone Company in Dalton, GA.

Anthony (Tony) Gerald Dedmon (11/15) - Tony is the son of Tommy and Diane (Sparkman) Dedmon. He lives in Dalton, GA and is employed by Wal-Mart.

Gary Lebron Dedmon (11/22) - Gary is the son of Leroy and Jane Dedmon and is married to Diane (Toothman) Dedmon. They have two boys, Greg and Jonathan. They live in Springfield, TN. Gary works with the high school there as teacher and assistant coach with the sports program. He also works part time with the church of Christ at Cedar Hill, just north of Springfield.

John William Henson III (11/30) - John is a descendent of Hannah Dedmon and a diligent family researcher. He and his wife Audery (Gackenhaimer) Henson now live in the Wood Station community, west of Ringgold, GA. He is not far from the area where some of his Dedmon ancestors lived.

Ray Pierson (12/5) - Ray is a descendent of John Hilliard Hill and Sarah (Sally) Dedmon.

Jamie Breedlove-Dedmon (12/6/2007) - Jamie is the wife of Michael Dedmon, son of Floyd Dedmon. Floyd was a great supporter of the DEDMON CONNECTION. His passing was a great loss to us.

Timothy Edward Dedmon (12/6) - Tim lives in Chattanooga, TN and is a family researcher. He has contributed several articles to the DEDMON CONNECTION. One of his articles was about the murder of our ancestor Mark Dedmon by the "Revenooers". It was his diligent research that finally uncovered the truth of one of the most elusive stories in our family folklore. He is married to Cheryl Diane (Mansell) Dedmon. They live in Chattanooga, TN and are the parents of two sons, Ty and Will.

Janice Brillo (12/11) - I am not sure how Janice relates to the Dedmon family, but she is listed on Floyd Dedmon's web site.

Cynthia Yvonne (O'Bryant) Dedmon (12/13) Cindy is the wife of Brian Dedmon and daughter-in-law of Bill Dedmon. Cindy and Brian have three girls, Hana, Morgan and Briana. They live next door to Leroy and Jane Dedmon in Houston Valley, the home of many of our Dedmon ancestors. She is employed by Price Pharmacy in Ringgold, GA.

Briana Dedmon (12/21) - Briana is the youngest daughter of Brian and Cindy Dedmon.

Curt Webb (12/23) - Curt is the son of Carrie Webb and the grandson of Gwen Kiley. Of course that makes him the great grandson of Leroy and Jane Dedmon.

Hana Yvonne Dedmon (12/27) - Hana is the oldest daughter of Brian and Cindy Dedmon.

(I am sorry if I have missed any of your birthdays. It is either because I do not have it on record or accidentally overlooked it. In either case, please let me know. Thanks, --Leroy)