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## DID HE SEE HIS SHADOW??

February 2 is designated "Groundhog Day". According to tradition in the United States and also Canada, if the groundhog does not see his shadow winter is over and the little furry creature does not crawl back into it's hole. However, if the shadow is seen there will be six more weeks of winter. From what I read it began somewhere in Pennsylvania and I guess we must have an official "site" as the weather conditions vary from place to place. In my opinion it is best if the sun does not shine on the second day of February. Since Jane's birthday (my wife) is on the first day of February, we usually celebrate both days at the same time.



The importance of remembering this very important day is seen in the following story: At the breakfast table a wife said to her husband, "Honey, do you remember what today is?" Not wanting to admit he did not know, he just nodded and said, "Of course". On his way to work, he pondered the question and concluded it must be a very important day since she mentioned it. Afraid not to do something about it, he stopped and ordered a dozen roses to be delivered to the house. Afraid this might not be enough he asked his secretary to make reservations for him and his wife at a very "fancy" restaurant and call her to be ready to go when he arrived home. To be sure he had "all the bases covered" he stopped on the way home and bought an expensive box of candy. When his wife met him at the door he hugged and kissed her telling her how much he loved her. With that she began to cry and said with tears flowing down her cheeks, "This is the most wonderful Groundhog day I have ever had"... I admit the story probably didn't happen, but like many "preacher stories", it could have happened. That is the secret to using illustrations... make sure they are believable!!!!



As I have already mentioned my wife of almost fifty years celebrated her "plenty ninth" birthday on February 1st. Until June 27th we will be the same age. This happens every year, just when I think she has caught me, I always move ahead again. We celebrated the day by doing what we have done most often since we have known each other... going out to eat!!! Since we do that almost every day and most of the time twice a day, it becomes very difficult finding a new or different place to eat. Her favorite place seems to be Previnos and I especially like going there on birthdays as you get a free meal. Since we were at the Freed-Hardeman Lectures in Henderson, TN we were not able to go there so we settled for Casey Jones in Jackson, TN. As her birthday was on Sunday, we spent most of the day at church. Of course, most of our life has been spent in church.

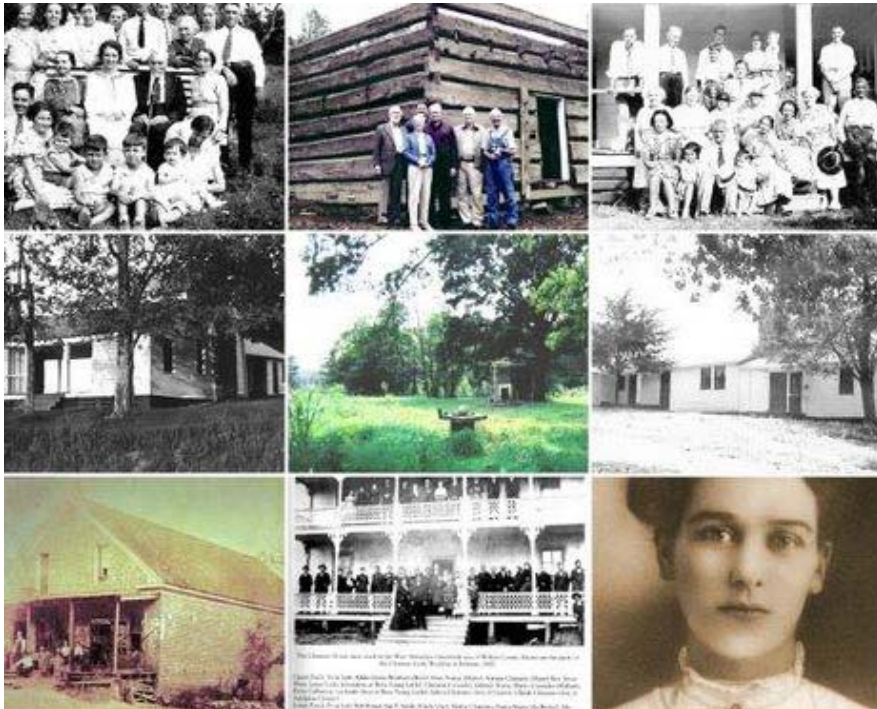


# Down Memory Lane

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!!!!!!!

Hi folks, The attached collage portrays a great deal of our Northwestern Georgia genealogy and history.

The original Park-Clements-Cavender log cabin homeplace is shown after more than a century's worth of coverings and additions had been stripped away for one last documentation by a number of our gathered cousins, before the dismantling of the logs. It is believed that the logs have been placed in storage by the Walker County Historical Association, until some day in the future that they will be reassembled to represent the typical home of the Cherokee Indians in the former Cherokee Indian Nation.



With me are Frank Clements Shaw, Jr., Llewellyn Chapman and his sister Jane, and Charles Clements, Jr., and Ben Reed, and the new owner of the homeplace, Mr. Tarvin of Villanow, Georgia.

I find it interesting to note that Frank Clements Shaw, Jr., is also shown as a very young boy in the group photo which was taken more than half a century earlier on the same grounds as he sits with his mother on the ground in the front row. His father Frank Clements Shaw is standing behind Mrs. Shaw.

To the photos right next to the Shaw family is located the Clements family. Mrs. Charles Clements, Sr. is shown with her two sons, Charles Clements, Jr. and his brother.

On the far right of the photo can be seen my Grandfather Judson Cicero Cavender standing by my Grandmother Flora Collins Cavender. The eldest gentleman sitting on the garden bench in the middle of the family portrait is Doctor Wilson Clements, who practiced medicine in the Armuchee area for many years after his four years as an Assistant Surgeon in the Confederate Army during the War Between the States.

The Park-Clements-Cavender family members had gathered to celebrate Dr. Wilson Clements 90+ birthday. Dr. Wilson Clements was one of seven sons of Dr. Adam Clements and Mary Wilson Hill Park Clements, who were our ancestors who bought the log cabin home from a Mr. Oglesby back when that part of Georgia was still the Cherokee Nation.

All seven of the Clements sons served in the Confederate Army, and three of them as Assistant Surgeons, and one, Judson Claudius Clements who served about four terms in the Congress of the United States of America,

when he wrote and introduced legislation which created the Interstate Commerce Commission, of which he served as its Chairman, after retiring from Congress.

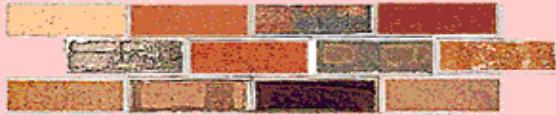
The sister, Martha "Mattie" Almina Clements, married Joseph Warren Cavender, who is pictured standing on the front porch of the Cavender's Villanow General Store. He can be seen with a vest and tie in a dress shirt, along with fellow citizens of Villanow. Of course, the single photo of the beautiful young lady gives us a wonderful look at Flora Velma Collins Cavender, who was the mother of Benjamin Warren, Martha Eleanor, Joseph Judson, and Robert Collins Cavender. The Judson and Flora Cavender family moved from Villanow to La Fayette, Georgia in 1920, where they located their family of six on

Villanow Street about two blocks from the La Fayette Cemetery, where they are at eternal rest in peace.

And the home with the two story porch is that of another Clements family in Armuchee, Georgia, upon the marriage of a Mr. Clements and a Miss Little. Standing on the front porch as a young boy, just to the right of a white porch column on the first story is little Judson Cicero Cavender.

I hope you enjoy this trip back in our family's history during this Thanksgiving Season of 2008. We truly have a wonderful family tradition and heritage to be forever thankful. Your fellow Park-Clements-Cavender family member, Eddie Hightower

## THE BRICK WALL

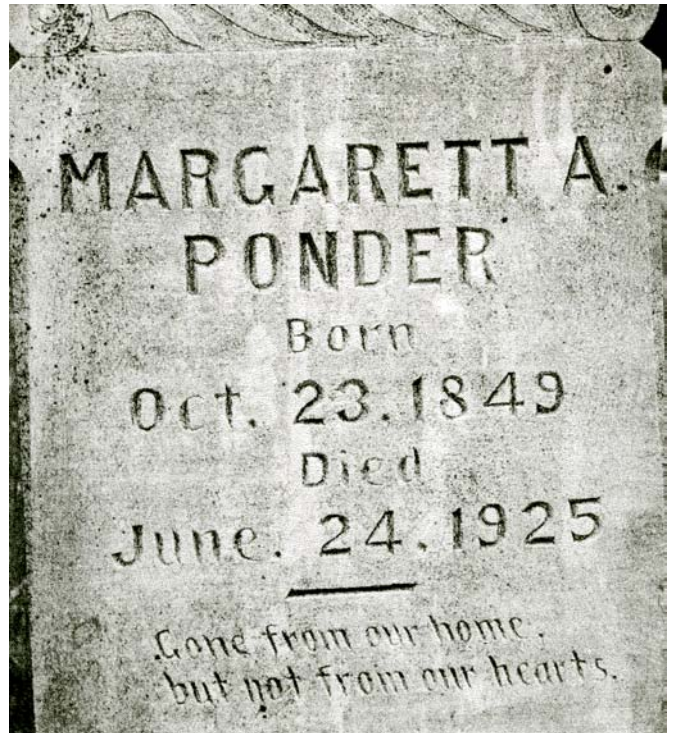


*I have discovered at least five major Deadman branches that we have not been able to connect. If you have information on any of the Deadman family branches, please submit.*

**From:** Tim Dedmon [tdedmon@bellsouth.net]

**Subject:** Thomas A. Ponder and Margaret Dedmon

Thomas Arthur (TA) Ponder was one of the first eleven Dedmon's to moved to Waldron, Scott County, Arkansas in 1869/70 after Mark L Dedmon was murdered. He married Mark L Dedmon's daughter Margaret Ann (Peggy) Dedmon March 5, 1869 in Catoosa County, Georgia. Margaret has been moving her grave to different locations in the Dedmon Cemetery on Taylor's Ridge for many years, she has to be the best witch of all time, because she has now moved her grave to Hoyt Cemetery, Haskell County, Oklahoma. Thomas and Margaret had fourteen children with nine living to adulthood. They had sixty grandchildren born before they died. In 1889 they moved from Hickman, Waldron, Scott County, Arkansas to Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory which later became Hoyt, Oklahoma. Their youngest son Frost Starr Ponder was born there in 1890, he was named after Cherokee Indian Frost Starr who was a brother-in-law to Belle Starr the outlaw. Belle Starr was killed in Hoyt, Oklahoma February 3, 1889 about the time Thomas and Margaret moved there. Younger Bend where Belle would hide the Younger's and the James's was only a short distance from Hoyt, Oklahoma. Mike Ponder a descendent of Thomas and Margaret who still lives in Hoyt, Oklahoma gave me this information. -Tim



*I appreciate all the good work Tim does on the research of the Dedmon Family. His persistence in looking for facts after some of us have given up is of great benefit. The story has been passed from generation to generation that Peggy Dedmon was a "witch". One of the mystifying events is the supposed moving of her grave from time to time. She does have a grave marker on Taylor's Ridge at Mt. Nebo. So given the above information we must conclude this Peggy is not the "witch". This leaves us with the question of the identity of our famous ancestor. One "off the cuff" answer would be the grandmother of this Peggy, whose name was Margaret. We do know several of Margaret's family members are buried at Mt. Nebo.*

### NEBO MOUNTAIN (DEDMON) CEMETERY Catoosa County Georgia

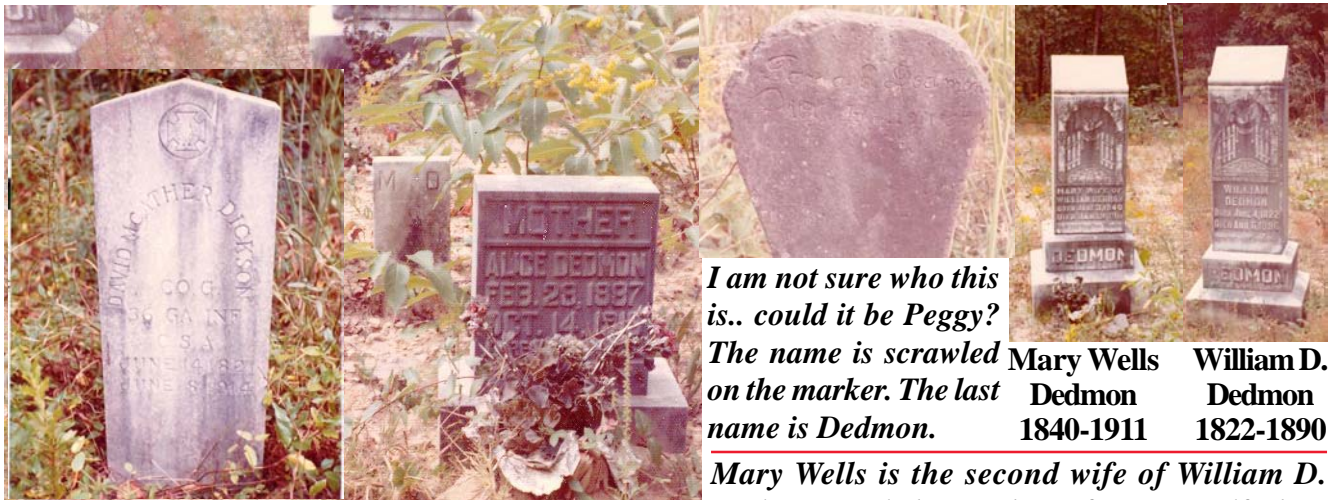
Nestled on Taylor's Ridge in the southwest corner of Catoosa County is the old family cemetery. Most folks simply call it the Dedmon Cemetery, but other places have it listed as Nebo Mountain or Mt. Nebo. I have been there three or four times. The last journey was at the Dedmon Reunion, which I believe was 2000. It is only about 2 miles as the crow flies from my house. However as the crow walks is a different story. It is in the wilderness and is becoming more difficult to reach. Plans are to make a visit soon. I am sure there is much work to be done. I remember seeing the marker for Peggy Dedmon (the witch), but it is not listed on the following page. So who knows.. Arkansas maybe!!!



**NEBO MOUNTAIN (DEDMON) CEMETERY**

*Record of know burials in this family cemetery. Some graves are unmarked. Some are marked with field stones. The cemetery is located in Houston Valley, on what is now private property and access to the cemetery is limited. There is a rough road and fence that makes entrance difficult. This cemetery was maintained through the years by Gordon Black, A.T. (Tuck) Peters and Gordon Dedmon. Tuck Peters and Gordon Dedmon are deceased and Gordon Black in a nursing home in Dalton, GA. There is a lock on the gate and no one seems to know where to locate the key. The following list was compiled by Gordon Black several years ago. Thanks to Edna Wimpy Castleman [William Castleman [wcastleg@yahoo.com]] for sending this to us....*

- 01. Ostrune, Pheba Jane (b. 9/7/1844 - d. 4/30/1879)  
(Wife of William Ostrune)
  - 02. Dedmon, Mary (b. 4/22/???? - d. 3/6/????)
  - 03. Dedmon, Frances (d. 1875)
  - 04. Dedmon, Jo Ann (d. 6/12/1862)
  - 05. Dedmon, ?. C. (Oct 18, 1898)
  - 06. Dedmon, Alice (b. Feb. 26, 1887 d. Oct 14, 1918)
  - 07. Dedmon, William D. (b. June 4, 1822 d. Aug 5, 1890)
  - 08. Dedmon, Mary Wells (b. June 3, 1840 d. Jan 12, 1911)  
Mary was 2nd wife of William D. Dedmon
  - 09. Dedmon, ?????? Mae, (d. Sept. 1869)
  - 10. Black, Mae
  - 11. Black, Lenord B. (b. AD 1880 d. June 11, 1911)
  - 12. David McArthur, CO. G 36 Ga. Inf., C.S.A.  
(b. June 14, 1821 d. June 8, 1914)
  - 13. Dedmon, P. Becker, (d. Aug. 5, 1869)
  - 14. Black, Jane Nichols (b. 1802 NC d. 1861 GA)
  - 15. Black, John Hardin, SR (b. 1800/01 NC d. 1887)
  - 16. Black, Emmerline, (AD 1880)
  - 17. Black, Prova (b. 1901 d. 1901)  
daughter of William Henry and Elizabeth Syler Black
  - 18. Black, Myrtle
  - 19. Black Laura Beatrice (b. Nov 29, 1892 d. 1895)  
Twin to Lillian Black Abney and Daughter of  
Joseph W. Cain & Laura McEntire Black
  - 20. Ballew, Charlie Franklin  
(b. Aug. 24, 1901 d. Nov 23, 1902)  
Son of John and Lola Black Ballew
  - 21. Dedmon, Alice Walker  
(b. Feb 26, 1887 d. Sept 14, 1918)  
wife of Thomas Judson Dedmon
- This is the same name as #06. She is my grandmother and does not have two graves, so I don't know who is in the other one. (Maybe Peggy ???)*
- 22. Black, Emma Lenora (b. dec. 22, 1879)  
daughter of Joseph Cain and Laura McEntire Black
  - 23. Black, Carey Selma (b. Oct 12, 1886 d. Nov 16, 1976)  
daughter of Joseph Cain and Laura McEntire Black
  - 24. Black, Alma E. (b. Jan 21, 1899 d. Feb 21, 1899)  
daughter of Joseph H. and Rachel Dickson Black
  - 25. Black, Bessie (b. Feb 5, 1900 d. Feb. 13, 1900)  
daughter of Joseph H. and Rachel Dickson Black
  - 26. Dedmon, Nellie McIntire (b. 1825 d. 1870)  
1st wife of William D. Dedmon
  - 27. Dedmon, Mark (b. 1800-1810 d. ????)
- There are about fifty graves in this cemetery, the above names is all I have.*
- William Gordon Black, 1986*



**David McArthur  
Dickson  
1821-1914**

**Alice Walker Dedmon  
1887-1918  
my grandmother**

*I am not sure who this is.. could it be Peggy? The name is scrawled on the marker. The last name is Dedmon.*

<b>Mary Wells Dedmon 1840-1911</b>	<b>William D. Dedmon 1822-1890</b>
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*Mary Wells is the second wife of William D. Dedmon and the mother of my grandfather, Thomas Judson Dedmon. David M. Dickson (far left) is my gg grandfather in my mothers family.*



## ..From the mail

Dear Leroy and Family: Our most sincere condolences to you and your family. We are sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. Wow, she was 96 years old. We can only wish to experience what it would be like to be 96 years old! My mother is 73 years old and is battling colon cancer. She would consider your mother's life a TRUE BLESSING and quite an INSPIRATION. We are thinking of all of you, Jeff, Wilma, Kristen & Corey Dedmon  
Wilma Dedmon [mailto:wsdedmon@sbcglobal.net]

*It was good to hear from Wilma again. This note was overlooked when I printed the memorial newsletter for my mother. For those who may not remember, her husband, Jeff Dedmon, is our "claim to fame" in the world of professional baseball. He was a pitcher for the Atlanta Braves in the '80's. Also on the next page is a collection of email exchanges between me and her that took place a while ago. -Leroy*

**From:** Cheryl Frechem [mailto:cfrechem@verizon.net]  
Hi Cousin Leroy, You most definitely have my permission to print my emails with you. Thank you for all you do to keep the family line together. I just remembered my father's half brother's daughters' name, Sherry Coffell. I hope she reads your post and contacts me so together we can figure out how the brother's were seperated. Warmest regards and best to you and your family, Cheryl (Dedmon) Frechm

*I believe I have heard from Sherry and there is a good possibility she will read this newsletter. It is exciting to learn of families being reunited.*

**From:** Tabitha Nelson  
[mailto:bambi\_44706@yahoo.com]

I loved the newsletter keep up the good work- love, Tabitha Nelson-Young (great granddaughter of Leon Dedmon)

**From:** Sarah Buchanan Glenn  
[mailto:archerg123@windstream.net]  
Leroy, Thank you for including me on your distribution. I really enjoy reading the Dedmon Connection, and read every word this morning while I had coffee. Have a great day and weekend. --Sarah

*No problem Sarah. It is just a matter of time 'til we find the Buchanan-Dedmon connection.*

*In December I listed the following birthday:*

**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.

*I have since received the following email from Glenda Dedmon which cleared up the mystery.*

Hi Leroy,  
I know that its been awhile since you have heard from me. Really wanted you and everyone else to know that I am doing ok. They say time heals, well its not that time heals, but your faith in the Lord. When he thinks its time for you to move on he will push, pull you there. And I have to say he has blessed me in more ways than I can ever think about. It took awhile.

I have remarried, it was a hard decision. I talked to a friend and pastor of mine and Floyd's for years. I told Lonnie that I felt I was betraying my vows to Floyd, by remarrying, it took several visits and prayers with him to understand what was going on in my heart. But there is a part of me that will stay with him forever, cause he was and is my best friend, lover, husband and in many ways my soul mate. There are time still I fuss at him, but I was told that was still normal, but I have never really figured out what was really normal in this world.

When some one you know loses a spouse, child or close friend, tell them that the Lord will let them know when the healing really begins, cause there are so many steps to the healing process. My new husband is Douglas Wayne Dhane.

You said in on of the newsletters you weren't sure of the relationship between Floyd and Janice Brillo. She is Floyd's youngest daughter. Well take care and God Bless you and everyone, lean on him and you can do anything. --Glenda [gdedmon@juno.com]

*Hey Glenda, It was so good hearing from you. I can only imagine the difficulty you experienced in the decision to re marry, but as a minister and counselor for fifty years, I would have advised you to do so. It was and never will be about Floyd and your love for him. In fact as I have told many children who were somewhat upset about their mom or dad remarrying, "this has nothing to do with your mom or (dad), depending on which was the surviving spouse". I am sure your heart is big enough to retain all the love you ever had for Floyd and fill it with the same affection for the new "lucky" guy. Stay in Touch. --Leroy*

## More from Wilma



Hi Leroy: It's been a long time, very long time since I visited your website. I just found the website, again. When I first found the website, Jeff's picture was on it and now, after years of absence, I find Kristen's picture on it. Coincidence, karma or what? I get into periods where I just can't get going with my e-mails, but did check it and out and it's great! Thank you so much. Kristen has actually received e-mail from other Dedmon's and were wondering if they were related. I went through most of the past newsletters and found nice articles, Thank you so much. I would love to know if there is a reunion planned.

I have been busy raising two children, a husband and a baby kitty. Kristen just graduated from UCLA. Don't know if you saw any softball games but yep, that's our Kristen. Corey is a young man trying to figure out what life is all about. Giving me gray hairs in the process. They say boys take longer, good thing I'm patient. Jeff and I celebrated our 25th anniversary last year. Lucky Charm is 3 years old and very spoiled. Guess this is our post-softball life; free weekends for me and more golf for Jeff. Jeff's dad, Ernie, is doing well. He is also adjusting to life without softball. Hope everything is well with you and your family.

Baseball? What's that? Jeff has not sat down to watch baseball since I can't even remember. Ultimate fighting is his thing these days and dancing with the stars is mine. I'm in charge, what a surprise...

My side of the family's late in the year camping trip is set for Nov 9-11. Turns out I might have close to 50 people show up. We're having it in Santa Barbara, Lake Cachuma to be exact. It is a beautiful area, lots of activities, solvang, casino and wineries are close. Now you see why I picked this place! I'm not one to skimp on trips that I'm in charge of. So I've got lots of things planned and that's what has been taking all my time. When you are guys coming to CA? We would love to meet all of you!

Auntie Ruby, grandpa's sister in Oakland, CA is not doing well, and grandpa is going up to see her soon. He's 82 and almost bagged out on me on this camping trip. He told me, I'm not in great shape to go camping. Heck (had another word in mind, but I remembered who I was talking to, hahahaha). I had to tell him he was in great shape for an 82 year old. He's walking, he's talking and he is going with us. I have my ways of convincing him and he's coming! Grandpa is healthy

and very mobile, but he doesn't like to drive much anymore though. I used to pick him up every Friday to go to games and he would stay with us all weekend. He made all the games this year, even the road trips! He is quite a trooper!

I would like to put the pieces together again about Jeff's family, Where can i find this information? Please don't get upset when I start asking you a million questions. I saw in one newsletter about tombstones, There was an Ernest R. Dedmon in Georgia. I know Glenda buried Floyd with his dad, in Oklahoma. I actually spoke to her when we found out he had passed. They called and left a message on his phone but no return number. By the time I found their e-mail, it had been several weeks. We had a very nice conversation on the phone and she told me they were going to bury him with his dad.

*Wilma, I have no date set for a reunion, but certainly wish to have one. I tried to find information about Kristen when I could and keep up that way. Do you have an article and picture of her graduation? As you may have surmised from the website, I have retired from "located preaching" or as some might term it, "Pastoral preaching". However, I still preach and work with church related programs. We moved back home in 2003. Actually it is the area where Jeff's great-great grandfather, James Thomas was born. Of course he left here and moved to Arkansas, as did so many. I often wonder if they were on their way to California to the Gold Rush. Tell Jeff hey and that my son, Gary, asks about him often. I don't know if Jeff remembers him or not. I think they met in Nashville, TN when Gary worked with the Nashville Sounds. I am not real sure what he did there, It seems he called it the visitors clubbie. I often wondered if that was another word for bat or something!!! I am attaching a document that has some of the information about Jeff's family. I began with James Thomas. If I go back a couple of generations then my line will appear, but that would be a large file.. so will save that for later. Yes there is an Ernest Dedmon buried in GA, He was my uncle. Don't worry about the questions.. glad to help... -Leroy*

Hi Leroy, I will tell Jeff about Gary. Yes, I believe the correct word is clubbie. They took care of the needs of the visiting team. Anyway, I'm so glad to hear from you. Be patient with my replies cause I will eventually respond! I will gather things to send you. Where can I send them? Hello to everyone and again, Wilma Dedmon [wsdedmon@sbcglobal.net]



## ...Just the GOOD NEWS

### Dedmon-Caple

Connie and Roy Lee Dedmon of Shelby announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Gwen Dedmon, to Benjamin George Caple. A June 7, 2008, wedding is planned on the Cleveland County Courthouse in Shelby. About the bride-elect: Sarah Gwen is the granddaughter of Grace Elliott and the late Adlai Elliott Jr. and the late A.V. and Lizzie Lee Dedmon, all of Shelby. She is a graduate of Twelve Oaks Academy and the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, where she received a BA in Psychology. About the future bridegroom: Benji is the son of Ronald and Patricia Caple of Columbus. He is the grandson of Beatrice Caple of Dover, Dela., and the late retired Col. Ralph Caple, US Army, and the late Mr. and Mrs. George Dunnack of Smyrna, Dela. He is a 2003 graduate of Grace Christian School and a 2007 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point with a bachelor's degree in Business Management. He is a second lieutenant in the US Army.



*I am not sure if I have used this story, but it never hurts to talk about something more than once. The engagement is above and the wedding to the right.*

### Caple - Dedmon

Mrs. Benji Caple  
Sarah Gwen Dedmon



Sarah Gwen Dedmon and Benjamin George Caple were married Saturday, June 7, 2008, on the Cleveland County Courthouse. The bridegroom's father, the Rev. Ronald G. Caple, officiated the 7 p.m. ceremony. The ceremony: Vocalist Bettie Upton and harpist Lelia Lattimore provided the music. The bride was given in marriage by her father. She carried a bouquet of assorted pastel colored roses. The bride's attendants: Matron of honor was the bride's sister, Lizzie Grace Dedmon Urizar, and maid of honor was the bride's sister, AnnaLee Dedmon, both of Shelby. Bridesmaids were Monica Abuelhawa of Kings Mountain and Kaitlyn Caple of Columbus. Flower girl was Meredith Reames of Yorktown, Va. The bridegroom's attendants: The bridegroom chose Matthew Caple of Shelby as best man. Groomsmen were Peter and Jonathan Caple of Norfolk, Va., Richie Sparrow of Boyton Beach, Fla., and Patricio Caicedo of Miami, Fla. Ring bearer was Nathaniel Smith of Shelby. Wedding director was Bettie Upton of Shelby. The reception: Hosted by the bride's parents at Hamilton Hall of First National Bank in Shelby. The rehearsal dinner: Given by the bridegroom's parents in Shelby, hosted by Amber and Dwight Smith. After the wedding: The couple live in Killeen, Texas. How he proposed: Benji proposed to Sarah on the Shelby courthouse on Jan. 1, 2008.

## February Birthdays



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

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

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

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

Please submit birthdays and anniversaries to me at [glededmon@windstream.net](mailto:glededmon@windstream.net)

## Anniversaries in February

Bill and Connie Dedmon  
February 6  
Bill is the brother of Leroy Dedmon

*Celebrating an Anniversary*



Gwen and George Kiley  
February 10  
(Gwen is the daughter of Leroy and Jane Dedmon)



*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 inlaws, "outlaws" and other laws.... (Leroy)*

**From:** Lee A. Gossage [mailto:lagossag@mail.com]  
**Subject:** Hambright Family

Hi Leroy, Sorry, I have been so long in contacting you, between grandchildren, aging family members and genealogy. I'm waaaaay to busy...

My sympathy to you for the loss of your mother and I am sorry I never met her here on earth.

Guess I should start by calling you Brother Dedmon as we are members of the Church of Christ. We worship at West End Church of Christ here in West Knoxville. You are the first fellow Christian I have found in the Hambright family. Very nice.

I enjoyed your newsletter so much, it was very informative and well put together. We need one with the Hambrights, we are so spread apart and numerous it is hard to stay connected correctly.

I would love to have a Henry/Lawson Hambright reunion in the coming year. I realize most of the family lives in North Georgia, so think that would be the best place to have it. As to when, that will depend on finding a place and date. I am in contact with a few relatives in that area [Tommy and you for two] Hint-Hint. I will be glad to work on the program, if someone will help find: a place to meet and when it is available, name and info on motels in area for out of town cousins and catering/food arrangements on the day of reunion. My thoughts are to have a volunteer or two to help me with these details. Seems like a great idea in writing doesn't it. I have organized several over the past years and most have been so fun and nice to meet other relatives. Simple is always best.

Look forward to hearing your comments on the reunion and any other matters. Keep in touch,

--Marjorie Gossage

*Of course I would love to see a Hambright reunion in this area sometime this year. Maybe Tommy will take the hint. There are over 60 Hambrights listed in the Ringgold and Dalton Phone book. This, of course, does not include many who would have married and no longer wear the name Hambright.*

## Frederick Hambright

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

**Frederick Hambright** (May 1, 1727 - March 9, 1817) was a Revolutionary War officer who fought in the North Carolina militia from 1777 to 1780.

Frederick Hambright was born on May 1, 1727 in Germany. He lived there for eleven years with his father, Conrad Hambrecht, until they immigrated to Lancaster County, PA on the ship, *St. Andrew* on October 27, 1738. Then, in 1755, Hambright moved to Virginia, where he married his first wife, Sarah Hardin. Then, in 1760, Hambright moved to Tryon County, North Carolina and settled near the fort built near the Catawba River. Near the start of the Revolutionary War, Hambright moved to Lincoln County, North Carolina. Hambright also represented Tryon County in the Third Provincial Congress in 1775 and was a signer of the Tryon Resolves of 1775, along with his brother-in-law, Col. Joseph Hardin.

In 1777, Hambright joined the War as Lieutenant Colonel of the Lincoln County troops (South Fork Boys). Early in his career, Hambright became known for his work on the local Loyalist groups. When the Battle of King's Mountain occurred in 1780, the Lincoln County troops were sent to battle. Since their regular commanding officer, Col. William Graham, wasn't present at the time, Hambright took command. In battle, Hambright was severely wounded from a musket ball wound in his thigh. Though he lost much blood, soldier Samuel Moore reported, "he knew he was wounded but was not sick or faint from the loss of blood-said he could still ride very well, and therefore deemed it his duty to fight on till the battle was over". After the battle, Hambright was taken by his soldiers to his nearby log cabin for treatment. Hambright survived, but had to resign from service due to his injury. That injury inflicted a limp in Hambright's walk, which he kept for the rest of his life.

Before he resigned, Hambright's first wife died. After resigning, Hambright married Mary Dover on July 17, 1781. Dover was at Hambright's log cabin while he was being treated for injury, and reportedly helped him recover afterwards. Hambright died in his log cabin on March 9, 1817 in York, North Carolina.

*I am descended from Mary Dover through the Templeton-Greene connection. My gg grandmother married Frances Hambright, daughter of Lawson B. and Britter Holly Whisenant Hambright. Family Tree Maker says I am the 5th great-grandson of Col. Fredrick Hambright.*