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LEROY DEDMON

THANK YOU - THANK YOU- THANK YOU

I took a leadership class several years ago in which they stressed the importance of giving a “thank you” sandwich. So that is what I have just done as you can see in the title line of this article. A “thank you” sandwich is simply one thank you sandwiched between two other thank yous. Thanks to so many of you who have sent congratulations to Jane and myself in regard to our 50th anniversary. We were overwhelmed with the number of guests, cards, phone calls, e-mails, words spoken and monies sent to the Gospel Broadcasting Network in our honor. Words of the human tongue are not adequate to properly express our sincere appreciation, but I hope you will accept these for that purpose. Again, thank you - thank you - thank you. Many of you have probably already seen the special edition of THE DEDMON CONNECTION which was published for the event. If you haven't it is Volume #68.

I also appreciate and thank all of you for the kind comments you make in regard to this newsletter and the Dedmon Family website. When I realize this is volume 69, I am almost doubtful as to having written that many. However, without you I could not have done so. Your information has made it possible to truly make this a family newsletter. Whatever you do, please continue to send me things and if nothing else, just write and tell me how you are doing. Remember, things you may not consider important or news worthy will be enjoyed by others. Send it in and I will use it in future editions. Also, write or send specific articles and information for the “Down Memory Lane” and “the Brick Wall” columns. Much of the material used is from searching the internet. I do have a backlog of such, but prefer to use what you currently send.

Even though I published a newsletter in April, it was the special Anniversary Edition and failed to contain birthdays and anniversaries of others. At first I planned just to include those in the May edition, but after much thought I decided to publish an April edition, which is this one. Of course, as usual it is late, but it might be too much a shock on the readers if I were to publish it on time. That's the kind of guy I am, “down to the wire”, last minute performance. Songleaders used to call me on Saturday night asking for the sermon topic in order to select songs appropriate for the subject. I would usually respond, “It's only Saturday night” or “just sing some songs, I will preach on them.” However, I stand on ready when it comes to opportunities to preach. An elder recently called me about 9:00 on Saturday night asking, “Brother Dedmon, can you preach for us on this short notice?” To which I replied, “Are you meeting tonight?” When he assured me he was talking about Sunday morning I readily accepted the invitation. In some ways I have fifty years of preparation.

I am not like one preacher I heard to say, “I just wait to see what the Lord lays on my heart to preach”. The time I tried that, the message was loud and clear from the Apostle Paul's words to the young preacher, Timothy. Study to show thyself a workman that needeth not be ashamed, handling aright the Word of God. Most of us do not need preachers to tell us they did not study as it is very apparent. My advice to young preachers is to reply to questions of which they do not know the answer with a simple, “I don't know”. If you try to answer we all will soon know what you are already aware of and that is ...you don't know.



THE TIMES, THEY ARE CHANGING

Seems to me it was the early or mid 60's when Bob Dylan introduced his song to the world bearing the above words. This was way over forty years ago and I doubt he or anyone else could have predicted how true those words were and still are.



BOB DYLAN

The 60's were a strange time in my opinion. Looking back it appears to have been the beginning of anti-American activities. Things like burning the flag and dodging the draft were introduced. The non conformist and free thinkers were introduced to us. I could never understand why all the non conformist looked alike and the free thinkers were all saying the same thing!!! The anti-establishment sentiment also made its way into our churches. The rebellion of authority was born.

I never knew we could rebel against or disregard those who had authority over you. I grew up in the "do as you are told" generation. The only way my parents would have used Dr. Spock's instructions to rearing children book would have been to have used it as a paddle. They believed the Bible when it said "Spare the rod and spoil the child". I can assure you we were not spoiled. I remember when being sent to the principal's office was nothing compared to the fate awaiting me at home? With younger brothers and sisters in the same school, you could not keep it quiet.

Basically we were in fear for our lives, but it wasn't because of drive-by shootings, drugs, gangs, etc. Our parents and grandparents were a much bigger threat! But we survived because their love was greater than the threat. I never really understood the statement, "This hurts me more that it does you", until I had children of my own. I can assure you, it does hurt to have to discipline those you love. Love demands we discipline our children. I am not in favor of child abuse, but discipline applied correctly will help you have the kind of children every parent desires.

DO YOU REMEMBER....

Nancy Drew, the Hardy Boys, Laurel and Hardy, Howdy Dowdy, and the Peanut Gallery, the Lone Ranger, the Shadow Knows, Nellie Belle, Gene Autry & Champion, Roy & Dale, Trigger & Buttermilk...



HOWDY DOODY



Wax Coke-shaped bottles with colored sugar water inside. As well as summers filled with bike rides, baseball games, Hula Hoops, bowling and visits to the pool, and eating Kool-Aid powder with sugar.

Candy cigarettes and Soda pop machines that dispensed glass bottles. Coffee shops with tableside jukeboxes. Your Mom wore nylons that came in two pieces? Blackjack, Clove and Teaberry



chewing gum. Lying on your back in the grass with your friends and saying things like, "That

cloud looks like a ____"?

Home milk delivery in glass bottles with cardboard stoppers. Newsreels before the movie.



P.F. Fliers.
Peashooters.
Telephone



numbers with a word prefix... (Raymond 4-601).

Do you remember a time when....

Decisions were made by going 'eeny-meeny-miney-moe'? Catching the fireflies could happily occupy an entire evening? It wasn't odd to have two or three 'Best Friends'? The worst thing you could catch from the opposite sex was 'cooties'? Having a weapon in school meant being caught with a slingshot? Mistakes were corrected by simply exclaiming, 'Do Over!?' 'Race issue' meant arguing about who ran the fastest?



Thomas Henry Crawford Dedmon



BORN: SEPTEMBER 20, 1846 RUTHERFORD COUNTY, N C
DIED: SEPTEMBER 20, 1910 HEAVENER, LEFLORE COUNTY, OK
BURIED: SEPTEMBER 22, 1910 LOWER HEAVENER CEMETERY

Parents: Mark L Dedmon b.1820 Rutherford County, NC d.1869 Walker County, GA. Rebecca Macon b.1819 Davie County, NC. d.1866 Walker County, GA. Married: 1842 North Carolina

Brothers and Sisters: Isaac Charles (Crate) b.1843, Mary C. b.1847, Abram Oliver b.1848, Margaret Ann (Peggy) b.1849, Mark Rufus b.1852, Morris Harrison (Harry) b.1856, Adolphus F. (Dolphus O.) b.1856, William Carroll b.1859, John Brakingridge b.1861.

All of Thomas Crawford's brothers and sisters migrated to Scott County, AK or Leflore County, OK except Isaac Charles (Crate) who died in 1898, his family stayed in Chattanooga, TN. Military Service: Thomas, enlisted July 1, 1861 as T H Dedmon in Company H (Wright's Infantry) 2nd Regiment Georgia Volunteer Infantry, enlisted for nine months and thirteen days giving address as Whitfield County, GA.

During the Civil War the 2nd served under General Robert Augustus Toombs (Toombs Brigade) in the Army of Northern Virginia under General Robert E Lee. The 2nd fought in The Seven Days Battle, Garnett's Farm, Malvern Hill, Second Manassas, Antietam, Gettysburg, Chickamauga, Knoxville, Suffolk, Cold Harbor, Petersburg and Appomattox. Thomas was

wounded at Garnett's Farm on June 27, 1862 and was wounded again at Malvern Hill on July 1, 1862. On September 17, 1862 at Antietam being the bloodiest day in American History with 23,582 Americans losing their lives, the 2nd and 20th Georgia Infantry with fewer than 300 soldiers held off nearly thirty regiments of the Federal IX Corps for five hours, repelling five attacks at Burnside's Bridge. General Lee would later come to view the battlefield accomplishments of his outnumbered troops at Antietam as his Army's finest hour. Thomas did not appear on the roll at the end of the War, but family members passed down that he fought against Martha Ellen's father John J Jones at the Battle of Chickamauga September 19/20 1863.

Thomas's family migrated from North Carolina to North Georgia around 1846 or 1847, when Thomas was just an infant. His family appears in the 1850 East Chickamauga, Walker County, Georgia census. On April 17, 1855 Thomas's dad, Mark L bought four acres of land on Taylor's Ridge in Ringgold, Catoosa County, Georgia from David McCarter Dickson. In the 1860 Ringgold, Catoosa County, Georgia census Mark L and his brothers William D and Thomas W and their Dad William b 1791 were all living next door to each other on Taylor's Ridge with their families. Mark L remarried March 19, 1868 to Louisa E (Lou) Bridges in Catoosa County, and died before the 1870 Census.

After the Civil War Thomas appears in the 1870 Fricks Gap, Walker County, Georgia Census with his first wife Martha (Mattie) Davison and two children, John 2 (John was never listed again in any Census's) and William 9/12, it states that Martha is 24 and born in Georgia. Thomas and Martha appear in the 1880 17th Civil District, Chattanooga, Hamilton County, Tennessee Census becoming the first Dedmon family to live in Chattanooga. I have been unable to find Martha's family yet. Their children John b 1868 Fricks Gap, Walker County, Georgia, William b August 12, 1870 Fricks Gap, Walker County, Georgia, Gussie b 1873 Fricks Gap, Walker County, Georgia, Nancy R (Becky) b 1874 Fricks Gap, Walker County, Georgia, Mark Rufus b August 1, 1875 Chattanooga, Tennessee, Samuel b November 5, 1883 Chattanooga, Tennessee. On January 17, 1889 Land Deed #78-476.

Thomas and Martha Davison purchased thirteen and a quarter acres of land from John and Elizabeth Ellis in Harrison, Tennessee for \$126.00. Thomas and Martha Davison appear on Land Deed # 143-296 in January of 1890 giving Hamilton County Government the right of way to build Harrison Pike on their property.

Martha died after January 1890 and before August 1891 but I have not found her yet in any death records, obituary listings, or cemeteries. Their first son, John, I believe died before the age of twelve, William, which I am a descendent, stayed in Chattanooga, Nancy R (Becky) I believe married a C L Fergenson in Chattanooga on February 8, 1891 but I have not found them after the marriage, Gussie, Mark and Samuel migrated to Heavener, Leflore County, Oklahoma.

After Martha's death Thomas hired Martha Ellen Jones to clean house and cook for his family for \$1.50 a week. Thomas must have liked the job the young 22 year old with an hourglass figure (5'5", 125 lbs.) and ankle length hair, they were married August 24, 1891 in Chattanooga. A drug store in Chattanooga offered Martha Ellen \$25.00 a week to walk around with her ankle length hair and say she used a certain tonic sold there, but she refused the job because she would not lie. On October 22, 1898 Land Deed #166-160 Thomas Crawford and Ellen sold property to start the Missionary Baptist Church on Harrison Pike to trustees Thomas Crawford Dedmon, William R Knight and James Harvey for five dollars. On land Deed # 166-162 the church was described as the Baptist Church by Thomas Crawford Dedmon. The Missionary Baptist Church that Thomas Henry Crawford Dedmon started later became the Bartlebaugh Baptist Church in Harrison, Tennessee.

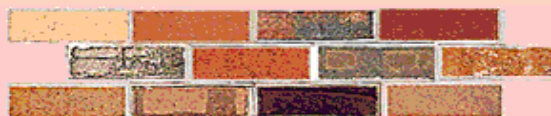
Martha Ellen b August 23, 1868 in Chattanooga was the daughter of John J Jones (Enlisted 1862 in Harrison, Tennessee in Company G, 5th Regiment Tennessee Infantry Union Army) and Mary Ellen Talley. John was the son of Conway Jones and Ruth Biggs and Mary Ellen Talley the daughter of Berry Lee Talley and Ellender Gay, Mary Talley's second marriage was to George M (Grover) Petty. Thomas and Martha Ellen had five children all born in Chattanooga, Ira Crawford b May 19, 1893, Harry L b January 1, 1894, Eva P (Delora) b September 17, 1896, Carl Lee b September 22, 1899, Setha Aldeen b September 20, 1902. Thomas became ill and could not work his prosperous vegetable farm in the Harrison area of Chattanooga and decided to join his sons Mark and Samuel in Heavener, Leflore County, Oklahoma where he thought his health would improve.

Thomas and Martha Ellen sold their 13 acre vegetable farm in Harrison to J R Davis and wife Arminda on December 24, 1906 Land Deed #205-600 and moved to Oklahoma, where the family moved to the country and raised cotton. Thomas and Martha

Ellen appear in the 1910 Heavener, Leflore County, Oklahoma Census with children Ira, Delora, Carl, and Aldean. Harry L died November 6, 1902 in Chattanooga and was buried in his father's Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery, Harrison, Hamilton County, Tennessee, which became the Bartlebaugh Baptist Church. Thomas died on his 64th birthday. Martha Ellen operated a boarding house and appeared in the 1920 Heavener, Leflore County, Oklahoma Census as Ellen Fegley, living with her was her youngest son Carl Lee Dedmon. I believe her second husband was James W Fegley b February 1866 Schuyler, Illinois. Martha Ellen lived to be ninety three and was married five times. Her last husband was Frank Graham and she died August 31, 1961 in Muskogee, Oklahoma and is buried in Memorial Park Cemetery there. *Compiled and Submitted by Tim Dedmon (tdedmon@bellsouth.net)*

A special thanks to Tim for all his work in the research he does for the family genealogy.

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: David Brandstatter[dwbinfl@tampabay.rr.com]

To: gldedmon@windstream.net

Subject: Genealogy Research

Importance: High

Hi, David Brandstatter here just north of Tampa, Florida. I am trying to locate Glenda Dedmon...wife of deceased Floyd Dedmon whom I understand you knew quite well via correspondence. Anyway, I've found many post by Floyd and/or Glenda on ancestry.com, rootsweb, etc. regarding a family (Hardister) I am researching. David

I received this note from David and am publishing it here in hopes Glenda will see it and get in touch with him. There have been several incidents where folks have been able to contact each other via this newsletter. It is just another way to help in our family genealogy research project.

--Leroy

From the Mail



From: Charlotte Parker
[mailto:CDPFL@aol.com]

Dear Family and Friends:

I'm requesting prayer for Malcom [Parker]. He has been having lower back pain, really severely. He needs to exercise to keep his Parkinson's Disease from making him bed-ridden. He had an MRI, and has some problems with his lumbar spine. On March 3, we will visit the neurosurgeon. I'm not sure what he will say. Then, on March 4, I have a non-refundable ticket to Houston to visit my family there. [Our older son, Mike, and his family are going to Australia for four or more years when school is out. And my niece is getting married, so I will get to see my sisters and their families.]

But, praise the Lord, I'm feeling better than for 6-8 years. The second operation for sleep apnea, the one in which the Dr. 'cut my throat' was successful. I have energy! I can think in the mornings! I can get up and work! It is like [and really is] a miracle. God is very good to both of us. --Charlotte

I received this note a couple of months ago and meant to include it in the March issue of the Connection, but somehow I overlooked it and do apologize to Charlotte. I am hoping she will give us an update to Malcolm's status. Charlotte is of the Deadman family that descends from Christopher Deadman. They held a successful reunion in Birmingham last year which I had planned to attend, but was unable. I do plan if at all possible to attend the next one. --Leroy

From: VON HAMRICK [vbhamrick@webtv.net]
Subject: Jamie White DNA Study

Good Morning Leroy,
Sorenson just updated their online data base and no new Dedmon's, were added. We still have only one Dedmon in the data base.

I was very disappointed in this but will keep plugging. We don't have to know the truth about the Jamie White story, but it would eliminate another unknown about our ancestors.

Attached is a picture of my g-grandmother, Margaret Elizabeth Dedmon Hamrick. I took a picture of a picture at a recent Hamrick reunion.



Have a GREAT day.
Von Hamrick

There may be others like myself who have ordered the Sorenson kit, but have it lying here beside the computer. I have been procrastinating the genealogy file you have to send. Don't give up, Von. For those who may not know about the Sorenson data base here is a brief explanation given by Von in an earlier newsletter. --Leroy

The Y-DNA is passed down from father to son unchanged for hundreds of years. This is how we will prove or disprove the Jamie White Story. If the story is true, all of James' descendants will be carrying the White Y-DNA and it will not match the DNA of the other Dedmon descendants because they do not have a common male ancestor. It is really so simple it makes it complicated. The Y-DNA comes from the Y chromosome. The female does not have a Y chromosome and does not change the Y that is handed down from father to son. No Y is passed to a daughter. This is strictly a male thing. I would sure like to discredit or validate Uncle Squire's (Espy) Jamie White Deadman story. This is my bloodline. A couple of things about his story really haunt me. First, Uncle Squire was about 15 year old when his father died, plenty old enough to remember anything his father might have told him about his grandfather, Second, I have found plenty evidence in my research that there were 2 different sets of Deadmans in Davie/Rowan County. I sure hope this will get us the participation we need to finalize this. Thanks for your help. You can go to Sorenson's web site at: <http://www.smgf.org/> to participate.



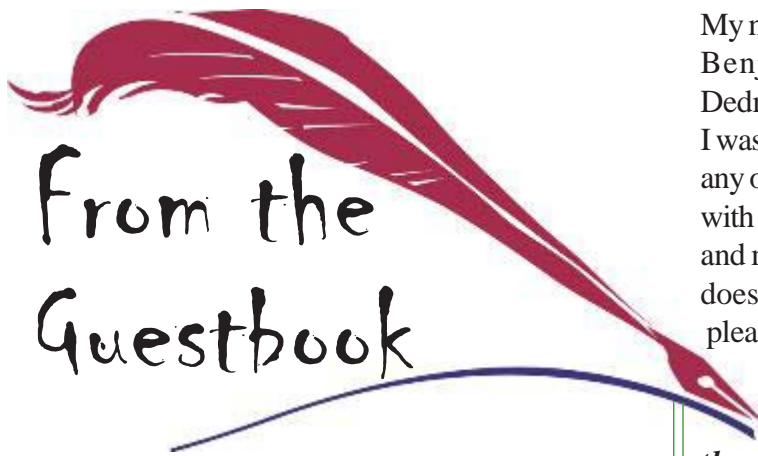
April Birthdays:

Claude Price - April 10
Amy Smith - April 15
Harrison Dedmond - April 17
Jonathan Dedmon - April 20
Brian Dedmon - April 29

April Anniversaries

Leroy and Jane Dedmon
April 5 (Number 50)
Craig & Brittany Dedmon
April 24 (Number 5)





From the Guestbook

Lachelle Dedmon - Location Washington State

Very interesting website. I am the daughter of Randy Dedmon and granddaughter of Winford E. Dedmon. I'm just beginning my research and don't have much information on this line yet. Anything would be helpful. lachelle.vanders@hotmail.com

Jeanne Dennis - Location Rowan County, NC

Amazing site. My great grandmother was Martha Familiar Deadman who was married to John Martin Kelly Randall. I learned more about her line on this site than I've been able to learn in 5 years. Thank you for all the hard work. jean-51@peoplepc.com

What a great site!

My g-great grandfather was John Henry Dedman (1856-1940), his father was Francis Dedman (1778-1860) who was the son of Samuel & Eleanor Howard Dedman. I have been searching for the burial site of Mary 'Polly' Dedman (1816). She was married first to William Dedman (1810) and then to Francis Dedman who was William's uncle. I was able to get help from the Houston Public Library and they sent me an article that states "Mrs. Mary Deadman - Terrell, Texas, December 13. - Mrs. Mary Deadman died east of the city" I have searched every cemetery I can find on-line to no avail. Maybe someone knows of some of the 'smaller' cemeteries in the Terrell / Elmo Texas area that I can call or write too. I can't wait to start reading the past issues of your newsletter! What a treasure! Thanks - Belva Davis davis_b48@yahoo.com

Ok all you Texans and other Dedmon/Deadman researchers, lets get on the stick and help Belva out. Somebody out there will have the answer to this challenge. We need your help. -Leroy

My name is Claudia Dedmon born to Charles "Benny" Benjamin Dedmon and Barbara Jean (Hoyt) Dedmon...in Florida Sept. 1957...they divorced when I was four and we moved to California so I never knew any of my Dedmon relatives... I am wanting to connect with family and learn about them and my family history and maybe even meet any of my Dedmon relatives.... does anyone remember me? if you need more info please let me know... thanks to all,

--Claudia Dedmon justjaaz@yahoo.com

Shortly after I viewed the guestbook post, the following email came from Claudia.

Hi, I just looked at this Dedmon connection site searching for my past. I left the Dedmon family in Florida when my mom remarried when I was 4yrs old and never knew my relatives. I am excited to find the article regarding Tonya Thompson who's father is Chuck Dedmon. I am Claudia Dedmon, Chuck's sister. He passed away in the '80 on Thanksgiving day. I am Tonya's aunt. I was born to Charles Benjamin Dedmon and Barbara Jean Dedmon (Hoyt) in Jacksonville, Florida Sept. 28 1957. My sister is Marsha Dedmon and she lives in California. Tonya's grandmother Barbara still resides in Texas. I also reside in Austin Texas. Barbara had two sons when she married Bobby Simmons. They are Steven Simmons and Bobby Dale Simmons, Jr.

My mother and I would LOVE to connect with Tonya. Can you please put us in touch? You can give her my email address or have her call me at 512-809-0357. Her post was from 2002 around Christmas if you need to reference... anxiously awaiting reply.... justjaaz@yahoo.com.

My reply:

Hey Claudia, It was great hearing from you. This is just one of many such letters I have received the last 10 years. It makes all the work worth while. Can you tell me which page or issue of the newsletter you saw the article about Tonya. That way I may be able to find who sent it and how to contact. In the meantime I have included some of your family info. Would you be so kind as to update it for me... thanks, --Leroy

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!!!!

I found Tonya's email and contacted her. In the meantime Claudia had gotten in touch with her.

DEATH NOTICES

Geneva Dedmon



Geneva was born in Muncie on January 23, 1925 the daughter of Lewis and Lola (Stephens) Roberts and graduated from Muncie Central High School in 1943. She received a Degree in Accounting from Indiana Business College in 1966.

Mrs. Dedmon was a member of Warner Gear Sympathy Club. Geneva enjoyed playing Horse Euchre, she was an avid reader, and she genuinely loved people.

Survivors include three sons, Rodney Lawrence Dedmon, Muncie, Darryl Dean Dedmon, Indianapolis and Michael Dedmon, Muncie; a daughter, Teresa Smith, (husband-Willie), Yorktown; a sister, Norma Regan, Muncie; four grandchildren, Jason and Jeremy Smith, Yorktown, and Danny and Rebekah Dedmon, Muncie; and a great granddaughter, Shaylee Smith.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of thirty-one years, Rodney Max Dedmon; and a sister Mary Johnson.

Services will be held 1:00 p.m. Monday, April 6, 2009 at Parson Mortuary. Burial will follow in Elm Ridge Cemetery. Friends may call at Parson Mortuary one hour prior to service time on Monday. Online condolences may be directed to the family at <http://www.parsonmortuary.com>.

From: Marshall & Lisa Forrester
[mforrester.cn@gmail.com]
Subject: Dedmon family

Cousin Leroy,

Do you know one of the other Leroy Dedmons? My uncle Leroy Pinkney Dedmon Jr. (deceased 1998) moved to Baltimore from Rutherford/Cleveland/Gaston county NC area (the opposite direction of what Dedmons did 100 years earlier!) and served as a Baltimore police lieutenant for 30 years. Son of AC Sr. and Cornie V. Welmon. The photo of you pitching softball reminds me so much of Uncle Roy, who loved to do the same exact thing.

Marshall Forrester (son of Betty Jane Dedmon (McSwain) (Forrester) Frye

(I didn't know the other Leroy, but I knew of him. Anyone who pitches softball can't be all bad.)



...Just the
GOOD NEWS

Ty E. Dedmon

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TY E. DEDMON

Ty Dedmon is an associate in the firm's Birmingham office and a member of the Litigation Practice Group. He has experience in a wide variety of matters, including representation of product manufacturers in cases involving pharmaceuticals, automotive wheel components, air conditioning units, and electrical generators. Ty also has experience in matters relating to fraud, breach of contract, professional malpractice, and environmental contamination. Most recently, he obtained summary judgment for a client facing Civil False Claims Act and Qui Tam claims. In addition to appearing before courts throughout Alabama, Ty has significant experience in handling mediation, arbitration, and other alternative dispute resolution proceedings.

BEFORE BRADLEY ARANT

Ty graduated *magna cum laude* from the University of Alabama School of Law, where he was a Hugo Black Scholar, served as Acquisitions Editor for the *Alabama Law Review*, and was a member of the John A. Campbell Moot Court Board. Prior to law school, Ty received his undergraduate degree from Samford University. While at Samford, he received a number of Trans American Athletic Conference awards as a four-year baseball letterman, was a member of Sigma Nu fraternity, and served as President of the Inter-Fraternity Council. Ty is a native of Chattanooga and graduated from the Baylor School.

Ty is the son of Tim Dedmon, a cousin, friend, and diligent researcher of the Dedmon family. He has helped uncover several of the mysteries that have plagued us in trying to sort through the many family stories and traditions that we have had floating around for many years. Among those are the two most "famous", Mark who was murdered by the revenue officers and Peggy the witch, who moves her grave. We do not know for sure who she was, but we do know who she is not, thanks to Tim.



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: Wanda Anderson
[mailto:billyboyandmissy@yahoo.com]
Subject: Family

Leroy, my great-grandmother was Orlena Dickson. I have not been able to find any information about her family. We have found her grave. She was buried in Ooltewah, Tn. This was in 1892. Her birth according to the census was in TN in 1835. She married Anthony W. Brown in Catoosa County, GA. All their children were born there. After her death, Anthony moved from Ooltewah back to Whitfield County, GA where he died in 1917. Have you learned of any connection since we last corresponded? Hope you have been well. My husband Bill and I just celebrated our 50th anniversary. Aren't we lucky?

The Dickson family is a very large family and often difficult to trace. So far we have not been able to locate Wanda's great-grandmother. I do know there are Dicksons buried in Catoosa County that we have not been able to connect to my mother's family. I have a book two inches thick on the descendents of Simon Dickson from Ireland. I have gone over the book with a fine tooth comb and have been unable to find any of the descendents that are associated with my Dickson family line. We know who David McCarter Dicksons parents were, but there is debate on who his grandparents were.

We also know there was a Michael Dickson in Catoosa County very early. He was heavily involved in politics. I am not sure what office he held, but mother said she remembered him.

Another part of the Dickson puzzle is the spelling of the name. The spelling Dixon is a very popular spelling and we know without a doubt the Dixon/Dickson spelling is within the family. In fact, my grandfather, George Dickson has Dixon on his tombstone. Mother said her mother did that as she preferred the spelling. Other family members chose the Dixon spelling of the surname.

The following obit from Cleveland, TN adds further evidence there are Dicksons in the area.

Roxie Dickson June 26, 1932 - December 29, 2006
Roxie Dean Dickson, age 74, a resident of Birchwood, passed away Friday, December 29, 2006 at the family residence. She was a member of the New Liberty Baptist Church. Mrs. Dickson was the daughter of the late Selma Wilson and Bessie Burton Wilson and was also preceded in death by two sisters: Grace McLain and Josephine Collins; two brothers: K.C. Wilson and Frank Wilson.

She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Hayes Dickson of Birchwood; two children: Mitchell Dickson and Sandra Berry both of Birchwood; three grandchildren: Angela Farley, Kristy Sharpe and Amanda Faircloth; two great-grandchildren: Logan Farley and Brooke Sharpe; one sister, Shirley Wilson of Cleveland; one brother, Junior Wilson of Cleveland; several nieces and nephews also survive.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2:00 p.m. Sunday in the chapel of Ralph Buckner Funeral Home with Reverend Jackie Brown officiating. Interment will follow in the McInturf Cemetery with Bradley Bacon, Jessie Ellison, Martin Adams, Edward James, Steve McLain and D.W. Frazier serving as pallbearers.

Her family will receive friends from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Robert Larry Daffron (1943 - 2006)

Robert Larry Daffron, age 63, a lifelong resident of Cleveland, passed away Sunday, May 07, 2006 in a local hospital following a lengthy illness. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and was of the Protestant faith. He was the owner/operator of the Quik Burger Restaurant. His mother, Edna Mae Moore Daffron, preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Nancy Remell Smith Daffron of Cleveland; two children: Dawn Stansberry and husband Eric, and Rob Daffron, all of Cleveland; father, Robert Samuel Daffron of Cleveland; two grandchildren: Ryan Stansberry and Ashley Stansberry, both of Cleveland; and four aunts: Inez Rominger, Frances Scoggins, Betty Jo Snyder and Lois Dean James, all of Cleveland.

Graveside services with military honors will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday at Chattanooga National Cemetery with Reverend Kenneth Scoggins officiating.

His family will receive friends from 6-9 p.m. Tuesday at Ralph Buckner Funeral Home.