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LEROY DEDMON

GENEALOGY RESEARCH EXPERT

Genealogy research for me seems to come in “spurts”, so I guess that makes me an x-spurt! Someone defined it like this: (expert = x-spurt) X is an unknown factor and spurt is a drip under pressure. The drip under pressure describes me quite well. Deadlines for me are important as without them I never would know how far behind I am. I guess the best way to describe me is “*down to the wire...last minute Leroy*”. I received a call from an elder recently on Saturday night, who asked, “*can you preach on this short notice?*” To which I replied, “*Are you meeting tonight?*” When he said, “*No, tomorrow*”, I said, “*In that case I will be there*”. Songleaders used to call me on Saturday night asking for my sermon topic on Sunday and often I would simply say, “*Call me in the morning, I still have several hours to decide*”...

One of my favorite things was the invitation on Wednesday evening. We would generally have a devotional period either before or after our Bible Classes at which time I would make some short comments before extending the Lord’s invitation. For almost a half century, I would wait until the songleader announced the invitation song and then make comments appropriate to the song. Of course through the years the leaders tried to pick songs of which they thought I would have difficulty making comments. I had a few “close calls”, but somehow managed. With the advent of powerpoint, I find myself working on the lesson right up till time to leave for the building when I am preaching or teaching. I said all that to say, “*sorry, I am so far behind schedule with the newsletter*”...

June continues to be busy for us as has this entire spring. Back in March, I was privileged to preach in a Gospel Meeting at Springfield, TN. I lived there for almost fourteen years and preached for the Main Street congregation, so it was good to go back. Of course as is often stated, “*time changes things*”, and such was the case at Springfield. Since my last visit there a new congregation has been established and many of our friends now worship at the newly formed Hillcrest congregation. They seem to be doing quite well and we visited during lunch with some of our friends who are there and then took a tour of the new building. My good and long time friend, Marvin Crouch, is the preacher for Hillcrest. Also, my son’s brother-in-law, Ralph Toothman, serves as one of the elders. We look forward to a possible visit and maybe preach for Hillcrest in the near future.

On June 27, this ole boy turned 70 years old. I was reminded by one of my cousins in an email when he wrote, “*You know your warranty will expire in June*”. Of course, he was referring to Psalms 90:10- “*The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.*” I wrote back that I was going to try for the “*if by reason of strength*”. Seventy years in so many ways is “*just a vapour*” as the years have passed rapidly. I have been truly blessed and have much for which to be thankful. We sometimes sing, “*count your many blessings, name them one by one*”. I am not sure I can count high enough but I can think of many “*names*”. I would begin with family: First my wife of 50 years, Jane. Then the Dedmon descendents: Gary, Greg, Jonathan, Gwen, Carrie, Masie, Curt, Carolyn, Kenneth, Taylor, Suzie, Mark, Ruth, Steve, Seth, Justin, Natalie, Amy, Tommy, Tony, Teresa, Jennifer, Billy, Kym, Jessica, Amanda, Brian, Hana, Morgan, Briana, and Craig. Unless I am having a “*senior moment*” these are the descendents of my mom and dad. I could add the in-laws to the list, which would almost double it. I guess I am now the “*older generation*”. From there I would start adding all my friends (both of them) and others that have made my acquaintance over the 50+ years I have been preaching.



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!!!!!!!

WASH DAY

Wash day growing up was not the same as it is now. Of course, I have to admit it was different at our house



thatn at grandma's house. We were "kinda" modern with a washer that had a wringer, even if you did have to crank it by hand. Grandma, on the other hand, had to build a fire under the old black pot and use the rub

board. It was an all day event. However, we did have to hang the clothes on the line to dry. I thought it would be good for those who may have missed "all the fun" to at least give some description of it.

THE BASIC RULES

1. You had to wash the clothes line before hanging any clothes. Walk the length of each line with a damp cloth around the line.
2. You had to hang the clothes in a certain order and always hang whites with whites and hang them first.
3. You never hung a shirt by the shoulders, always by the tail. What would the neighbors think?
4. Wash day on a Monday.....never hang clothes on the weekend or Sunday for heaven's sake!
5. Hang the sheets and towels on the outside lines so you could hide your 'unmentionables' in the middle.
6. It didn't matter if it was sub zero weather.....clothes would 'freeze dry.'
7. Always gather the clothes pins when taking down dry clothes. Pins left on the line was 'tacky'.
8. If you were efficient, you would line the clothes up so that each item did not need two clothes pins, but shared one of the clothes pins with the next washed item.
9. Clothes off of the line before dinner time, neatly folded in the clothes basket and ready to be ironed.
10. IRONED? Well, that's a whole other subject.

A POEM —

A clothes line was a news forecast
To neighbors passing by.
There were no secrets you could keep
When clothes were hung to dry.

It also was a friendly link
For neighbors always knew
If company had stopped on by
To spend a night or two.

For then you'd see the "fancy sheets"
And towels upon the line;
You'd see the "company table cloths"
With intricate design.

The line announced a baby's birth
To folks who lived inside
As brand new infant clothes were hung
So carefully with pride.

The ages of the children could
So readily be known
By watching how the sizes changed
You'd know how much they'd grown.

It also told when illness struck,
As extra sheets were hung;
Then nightclothes, and a bathrobe, too,
Haphazardly were strung.

It said, "Gone on vacation now"
When lines hung limp and bare.
It told, "We're back!" when full lines sagged
With not an inch to spare.

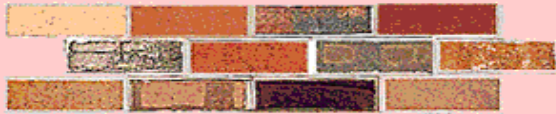
New folks in town were scorned upon
If wash was dingy gray,
As neighbors carefully raised their brows,
And looked the other way..

But clotheslines now are of the past
For dryers make work less.
Now what goes on inside a home
Is anybody's guess.

I really miss that way of life.
It was a friendly sign
When neighbors knew each other best
By what hung on the line!

Well, there you have it and I am certain some of you have some "wash day" stories to share with us. We need to hear from you and I would like nothing more than publish your "yarns" for the family to enjoy... So how about it? Talk to grandma, and send me your stories. --Leroy

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: Virginia Flesher [mailto:vflesher@onemain.com]
Subject: Dedmon surname

I found a couple of pages about your Dedmon family and thought I would write you and see if you have any information about a Dedmon family that lives in Gibson Co TN.

I am a member of Main St. Church of Christ in Milan, and we had as two of our elders, brothers, George Arthur Dedmon and James F Dedmon, who ran the family owned box factory in Milan (Milan Box).

Their father was Arthur Noah Dedmon born 1885 in Gibson Co, the son of George Washington Dedmon b 1840 AL, and Mary Cazirak Howell b 1854 in TN. George and Mary moved to Gibson Co about 1881, according to a county history book published in 1980's.

I can't seem to find George Washington Dedmon with his parents. I found one his age in 1880, living with Mary Cook in McNairy Co TN. She might have been his mother and had remarried. George W. is supposed to have a Conf. marker where he is buried at Eldad Baptist Church Cemetery in Gibson Co. I have not been there to see it. I am no kin, just like to study Gibson Co families and especially those of the families of the Lord's Church. -- Virginia Flesher, Milan TN

I apologize to Virginia for the delay in answering her inquiry, but as those of you who know me I am not known for promptness. The information I have on the West Tennessee Dedmons show them to be from the Christopher Deadman line. This is the other major line to which we have never connected with my line. Both lines come from the same place and near the same time, but we have never found the "missing link" that would connect us. The information sent me several years ago show the above mentioned George W. Dedmon moving to West Tennessee from North Alabama. There are still several Dedmons in that area. Some spell the name D-E-D-M-A-N and others D-E-A-D-M-A-N, which appears to be the way all of us spelled it way back when. I have met and received information from several of these family members. We keep trying to connect.

From: sgriggs@arabcityschools.org
Subject: Thomas Charles Deadman

Dear George L. Dedmon,

I have a question regarding a difference between your research on the descendents of Charles Deadman and research submitted to FamilySearch.org by Tim E. Dedmon and Ashley Cagle. They show Thomas Charles Deadman and Mary (Polly) Linkhorn as having a child named Mary Polly Deadmon born Sept. 21, 1815. She is not listed in your research nor could she as you show them having another child born in July of 1815. I am descended from Mary Polly Deadmon, and Tim E. Dedmon's research shows her as well as her shared ancestors with your line going back to Charles. Mary Polly Deadmon married a Cullman Harvey Condry in 1870. Could you help us resolve the issues with having with this conflicting information? THANK YOU!!!! Kind regards,
Jonnie-Ray Baxter (Using a colleague's e-mail account)

I appreciate Jonnie for sending this to me and again apologize for the delay in getting to this. As most of you know, I am not a genealogist, but simply one who tries to assimilate information given to me by those hard working diligent researches such as Jim Dedmon, Danny McBee and Tim Dedmon. Of course there are many others, but most of the Dedmon line (my tree) information I have come from these sources. Oops, I almost forgot Gordon Black, who has collected tons of information and so graciously shared with us. Gordon is now in an assisted living home in Dalton, GA.

I said that to point out, that I am asking these folks to address the above issues Jonnie has brought up. They have more knowledge than I as to these matters. It is so easy to accept the wrong information and then perpetuate it by the publishing of family trees and other such material. Of course, this is what we want and do not want to discourage the research. Conflicts will arise as to some of the ancestors. We have a couple in our line that have yet to be resolved. That is the purpose of my work. If by providing the web site and publishing the newsletter, I can help us find our ancestors, then I have been successful in my endeavors. Thanks, Leroy

From the Mail Bag



The following information was sent me by Jeanne Dennis, who contacted me earlier in the year about her connection to the family. She sent the following in response to my answer to her. -Leroy

Thank you for responding. I'm just starting to research this part of my family line. I have some personal stories about Martha due to the fact that my dad is still living and remembers her. I should remember her because she died when I was a small child but I don't. In her later years, she took turns staying with each of her children. She was my grandfather's mother and my grandmother, Pearl Randall, didn't like her mother in law very much. This is no reflection on Martha because Pearl didn't like a lot of people. I think Martha used to enjoy getting one over on Pearl. I'll try and get these stories together and get the facts straight before I send them to you. Thank you for your response. I live in Rowan County and there is a man up here named Don Deadman who has a large amount of information on his branch of the family. I don't know if you know him or not but I'll tell him about your website. Thank you, Jeanne Dennis



**MARTHA FAMILIAR
DEDMOND**

John Martin Kelly Randall: Birth: 9-28-1858 - Antioch Community, Cleveland County, NC; Death: 4-6-1925 in Cleveland County, NC; Buried at Oak Grove Methodist Church, Rutherford County, NC; Married: Martha Familiar Dedmon. Children: Sarah Gallena, 3-8-1882 - 12-4-1936, married Grover C. Nanney - 6 children: Mary Elizabeth - 3-23-1884-10-7-1970. married A. Laxton Harrill

5 children: William Harvey 4-21-1886 - 4-26-1950; married Hattie Calton - 6 children: Cora Jane - 8-11-1888 - 2-21-1948; married J. Taylor Webb - 2 children: Drille Lenora - 5-11-1891-7-13-1965; married Henry Clayton Taylor - 2 children: Ida Belle - 8-28-1893 - 5-28-1973; married Gowen Smart - 3 surviving children: John Wilbur North 3-23-1896-9-21-1945; married Virgie Lee Green 12-24-1914; 3 children: Robert Renn 7-25-1898 - 7-16-1971



**JOHN MARTIN KELLY
RANDALL**

married Daisy Bridges - no children; Dorsey Kelly 10-28-1905-4-21-1971, married Ollie Pearle Simmons on 3-21-1924, 4 children: Kelly worked in Caroleen Mill some in his early adult life. He then built a house near the present intersection of Oak Grove Church Road and Hwy. 73 east of Forest City. The Martin in his name was for his grandfather, Martin Randall, a wagon maker of Cleveland Co.



**MARTHA FAMILIAR DEDMOND RANDALL
AND MARY RANDALL HARRILL**

Kelly's father was a farmer and possibly slave owner. He and his father took a covered wagon load of cabbage from Rutherford County to Davie County to sell.

While in Davie County, Kelly took the mumps and was left at the home of William Henry Dedmond. There he met Martha Dedmond and they were married on January 4, 1881. Martha was 16 when she married and came to Rutherford County to live. After Martha came to Rutherford County, Jesse, Esby, Betty and their mother came to live and eventually, died there. Their mother, Sarah Canton Dedmond is buried at Bethel Baptist Church in Ellenboro.

During the Civil War, Martha's father and her twin brothers James Roland and Thomas Harvey were Confederate soldiers. When the twins heard they had twin sisters, they each sent home a name. One sent the name Martha, the other the name Familiar. When Martha's twin died in infancy, the name given to her by her brother was given to Martha as her middle name.

Martha Familiar Dedmond: Father: William Henry Dedmond - 3-28-1812 - 9-22-1875. Married 8-30-1838 Davie County, NC; Mother: Sarah Canton - 12-22-1822 - 2-4-1897; 1. GFather: James Deadmon: born 1771 Patapsco Baltimore Cty, MD; died 11-6-1771 - Old Rowan County, NC; Elizabeth ? married 1880 Old Rowan County, NC; 2. GGFather: Thomas Charles Deadmon B. 4-9-1720 - St. Pauls Parish, Baltimore MD, D. 11-6-1771 Old Rowan Cty. Sarah Griffin: b. 1732-Baltimore, MD, died 1785 - Old Rowan County, NC 3. GGGFather: Thomas James Deadmon: b-1690 Patapsco, Carroll County, MD, Died 1771 Old Rowan County. 4. Sarah Edmund: b. 1700 Reading, Essex County, MD, D. 1770 Old Rowan Cty., m. 6-19-1719 Carroll Cty. MD

From the Mail Bag

From: GFord69789@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 09, 2009
Subject: Updates



Hi Leroy,
I was looking at the site today (Dedmon connection) and thought about the fact that I had not updated the latest information for my family. My daughter, Susan LeAnne Ford Moss had sent you previous information about us..... My daughter, Mary Lizabeth Ford (originally wed James Michael Melendez).... wed Charles Timothy Tucker on August 3, 2002. They have 2 children now.....Jonas Benjamin Tucker, born on September 1, 2005 and Eli Charles Tucker, born May 5, 2009.

Thanks for all your hard work.....
Brenda Gail McSwain Ford
daughter of Essie Mozelle Dedmon McSwain

Thank you Gail, as this is the way we keep our information up to date. I too, get behind and forget to change my records. It is always a good reminder to get it done when we hear from folks like you. It was good hearing from you. -Leroy

FROM OUR GUESTBOOK

I am the daughter of Larry Dedmon, son of Arthur Dedmon and brother to Bill Dedmon, Theodore Dedmon and Gerald Dedmon. E-mail me at docdedmon@yahoo.com if you want more information on my immediate family. I am looking to see where my grandfather (Arthur Dedmon) was buried. He died on 11 August 1982 in Modesto, CA. Shelley Dedmon, Moreno Valley, CA



For sure, Shelley, I want more information on your family as your family is my family... I am very sure your line is a direct descendent of my great grandfather, William D. Dedmon. Please send me all the information you have and thanks. It is amazing at how many Dedmons there are out there. I used to think I knew all of them, but now realize that is certainly not the case. We keep finding new ones and in the words of our cousin, Danny McBee, we will find them.... "One by One".... -Leroy

From: Chaple, William E., III
[mailto:X2WECHAP@southernco.com]
Subject: Dedmon Newsletter

Hi Leroy,

My name is Bill Chaple, and I am the grandson of Marie Lucille Dedman Chaple, great-grandson of Richard Wilson Dedman. I took my father to Hoover (Birmingham) on Saturday for the Deadman/Dedman family reunion as mentioned in the latest newsletter. He had such a great time getting together with "so many new relatives" as well as many he had not seen or talked to in many years. He was the third oldest one there (he will turn 88 in November), and I can't remember how long it has been since I have seen him so happy.

He does not have access to a computer and I was wondering if you mailed out copies of your newsletter. He would be so proud to be on the mailing list, if you can do that for him.

Thank you so very much for anything you can do for him, including maybe a few back issues if available.

Sincerely, Bill Chaple

I know I am waaaaaaaaaaaaay late in addressing this email, but it goes to show how far behind I really am. The reunion mentioned by Bill was in fact, last year and I was so sorry I was unable to attend. Even though we have never made an official connection to this branch of the family, I believe we all know it does connect. I certainly count them as family. Of course as my wife keeps reminding me, when we get back to Adam we are all connected. So far I am stuck in the year 1400.

In answer to Bill's inquiry, I have never formed a "snail mail" mailing list, even though I realize there are several who do not have computers. In most cases there are enough family members who do print the newsletter and pass it on, that I have never felt the need to do so. Also, since I have never asked for financial support in the project, I felt this was an expense I could not incur.

However, that is not to say I would not mail to those who request, but given my tract record of promptness, I am not sure it would ever come to pass. Maybe some of you would do this. -Leroy

From the Mail Bag



From: Carol Lincoln Skowbo
[cjlincoln@charter.net]

Hi Leroy,

Thanks ever so much for publishing my message. Maybe we can eventually figure out how Polly Dedmon connected to our Lincolns. I'm also glad I read the entire issue. It seems we might have another collateral connection. On my mother's side (Lincoln is Dad's side), we also have Hambrights. Our Elizabeth Hambright Jenkins who married, I think, I'd have to dig to be sure, married David Linebarger in or around Lincoln/Mecklenburg Co., NC. Just thought it was interesting.

Thanks again!

Carol

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

Subject: Re: Dedmon Connection

Dear Leroy:

Beautiful issue! [Please change the date of my brother's birthday from 32 Dec to 23 Dec, however.] Try to get a DNA test done so we can compare some families.

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future,"
Jeremiah 29:11 -Charolette

Thanks Charlotte for the compliment and I will change the brother's birthday. Dec. 32 would be worse than a leap year birthday. I do plan to complete the DNA test soon as we do want to find some "missing links" to tie the families together. A cousin of mine, Tim Dedmon, has indeed completed and posted the test, so that should help. There are at least four major family lines that we have not connected, however I believe we are safe to assume that all fall into either the John Deadman line (mine) or the Christopher Deadman line (yours). Thanks to Wanda Colvin, we do know both lines came from the same location in England. It seems we just need to locate Christopher's father to be able to make the connection. We will not give up... --Leroy

Birthdays of the Month *I will be glad to list your birthday and/or anniversary, but I do need to know when the event takes place.*



Ann Gilbert

June 11

I often introduce Ann as "the first woman I married". Which is true!!!! She married my first cousin, Tom Gilbert, and I performed the ceremony. It was my first wedding of probably around 500 to date. Although they are now divorced, she is still family.

Taylor Price

June 15

Taylor Alexander Price, the son of Kenneth and Becky Price is the grandson of Carolyn and Claude Price. Carolyn is my sister.

Leroy Dedmon

June 27

Well it finally happened, the big 70 has arrived. In some ways it seems only yesterday when I was only 69. As they say, "Time flies when you are having fun".... I just have to ask, "Are we having fun yet?"

Celebrating an Anniversary

Robert & Marye Dedmon

June 12 (Number 45)

Marye was one of the first persons I was in touch with as I began this family research project. I am still amazed as to how it all came about. I had sent an inquiry to a Mary Dedmon in Utah as I had seen her name on the internet. She was listed as one who carried the torch for the World's Fair. All I had was the fact that she was an instructor in a Nursing School. So I sent my inquiry to the school. Somehow several weeks later my email made its way to a school system in the State of Florida. It ended up on Marye's computer and she responded to it. As it turned out she was family and put me in touch with her brother-in-law, Harrison Dedmond in California. He in turn contacted his (and my) cousin, Jim Dedmon, who called me. Jim was tremendous help and provided me with tons of material. He also put me in touch with Danny McBee and Jackie Dedman. To this day I am still amazed as to how an email sent to a Nursing School ended up in Florida, but I am glad it did. Happy anniversary, Bob and Marye.



THUMBS UP

I appreciate the nice comments sent and hesitate to publish them, but as the good book says... "he that tooteth not his own horn, the same shall not be tooteth."



Of course the good book mentioned above is not the Book of all Books and I suppose it is the gospel according to me. I am reminded of the story my mother told me years ago. It seems the preacher made an unexpected visit to the family and grandma, wanting to make an impression on him said to her 6 year old grandson, "Would you please go get the book granny loves so well?" Everyone was quite appalled when he returned with the Sears-Roebuck catalog.

The following are a collection of responses sent concerning the newsletter the last couple of years.

From: Danny McBee [McBee49@aol.com]
Sent: Sunday, April 05, 2009 10:51 PM
To: gldedmon@windstream.net

Subject: Re: Dedmon Newsletter

Excellent issue Leroy. Glad to see Roy Lee Dedmon and wife Connie had one of the girls to marry. They had three children born 1983, 1984 and 1986. Sarah Gwen Dedmon was the middle daughter. She was named after her mom Connie Gwen Elliott. Hope all is well. I need to make a trip out to Catoosa County, Taylor Ridge, Georgia. My ancestors William and Anna Brown McBee lived there.

I am getting closer to retirement. Belinda retired June 30, 2006. She is living large and enjoying every minute of it. Thanks for all you do. I will send you an article. I know how it is. I publish a monthly newsletter for my school and I ask for article submissions and get very few. Here are my two web-sites. I share one with a friend but the one with all of the alumni issues is mine. Let me know what you think of both sites.

-- Cousin Danny

<http://www.orgsites.com/nc/samsclub6348/>

<http://www.hunterhusshuskies.com/>

Danny was one of my first contacts when I began the research for the Dedmon family. I believe it was Jim Dedmon, who gave me his name. Of course, Jim was a valuable contact as he gave me so much information on the family. -Leroy

From: Glenda Tucker [MomofKGS@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2008 11:43 AM
To: gldedmon@alltel.net
Subject: Re: Dedmon Connection

Nice job Leroy. Very impressive. Thanks, Glenda

Glenda was another of the "early on" contacts I made and has been a great encourager to me in the publication of this newsletter. Through her I was able to meet a number of cousins in Arkansas and California.

From: JWHenson [mailto:jwhenson@catt.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2009 9:05 PM
To: gldedmon@windstream.net
Subject: Re: Dedmon Connection Newsletter

WOW! You have really been busy with the Connections. I have read through both issues and find everything acceptable with me. You are to be congratulated in having so many issues to your credit. Its a real labor of love. When will they make it on-line?

Since you are listing anniversaries for the 2nd quarter you might wish to include Audrey and me - June 3 (No. 58)
--JWH

John actually connects with me on both my mother and father's side of the family. His great great grandmother was Hannah Dedmon and she was my mother's great grandmother. Hannah was also my father's great aunt.

From: Raymond Cathcart [rcathcart@msm.umn.edu]
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2008 11:19 AM
To: Leroy
Subject: Re: Dedmon Connection

Good morning,

Thanks for including me in your preview. I thoroughly enjoy and appreciate your/our Connection. I can, of course, not add to, subtract from, your draft. Looks very good!

--Raymond Cathcart — long distant cousin, I guess

It is always good to hear from Raymond. He and I are related to several of the same folk, but not sure if we are actually related to each other. That certainly does not keep us from being kinsfolk. Thanks Raymond, for staying in touch. -Leroy

DEATH NOTICES

Ella Mae Dedmon, 77, of Ozone died Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2003, at Johnson Regional Medical Center. She was a native of Orangeburg County, S. C., daughter of the late Rubin and Lula Adkens Martin, and widow of Harvey Dedmon. Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, William and Sandra Hardee of Ozone; five grandchildren, William W. Hardee of Florida, Jason Hardee and Amy Hardee, both of Ozone, Bobbie Magness of Fayetteville, and Emilee Marteniz of Watts, Okla.; and 12 great-grandchildren. The body was cremated. Local arrangements were under the direction of Hardwicke Funeral Home.

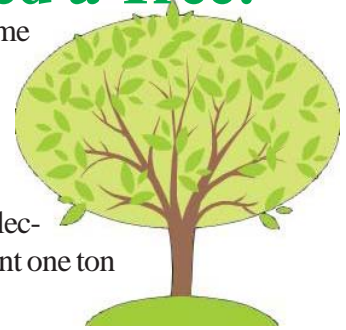
Robert "Bob" E. DEDMON, 73, of Fort Mill, York County, SC and TN passed away August 19, 2005 at Carolinas Medical Center Main. Bob was born August 16, 1932 in Lebanon, Wilson County, Tennessee. He was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, and was a U.S. Navy Veteran who served on Midway Island as a Naval Flight Engineer. He was very active in Scouting; he was an Eagle Scout, a member of the Order of the Arrow, and received The Wood Badge. Bob enjoyed gardening, photography, golf, and spending time with his family. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends. A memorial mass will be held at 11:00 AM Wednesday, August 24, 2005 at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, officiated by Father John. Visitation will be held from 7:00 to 9:00 PM Tuesday, August 23, 2005 at McEwen Funeral Service Pineville Chapel.

Una Teems, 91, Chickamauga

Una Beatrice Teems of Chickamauga died Monday, June 11, 2007. She was 91. She was born in Catoosa County to the late Benjamin and **Mary Dedmon** Keys and was preceded in death by her husband, Ernest Teems, daughter, Barbara Jean Teems and stepmother, Lula Keys. A special thanks to Joyce Henry for all her love and support. Survivors include her sisters, Evelyn Coulson of Ringgold, Joan Gibbs of Martin, Willie Lee Wilson of Soddy Daisy, Tenn.; brother, Benjamin "Junior" Keys of Chickamauga and many nieces and nephews. Visitation: Tuesday, June 12 from 4-9 p.m. and Wednesday prior to the service. Services: Wednesday, June 13 at 2 p.m. in the J. Avery Bryan Chapel. Burial: Lakewood Memory Gardens South. Arrangements by Wilson Funeral Home, Chickamauga.

We all Need a Tree!

I hired a plumber to help me restore an old farmhouse, and after he had just finished a rough first day on the job: a flat tire made him lose an hour of work, his electric drill quit and his ancient one ton truck refused to start.



While I drove him home, he sat in stony silence. On arriving, he invited me to meet his family. As we walked toward the front door, he paused briefly at a small tree, touching the tips of the branches with both hands.

When opening the door he underwent an amazing transformation.. His face was wreathed in smiles, he hugged his two small children and gave his wife a kiss.

Afterward he walked me to the car. We passed the tree and my curiosity got the better of me. I asked him about what I had seen him do earlier.

"Oh, that's my trouble tree," he replied "I know I can't help having troubles on the job, but one thing's for sure, those troubles don't belong in the house with my wife and the children. So I just hang them up on the tree every night when I come home and ask God to take care of them. Then in the morning I pick them up again.." "Funny thing is," he smiled," when I come out in the morning to pick 'em up, there aren't nearly as many as I remember hanging up the night before."

I have learned in preaching for a half century is that "preacher stories" may not have actually happened.... but they could happen!!!! Now don't get me wrong, I am not accusing preachers of lying or misrepresenting the truth. However, there are thousands of sermon illustrations used by preachers to illustrate the point of the lesson. As long as we say, "I have heard..." or "someone told me..." etc... we are free to use them. Just don't claim it actually happened to you if it didn't. The above story may be an excellent illustration or it may have happened. If it did not happen, it certainly could have happened. It is a good idea, and one we all should consider doing. Too often families suffer simply because we have not learned to hang our troubles on a tree". Thanks to whoever wrote and sent this to us. --Leroy