

# THE DEDMON

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**LEROY DEDMON**

## A NEW DECADE

This issue of the DEDMON CONNECTION brings to close the first decade of the new millennium. In some ways it is hard to believe 2010 is just around the corner. In fact, I think I will go ahead and pour out all of the water I saved up for Y2K. The world did not come to an end and my computer is still working... well, I am not 100% sure it is the same computer. It is the same case, but I believe I put a new motherboard and hard drive in it a couple of years ago. It may be like the man who boasted of owning an axe that was 150 years old. He said, "I have only replaced 3 handles and 4 blades". Looking back there have been many changes in my life in the past ten years.

My father passed away in 2002 and I turned 65 in 2004, which gave me the opportunity to "retire" and move back to the old home place here in Ringgold to help care for my aged mother. Mom passed away in 2008 at the age of 96. As I have mentioned in another newsletter (Vol. 62), mom was born and died in this house. Of course, she did not live here the entire 96 years. In fact, while growing up, my cousins (the Gilberts), lived here. Mom's sister, Edna, married Mahlon Gilbert, and they had 5 children. In many ways we were more like siblings than cousins. Tommy and Frances once lived with us for a period of time. I spent almost all my summers at their house.

After retirement from 45 years of being the "located preacher" for six congregations, I began working with the television program, PREACHING THE GOSPEL with James Watkins. James baptized me in 1957 and preformed our wedding ceremony in 1959. We celebrated our 50th year anniversary in 2009 (see volume 68). When the GOSPEL BROADCASTING NETWORK was launched in 2005, I began working on a limited basis with this 24/7 satellite television network. We merged the offices of PREACHING THE GOSPEL and GOSPEL BROADCASTING NETWORK in 2008 and I became the Operations Manager. I feel that I am doing more to fulfill the Lord's command to go into all the world now than I have ever done. This is not to take away from the six wonderful churches I served as their preacher. Five of these congregations support us financially, and many of the members of the other one support us. It is hard to believe we launched this network five years ago.

I began the publication of this newsletter in March of 1988 and as you can calculate, I have not published one every month. This is number 72, which only represents six years. As you may or may not imagine, it is a task that requires a certain amount of dedication to the cause of family genealogy. As with many projects, I sometimes experience "burn out" and my interest level wanes. Therefore, it is sometimes difficult to do this on a monthly basis. I believe it was 2002 when I only published one newsletter. Even now I am looking at several months of inactivity. I have also noticed the information I receive from you has diminished. I do need to hear from you as it is important to include information on more than just my immediate family. I started this project to leave my 3 grandchildren information about their family. In the past ten years I have gained 3 great grandchildren and I realize they may not know much about their ancestors, except by the work I will leave them. I was not privileged to know any of my great grandparents. In fact, I barely remember my grandfather, Judson Dedmon, who died when I was six years old. I do remember my maternal grandmother, Pearl Templeton Dickson Vess and husband, Olan Vess, who was my step grandfather, but "step" never mattered. He was my grandpa. Mother's father and daddy's mother both died in 1919 during the diphtheria epidemic. Also with this issue, I am discontinuing using dates and just number the newsletter. This does remove the "deadline" that I never seem to meet.



### YOU NEVER KNOW...

One thing I have learned in this research project is that you never know to whom you may be related. I have discovered many new "cousins" while trying to find the Dedmon family. In fact some of the newly found family members were already acquaintances, I just did not know we were related.

One such case is my long time friend and fellow preacher, Tommy Broom. I first met Tommy when I was a teenager and he was staying with some of his relatives just down the road (country folk never say street), the Crane family. Of course, I also know now that the Cranes are also related. We went to church and school with the Cranes. The ones I remember most were Donald, Helen and Edwin (Edwin passed away a few years ago). Recently Donald became a friend on Facebook.

Looking back, it amazes me that we did not make the family connection. Living with the Cranes was their "Old Maid" aunt, Ruth Dedmon. I guess since she was not my dad's sister, we just assumed there was no relationship. Mother told me that we just never thought to trace the family roots in those days.

Anyway, Tommy Broom, stayed with the Cranes and worked at the Peerless Woolen Mills in Rossville, GA. It seems that he may have worked the evening shift at times, as I remember seeing him during the day when the neighborhood kids gathered to play in the Crane's yard. They lived in a wooded area with plenty of trees to climb. When we played baseball, we moved to our pasture, just up the road a bit.

It was about 20 years before I saw Tommy again. I was holding a Gospel Meeting in Carrollton, GA in 1973 and the preacher was Lawrence Garmon, the one who helped start me on the path that led to preaching. He took me to Bowdon, GA as he said it was a good place to buy suits and while we were there he suggested we visit the preacher at Bowdon. You guessed it... that preacher was Tommy Broome. It was he who reminded me of our earlier meeting, twenty years before.

When I moved to Bremen, GA in 1985, I met two of Tommy's children, Spencer "Spen", who was one of the deacons and his sister, Yvonne. Spen took me to a youth rally in Valdosta, GA where I was introduced to

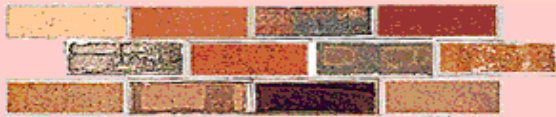
two of his brothers, Terry and Marty. Terry was then preaching at Valdosta, but at the present is at Scottsboro, AL. Marty was not preaching at the time, but presently is the preacher at Hinesville, GA. Spencer has since moved to Valdosta and works with the youth at the Forest Park church of Christ. A few years later I met the youngest son, Hillary, who now preaches at Adel, GA. Yvonne lives at Carrollton, GA and is married to Barry Allen, who at one time was the treasurer for the church there. You can tell, the Broome family is a preaching and church working family.

I remember Tommy telling me at some point that his grandmother was a Dedmon. That made sense as she was a sister to their aunt Ruth. When I began the search for my ancestors, I decided to check into Tommy's story. Knowing he was from Chattooga County, I went to the Old Trion City Cemetery to look for graves of his ancestors. I found his grandmother's grave and also other Dedmon relatives. His grandmother, Caroline Caldonia "Callie" Dedmon, married William Louis Broom, Tommy's grandfather. Now came the shocker, Not only was Callie's father a Dedmon, so was her mother! Mary Jane (Janie) Dedmon, the daughter of John Lane Dedmon married Thomas W. Dedmon, the son of William Dedmon. They were, of course, cousins, which was not so unusual in those days. William Dedmon, Tommy's great great grandfather was also my great great grandfather. Janie Dedmon, Tommy's great great grandmother was a distant cousin. No doubt about it, we are related.

Tommy is married to Betty Duene Smith, who has been a faithful helpmeet for more than sixty years. Tommy has spent most of his life working with small churches in the state of Georgia and literally with his own hands built several church buildings. On more than one occasion, he has started from "scratch" a congregation of New Testament Christians. At times his only audience was his wife, Duene. I have often wondered how many preachers might have been envious of being able to preach to his wife. It was my privilege to spend a week preaching a Gospel Meeting at Hull, GA, where Tommy had began a new congregation. They were gracious hosts to Jane and myself as we stayed in their home at Washington, GA. Previously, a friend of mine, Charles Thompson and myself had donated our labor to install the carpet in the Hull church building.

Tommy and Duene are now retired and living in Summerville, GA, the town of their youth, and attend the Pennville congregation at Trion, GA. I have cherished our friendship through the years and have been glad to call him my cousin. When Jane and I celebrated our big 50, Tommy and Duene were among the first to arrive.

## 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.*

***Tim Dedmon has spent hours of research on the “saga” of Mark Dedmon. If you recall he was killed by the revenuers here on Taylor’s Ridge about a mile from where I am now living. Although the story is one told time and again by family members since I was a boy, it was difficult to know which Mark. Thanks to Tim he finally discovered the story in the archives at the Catoosa County Courthouse. With the “mystery” solved, I then dedicated several pages of the newsletter to the story. However, as I have discovered many times, the “facts” often get in the way of truth. That is what makes this so interesting and also difficult. I received the following email from Tim that presents a puzzle.***

*Leroy, This is one of the 42 pages I’m working on from the Catoosa County Courthouse, they have John L Dedmon and William as brothers of Mark. Do you think John L the son of Thomas might actually be the son William and Margaret. --Tim*

Georgia, Catoosa County, Court of Ordinary March 1871  
It appearing to the court from satisfactory evidence that a liability for three hundred dollars has been incurred by John L Dedmon & William Dedmon who are brothers of said Mark Dedmon deceased. L E Dedmon (Widow), I C Dedmon, Crawford Dedmon, Thomas Ponder, George Forester, and Oliver Dedmon (The last six named parties heirs at law of Mark Dedmon deceased) said liabilities were created in the employment of counsellors and attorney's at law to prosecute a Wells B Whitmore charged the murder of said Mark Dedmon deceased and it further appearing that the said heirs at law and distributors of said mark Dedmon wit- L E Dedmon, I C Dedmon, Crawford Dedmon, Thos Ponder, George Forester and Oliver Dedmon have signed a note to Warren Akins for two hundred dollars and that said William Dedmon has paid Warren Akins fifty dollars and that there is now due George w Bruce Atty at law fifty dollars making in all the aforesaid sum of three hundred dollars. It further appearing to the court

that said L E Dedmon, I C Dedmon, Crawford Dedmon, Thomas Ponder, George Forester and Oliver Dedmon all heirs of full age and competence to contract have agreed and consented that the whole amount of money due to them and each of them from the estate of Mark Dedmon deceased may be by the court of ordinary of said county appropriated to the payment of said fees due the said Warren Akins & George W Bruce Atty and to Wm Dedmon who has paid fifty dollars towards said fees. It is therefore ordered by the court that the sum of one hundred and seventy six dollars and 10 cents the amount due from A Graham administrator of Mark Dedmon deceased to the above named six distributors by the said A Graham administrator as aforesaid paid over pro rata to the paid Warren Akins, G W Bruce and William Dedmon the said William Dedmon and John L Dedmon being now present in this court and hereby agreeing to save harmless the said A Graham administrator as aforesaid by alas an of the payment of the above sum of money according to this order in the event any litigation may arise concerning the said in the future. Passed in open court March 6th, 1871. --J M Combs Archy

***Talk about changing history, this would be a biggie. John Lane Dedmon is the ancestor of many of the lines that have contacted me through the years and all the research states he is the son of Thomas. There has been some disagreement among some of us as to whether, Mary Hannah Dedmon was the daughter of Thomas or William, but never has John Lane been questioned. It is highly possible that the story is wrong. William is in fact Mark’s brother and John is believed to be a cousin. We will have to take a look at the census records again. Mark had several children and it seems only those who were over 21 are listed here. L.E. (Lou) Dedmon is the widow, Thomas Ponder is a son- in-law and I assume so is George Forester. I have a daughter, Mary, with no information, so he could be her husband. To say the least the article does say that John Lane is a brother to Mark and William. Another twist to this will show up when another brother, Thomas, marries the daughter of John Lane. This would make her the niece of Thomas rather than his cousin. I guess either is possible. So, check your records and let’s find the proof or not that John Lane is a brother to Mark rather than a cousin. Thanks, Tim for finding and sending the news article to us... That is how we find what we know.***

## FAMILY GATHERING - '09



With the passing of both parents, that puts me and my siblings in the “older generation”. One of the things we want to do is to stay in touch with the family. My sister, Ruth had us gather at her house in Gurley, Alabama in September for what we hope is the first of our annual gatherings. Of course, we know it is next to impossible to get all of us at the same time and place, but we did have the majority. My nephew, Ken Price, Carolyn’s son plans to host the 2010 event at his house in East Ridge, just outside of Chattanooga, Tennessee. I am going to identify those shown above by moving left to right. Steve Smith, Natalie Smith, Tonya Smith, Briana Dedmon, Connie Dedmon, Justin Smith, Bill Dedmon, Jessica Cochran, Ruth Smith, Taylor Price, Diane Dedmon, Gwen Kiley, Gary Dedmon, Jane Dedmon, Leroy Dedmon, Cindy Dedmon, Becky Price, Brian Dedmon, Kenneth Price, Carolyn Price, Seth Smith, Craig Dedmon, Claude Price, Greg Dedmon, Brittany Dedmon, Kym Cochran, Hana Dedmon, Amanda Cochran, Morgan Dedmon. If I counted correctly that makes 29, but I am not sure who made the picture. It could have been an auto timed shot, or there could have been a “non” family member present who did the honors. I am sure I will find out when this newsletter is published. I am going to attempt to name the family members not present: Amy Smith, Carrie Webb, Mark Webb, Cassidy Webb, Masie Webb, Curt Webb, George Kiley, Tommy Dedmon, Diane Dedmon, Tony Dedmon, Teresa Gurrero, Sean Gurrero, Jennifer Grant, David Grant, Mark Price, Carmen Price, Chance Williams, Suzi Youngberg, Scott Youngberg, Jonathan Dedmon, Ashley Ellison. If I left anyone out, I can assure you it was not on purpose and I will hear about it. Now, If I counted



correctly we had 29 present and 21 absent, which totals 50. These are the descendants of Gordon Lee and Ruby Dickson Dedmon. You can see in the background of the picture to the left some of the beautiful landscaping my sister, Ruth has done. She must have inherited my mother’s green thumb. We always said mom could grow flowers on asphalt. Actually, both my sisters do a better job at this kind of thing that I do. With their advice I am make progress. Pictured here is Leroy Dedmon (me), talking to my nephew, Brian Dedmon and his wife Cindy. Although we live next door to each other, we have to travel a hundred miles to visit.

## From the Mail Bag

From: Raymond Cathcart  
rcathcart@msm.umn.edu]  
Dedmon/Cathcart Genealogy



Good morning, Mr. Dedmon,

Please forgive my intrusion on your time. But, since you are also a genealogist, you will, perhaps, understand my brashness.

My great grand parents were Daniel and Susan (Denton) Cathcart whose youngest daughter, Florence, married Joseph Lane Dedmon in/near Catoosa County, GA. I have recently run across a posting by a Tim Dedmon about Daniel and Susan which makes me think that he may be of that line. I have been unable to track Tim Dedmon down, but I have seen his name associated with your Dedmon Connection Newsletter. Do you, by any chance, know a current snail address, e-mail address, or telephone number for him?

I would be most appreciative if you would respond.

Thank you, Raymond Franklin Cathcart

***It is always good to hear from family members in search of other family members and I never consider it an intrusion on my time, that is what it is all about. I shall never forget Jim Dedmon and Danny McBee, for sharing so much with me in my early days of this project. Here is my reply.***

Yes I have Tim's email (tdedmon@netzero.com), However, I am much closer to you than he is. Joseph Lane Dedmon was my Grandfather's half brother. His father was William D. Dedmon (My great grandfather) J.L.'s mother was Ellender Nellie McEntire. W.D. and Ellender had 10 children. Joseph Lane was number nine born around 1860. After Ellender died, W.D. married Mary Wells and had three (actually 4, but one died in infancy). One of those was my grandfather, Thomas Judson Dedmon. William D. was in his mid-fifties when he re-married and began the "second family". My grandfather was born it 1880 when W.D. was almost 60. My father was around 10 when Joseph L. passed away. He told me he remembered his uncle Joe Lane. Dad passed away in 2003, mom is still living at 95 years of age... here is what I have from J.L.'s descendents. Thanks for the contact.. Leroy

***I sent him the family information on this tree. He then responded with the following email shown in the next column.*** --Leroy

Good morning, Leroy,  
I am overwhelmed! You have cut my work out for me. And if your mother has any recollection of any words about a Daniel Cathcart, father of Florence (Cathcart) Dedmon, I would be further delighted!

If any snippets surface, you know all of my communication numbers.

Thank you; your generosity of both time and information is much appreciated. I'm sure I will be back after I absorb your data. -- Raymond

***As you may realize this exchange of email took place a couple of years ago, before my mom passed away. I apologize for not including it before now, but you know how it is, and I am completely out of excuses. Here is my reply to Raymond. -Leroy***

Raymond, I talked with Mom today and she said she remembered Uncle Joe Lane and Aunt Florence and some of their children... However, she did not know the Cathcart family. One of her cousins (Templeton) also married into the Leonard family, but that didn't add any thing to what we had.

She said she remembered their granddaughter, Ruth Keys, best. Ruth is the daughter of Mary, who married Ben Keys... She does not know if she is still living, but if she is, she is around 94 years old. Close to mom's age. Ruth married Joe Lorance and lived in Lafayette, GA. I don't know if they had any children. I couldn't find any Keys listed in Lafayette, but there are about 8 in Ringgold, GA (Catoosa County). Kinda long shot... but you never know...

--Leroy

***This note jogged my memory and I remembered the following obituary that I published in the last newsletter. This is the very family we were discussing and I hope Raymond saw it. (LD)***

### 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.

# YOU SHOULD HAVE HAD MORE CHILDREN!:

I remember saying to my children, Gary and Gwen at one point, "are three grandchildren all I am going to get?" To my dismay heard, "If you want more grandchildren, you should have had more kids. So I settled in to enjoy the three precious grandchildren given to me. Carrie Jane Rawls was born May 16, 1983 to my daughter Gwen and her husband Thomas Rawls. My second grandchild, Gregory Lebron Dedmon was born to my son Gary and his wife Diane Toothman Dedmon on November 4, 1985. Then not much more than a year later my third and what was to be my last, Jonathan Patrick Dedmon was born on April 20, 1987 to Gary and Diane.



**CARRIE JANE  
RAWLS**



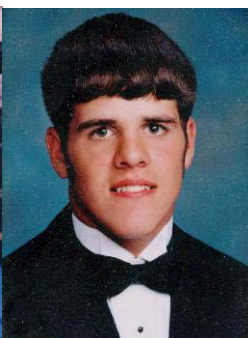
**GREGORY LEBRON  
DEDMON**



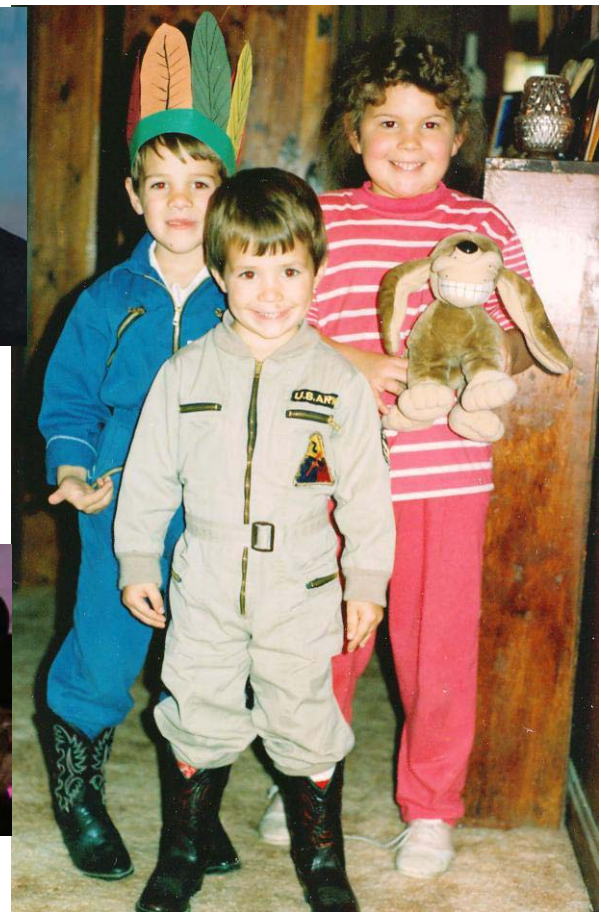
**JONATHAN PATRICK  
DEDMON**



**L-R: GREG, JONATHAN AND CARRIE  
GUESSING CHRISTMAS 1987**



I watched them grow through their teen yeas and enter the world of adulthood. Carrie married in 2002 and it looks like Jonathan has been bitten by the love bug and a wedding is planned for the summer of 2010. Greg is still single. Then the unexpected began to happen... more grandkids.



**MASIE JANE**



**CURT**



**CASSIDY**

Carrie has given us three more grandchildren, Masie Jane Webb, Curt Douglas Webb and Cassidy Webb. Although Cassidy is Carrie's step-daughter, we claim her too. Growing up the only grandfather I knew was actually my step grandfather, but we never knew the meaning of step... He treated all of us the same and we plan to do the same.

I saw this picture of (L-R) Greg, Jonathan and Carrie, who were near the ages that Masie, Curt and Cassidy are now. It is just a reminder that time stands still for no man.

## DEATH NOTICES

SHELBY — Ned E. Dedmon, 69, of 127 Dedmon Road died Saturday, August 4, 2007, at his home. Mr. Dedmon was owner of Century 21 Dedmon Properties since 1987 and was active with various real estate organizations. He was a 1956 graduate of Shelby High School and served in the Army from 1957 to 1959. He was member and president of the Louie Allen Sunday School class, which will serve as pallbearers.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William Wray and Ezma Roberts Dedmon. Mr. Dedmon was survived by his wife of 48 years, Delores 'Deedie' Bryant Dedmon of Shelby; two sons, Andrew 'Andy' Dedmon and wife, Lisa, and Daniel 'Danny' Dedmon, both of Earl; one granddaughter, Victoria Dedmon; two sisters, Frances D. Morgan of Harrisburg and Carolyn D. Hambright and husband, Fain, of Grover; and a brother, Kenneth Dedmon and wife, Naomi, of Fallston.

The family would like to express their sincere gratitude to the staff of Hospice & Palliative Care for their sincere compassionate care during his long illness, as well as to Cleveland Urology and Cleveland Regional Medical Center. A very special thanks to Dr. John Reynolds and Dr. Robert Gossett.

Visitation: The family will receive friends today at 4 p.m. at the Family Life Center. Funeral: Today, 5 p.m. at New Hope Baptist Church Burial: New Hope Baptist Church Cemetery Officiated by: The Revs. Russ Bradley and David Gordon. Memorials: Hospice & Palliative Care Cleveland Co. 951 Wendover Heights Drive Shelby, NC 28150. Funeral home: Cecil M. Burton Funeral Home & Crematory

"He was a fighter," Peggy Jackson said. Jackson, a longtime friend of the Dedmon family, talked about Ned Dedmon, who passed away Saturday at home. A cheerful Dedmon, at Sunday school less than a week before his death, said, "He was going to beat this thing," Jackson said. "He was fighting for a long time; he would not give up."

Near the end of his life, Dedmon suffered two heart attacks, had a quadruple bypass that infected his breastbone, had a leg amputated, developed diabetes and suffered from prostate and bone cancers. Through it all, he kept a positive outlook on life, she said.

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Dedmon was president of that Sunday school class, his wife the teacher. His son, Andy, a political commentator and former state representative, also attended the class. "He was a good man, a great daddy and I miss him terribly," the younger Dedmon said. "What he enjoyed as much as anything was working in his garden and orchard." Not being able to work in it "drug him down with his illness. All my life he's had that garden." Andy said he and his father were very close — "How does a father not influence your life?" — and emphasized the close relationship between his dad and his mother, Delores "Deedie." In 48 years of marriage, they were inseparable, he said. "If you saw one, you saw the other, it was truly one of the great love stories." He went peacefully, Andy Dedmon said. "Mamma was lying beside him in the bed. That's the way they wanted it."

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*Editor's Note: I realize these obituaries are a few years old, but the information contained therein is helpful to genealogy researchers. Plus it allows us to know more of our Dedmon history. --Leroy*

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### Eva Houpe MacTaggart

June 7, 1911 - Nov. 15, 2006

Mrs. Eva Houpe MacTaggart, 95, died Wed., Nov. 15, 2006, at Bridgeview Center in Ormond Beach, Fla. A native of Valdese, she was a daughter of the late Harold and Pearl Nance Suddreth. After marrying Hall Houpe, the couple moved to Shelby, where he managed the Rogers Theater and she worked as ticket clerk. While living in Charlotte, she worked as a waitress and hostess in various restaurants. She was a talented seamstress and craftswoman and was known for her fine needlework. She loved to entertain and was an avid gardener and cat lover. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a daughter, **Betty Grill Dedmon**, and three husbands, Henry Grill, Hall Houpe and Ron MacTaggart. Survivors include a grandson, **Richard A. Dedmon** and wife, **Paula H. Dedmon**, of Shelby; son-in-law, **Buddy Dedmon** of Shelby; great-granddaughters, **Laine Dedmon** of Charlotte and **Leah Dedmon** of Miami Beach, Fla.; and special cousin and friend, Sue Massey of Gastonia. Visitation: The family will receive friends Wednesday from 4 to 5 p.m. at the home of her grandson, **Richard A. Dedmon**, 200 Nancy Drive, Shelby. Funeral: Thursday at Volusia Memorial Park, Ormond Beach, Fla. Memorials: Alzheimer's Foundation of America, 322 Eighth Ave., Sixth Floor, New York, NY 10001 or The Little Church on the Lane, 522 Moravian Lane, Charlotte, NC 28027 Funeral Home: -Cecil M. Burton Funeral Home



*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)*

*If I have learned anything from my involvement in genealogy research, it is that we are all kin!!! It goes without saying, if we go back far enough there is no doubt of our kinship. I have discovered several with whom I am related that I knew long before knowing our relationship. Another of these examples is seen in the following information.*

*I have known the Williams family for a long time. In fact Mark and Paula moved to Woodstock while I was preaching there and she became the secretary for the church and Mark was appointed as an elder. Then for a time Tony also lived there.*

*Tony now lives in Knoxville, TN, where I recently visited. He is an elder at the Karns church of Christ where the East Tennessee School of Preaching and Missions is located. In fact, when my nephew Craig Dedmon attended the school, Tony and his family "adopted" him while he was a student. I have attended the lectureship for a number of years and while there in March Tony and I began discussing where I am now living.*

*I don't recall who mentioned Dogwood Cemetery but nevertheless, he informed me of relatives buried there.... and so the excitement began. Somehow in our naming names the Capehart surname was mentioned and that was our point of connection. Marietta Williams Capehart, married Crate Dedmon. I could hardly believe my ears. Not only did we find the connection of Mark and Tony, even Paula's family connected.*

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From: Tony Williams  
[mailto:tonywilliams@rightfromscratch.com]  
To: gldedmon@windstream.net  
Subject: RE: family

Leroy:

Here is pretty much the same information of Elihu Williams as you have. This is from the book I showed you in Knoxville. Elihu is my Great-Great-Great Grandfather. Let me know if the file was too big to go through, or you didn't have the file attached.

Thanks for the info and hope you are doing well.

-Tony

*Here is a note Tony sent to his brother, Mark, who still lives in Woodstock.*

From: Tony Williams  
[mailto:tonywilliams@rightfromscratch.com]  
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2009 8:40 AM  
To: Mark Williams (Canton, GA)  
Subject: FW: family

Hey: I hope things are going well for you. How is the company holding up? I was talking to Leroy Dedmon at our lectureship and over the course of three days we got into cemeteries and where Dad was buried and he stated he had a lot of family buried there. So, I brought my "Williams" book the next evening and sure enough he found a Dedmon in the book. He said he had a bunch of genealogy material back at his house and he would send it to me. Our, and Paula's too, Great-Great-Great Grandfather Elihu Williams is also Leroy's. Remember Paula also has the same Great-Great Grandfather Harvey M. Williams, (Elihu's son) but Leroy branches off. He was asking about you and Paula, told me to tell you "Hi cuz!"  
-Tony

*Mark then sent a note to his wife, Paula:*

From: Mark Williams (Canton, GA)  
[mailto:MWilliams2@pilgrimspride.com]  
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2009 9:23 AM  
To: paula@cherokeechamber.com  
Subject: FW: family

Hey, Got this from Tony this morning...Looks like we are related to Leroy Dedmon !! Thought that you might find it interesting.

*Then I get a note from Paula:*

From: Paula Williams  
[mailto:paula@cherokeechamber.com]  
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2009 10:56 AM  
To: gldedmon@windstream.net  
Subject: RE: family

So, I hear we are cousins!!!

*Paula Williams*  
*Cherokee County Chamber of Commerce*  
*770-345-0400*  
*www.CherokeeChamber.com*

*I have found where we connect several times with the families of Tony, Mark and Paula. We have Dedmon connection as well as Capehart. While I have not found "blood" relationship, we are definitely related through the in-laws, etc....*