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RETIREMENT IS WONDERFUL



LEROY DEDMON

The year I turned 65 I signed up for Social Security and entered the world of retirement. We moved in with my mother so she could “take care of us” and my first check came in February of 2004. No schedule, no appointments, no sermons to prepare, no answering the phone, just enjoying the “life of Riley”... Retirement is wonderful...

Of course, I never did quit preaching as the opportunities to “fill in” in the absence of preachers was plentiful enough. Going from place to place, and in many cases using the same sermon and meeting new people was rather enjoyable... Retirement is wonderful...

We placed membership at the Hillcrest congregation in Tunnel Hill and was welcomed by a friendly group of people and met Mike Lusk, who was then the preacher. He has become a good friend and when a preacher was suggested for my mom’s funeral, my sister suggested him and all agreed upon it. It was refreshing to be able to listen to Mike preach and on occasion I would fill in for him. In fact I held a Gospel Meeting for them that summer. I was also asked to preach in what is often called the Summer Series, which has become popular for the summer months on Wednesday night. Congregations will have a different speaker each week and generally will have an announced theme. I was at a different congregation each Wednesday night... Retirement is wonderful...

Then Barry Gilreath called and asked me to join the staff of “Preaching The Gospel” television with James Watkins. After some deliberation and discussion with Jane, we accepted a part time position, which involved becoming a member of the Highland congregation in Dalton and an office at their building. I was able to do some of the work from my home computer and telephone and spend a few hours at the office each week. I had already realized that I would need some kind of part time job, just to fill in some of the too much free time and supplement the Social Security checks. We have developed some habits which include eating out a lot and this was limited without some additional income. My responsibilities at PTG included publishing the monthly newsletter, which I enjoyed very much and also communicating with our financial supporters... Even though I was “working” again, I still had time to work around the home place with flowers and gardening... Retirement is wonderful...

When The Gospel Broadcasting Network was launched, Barry moved his office to Chattanooga to spend more time with GBN and left me to supervise the PTG office in Dalton. With the added responsibilities, I was working more and also traveling more to promote both PTG and GBN. Then in January of 2008 we merged the two offices and I became the operations manager with a 40 hour work week plus traveling on the week ends for speaking and promoting GBN. I soon realized that I was busier than I had been in all my fifty plus years of preaching the Gospel. I was able to meet and make many new friends... Retirement is wonderful...

In April of 2010 Tim Arthur called and asked me to fill in for three months at the Ooltewah congregation. I did this and at the end of three months he asked me to stay on and alternate Sundays with him, which I did until August of 2011. Also, in September of 2010, I was asked to alternate Sundays at Highland in Dalton, which meant every Sunday was filled. This I did until March of 2011. In January of 2011, I decided to leave GBN and spend more time preaching as it was becoming difficult to do justice to everything in which I was involved. I was still at Ooltewah every other Sunday and filling appointments and holding meetings. In June of 2011, I preached 25 times and almost that many in July. In August of 2011, Tim Arthur resigned at Ooltewah and I was asked to take the full responsibility of the preaching assignments, which I did... Retirement is wonderful.....



SECOND CHOICE

I had just moved to the New Union church in Manchester, TN in August of 1964 and was in my office late one Friday afternoon, when three men walked into the church building. They were large men, even compared to my size as it seemed that each one filled the doorway as they entered. You could tell they were used to the outdoors and were hard workers. "Are you the preacher?", one of them asked. "Well, I have been accused of it a couple of times", I replied and glanced at each of them as they did not even smile at my attempt to be funny. The second man spoke and said, "We are looking for someone to hold a Gospel Meeting at our congregation". For the first time since they entered the building, I relaxed a bit as I realized they meant no harm. I reached for my calendar as I said, "I may be able to schedule that", thinking it would impress them if I appeared to have other events on the calendar and would have to check for an open date. "When would you want me to hold the meeting?", I asked. I don't remember which one replied, "This Sunday". Now almost in shock, I said, "This soon, that's only a couple of days away". Now the third man spoke for the first time in a very calm, almost begging, "We can't find anyone else". That began a long relationship with me and that congregation. I have held around ten meetings there in the last 45 years.

At least they did not do as is told on one preacher. The phone rang and the preacher answered to a similar invitation as the one I received. Upon accepting, the caller said, "It is only fair to tell you that you were our second choice". "That is ok", the preacher replied, "but for the records sake, who was the first choice?" The reply was quite stunning, "Anyone else"... but keep in mind preacher stories do not have to be true as long as they could be true.

As often you hear, "Now this one is true". I answered the phone to hear, "Brother Dedmon, the elders have asked that I line up some good preachers for our Summer Series this year". As I reached for my calendar he asked, "Do you have James Watkins phone number?" That was a nice slice of humble pie.



DNA Project (Debenham Surname) by Tim Dedmon

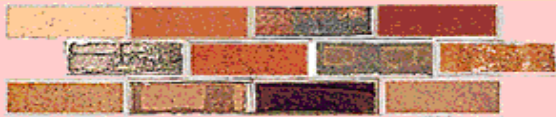
A Debenham Surname DNA Project has been started in January 2010 with FamilyTreeDNA the worlds first and largest genealogical DNA company in the world. All Debenham and surname variants are welcome to take part in this exciting new project. Large groups of people with the Debenham and variant names live in England, Wales, Australia and the United States. Do they all descend from Lucas de Debenham who lived in Debenham in 1165, or from a dozen different families that lived in Debenham when last names were decided by where you live, do the Sapiston, Redgrave and Bradfield lines have the same Y-DNA. By using a simple DNA test we can find out which Debenhams and variants have a common ancestor. This technique allows us to identify which lines we are not related to as well as which ones we are. Only males with the Debenham or variants surname may become members. Females may trace their lineage by having a male relative with the Debenham or variants surname take the test. Surnames in the Project so far are: Debenham, Debenhaim, Debenam, Debnam, deBenham, Benham, Benhaim, Denbnam, Dednam, Debnan, Depham, Debman, Dedman, Deadman, Dedmon, Deadmon, Deadmond, Dedmond, Dedmond, Dudman, Deedman. I would like to invite all Debenham and variant surname family members to get involved in this exciting new project. You can visit the FamilyTreeDNA website to get more information and you can also visit and join from the project website at:

<http://www.familytreedna.com/public/debenham>

I appreciate Tim for all the time, effort and money he has invested into this project. He made it possible for me to "take the test". I never did like tests and just knew I would fail this one, but the results were very informative. Tim was beginning to wonder if he was a Dedmon as he kept matching "unknown" surnames. When I sent him my results, I said does this mean we are related?

He replied: Leroy, "That's exactly what it means, we matched identically on the first 12 marker test, the next two tests (13-25 & 26-37) will be posted in a few days. Thank you so much, I'm not the milk mans son after all. I'm planning on starting a Debenham DNA Surname Project. I'll send you some information shortly." --Tim

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: Mike Carpenter
[mailto:mike2842@embarqmail.com]

Hello Leroy:

I am the great-grandson of ALBERT JARKINS DEDMON and Louisa Irvin and I am trying to find someone who has the story of Louisa's birth and stay with Indians when her mother died. It is a story that my grandmother (Beulah Dedmon Scism) told - but I never recorded it. Is there a way to search your back issues to determine if you have published it or maybe you could ask your readers.

If you send an email notification of when you have a new issue, please add me to your list.

Thanks for your help,
Mike Carpenter

It was good to hear from Mike, but as you see in my reply to him, I don't remember that story. I do remember the Jamie White story that is similar, but of course different names. So if anyone out there has the story please let us hear from you. Here is my reply:

Hey Mike, it is good hearing from you. I don't remember the story, but sure would like to have it. I am waaaaaaaaaaaaay behind in publishing the newsletters, but plan to get back soon and will post your inquiry. In the meantime fill me in on your family back to Albert... thanks, Leroy

Mike replied with the following information:

Me - Michael Warren Carpenter
My mom - Mary Elizabeth Scism
Her mom - Beulah Mae Dedmon
Her dad - Albert Dedmon

There are many Indian stories intertwined with the Dedmon family genealogy, but it is very difficult to document. My father always told me that his grandmother, Mary Wells, was part Indian, but we never have been able to find evidence to that fact. I am sure he was told that by his ancestors. I would like to publish a special issue devoted to all the stories out there. If you have one send it to me...

PROBLEM SOLVED

As many of you know we have a family page on facebook and recently I saw this note from Robin Elaine Martin-Roben:

I am in search of my great great great grandmother Sarah M Dedmon who was married to Alonzo Yarbrough.... any hints who her parents are?

When I saw the message I was out of town and did not have my data with me and didn't give much thought at the time as to who she was asking about, so I posted this in reply to her request:

Hey Robin, Leroy Dedmon, here. I am the administrator of the Dedmon page.. I also have the Dedmon website at dedmon.org. Give me any info you have about Sarah and I will see what I have. I can also put it in the brick wall column in the next issue of the DEDMON CONNECTION...

However, the name Alonzo Yarbrough was ringing a bell all the way home and then it hit me!!! Alonzo was married to my mother's great aunt, Sarah Dickson. So Sarah was not a Dedmon, but her mother was Hannah Dedmon, my mother's great grandmother. So I sent the information to her on her facebook page and promised to send some information to her about Hannah.

Then Robin posted this on Facebook:

I found out my great great great grandmother, Sarah M Dedmon, was really a Dickson.... YaY to the help of Facebook.....

Later I received the following email from Robin:

From: robin martin [mailto:h0lytears1@yahoo.com]
Subject: Hannah Dedmon

Thanks again for all your help, I have been looking for her since I was 12 years old.... before the age of the internet. Even with the internet I wasn't able to get past what I already had. Now thanks to you, my tree has grown some more.. I look forward to hearing about my 4great grandmother.....Robin Martin

I sent her the descendents of Hannah along with this note: Robin, here is some info on Hannah, I will send in another email her ancestors.... Could you send me your information that goes from you back to Hannah... I suppose this makes us cousins.... Leroy

This is what our research is all about: People helping People... I am reminded often of cousin Danny McBee's often quoted statement: "We will find them one at a time"... another found.

From the Mail Bag

I realize some of the messages I publish are a year or two old, but that is due to my being so far behind in publishing the newsletter. Regardless the information is important to researchers.

From: Trammell Lindsey
[mailto:telindsey@msn.com]
To: gldedmon@windstream.net
Subject: RE: Dedmon Connection



Leroy: Thanks for sending me the May 2009 newsletter. Sounds like you are still staying busy. It has been some time since we corresponded, but you were not forgotten. Now I know what you look like; you have kept your hair much better than I have and the beard looks great. My wife and I are presently in winter quarters in Sierra Vista, AZ; will go back to Lake Stevens in May or June (depending on weather). Best regards, Trammell

It was good to hear from Trammell. As he said, it has been a while since we corresponded. This is how we keep up as family these days. Trammell and I connect through the Capehart family.

From: Dedmon Adam
[mailto:adamdedmon@gmail.com]

Hello Leroy,

I corresponded with you a few years ago, and I just now saw that my picture was in volume 64, page 6. I thought I'd say hello, just to add a bit of info to your genealogy work. Right now I live with my wife and two kids in Istanbul, Turkey. We work at the Koc School, a private school for Turkish students. My youngest daughter (Ellery Koray Dedmon), just might be the only Dedmon (so far) to have been born in Istanbul.



The only info I can give you about my family, you can find in volume 3 of your newsletter. Thanks for the effort with the newsletter. Adam Dedmon

Thanks Adam, I appreciate very much your contacting me and sharing the picture of Ellery. Yes, as far as I know she is the only Dedmon born in Istanbul. I hope the work there is going well for you and let us hear from you. --Leroy (I am still not certain where Adam fits in the family tree, but hopefully he will be able to send me some information to confirm his twig on the limb.)

From: Harrison A. Dedmond [mailto:had@netptc.net]
Subject: New e-mail address

I now have a new e-mail address: (had@netptc.net)
--Harrison

I may have published this before, but not sure and it was in my unpublished file. I had not heard from Harrison in a while, so I was glad to get the information. As far as I know he still lives in California. He is from the Chattanooga area and fairly closely related to me. He is one of those who changed his name a bit (added the d on the end). I don't remember for sure why, but I know he told me and maybe will tell me again. -Leroy

From: robin martin [mailto:h0lytears1@yahoo.com]
Subject: Re: Hannah Dedmon

Thanks Leroy,

I will add the information to my tree... I enjoyed reading the information that you sent and I look forward to reading through all the newsletter at the Dedmon Connection. Thanks again for all your help with removing this brickwall.... - Robin Martin

I received this from Robin in connection to the story on page 3 under the brick wall section of the newsletter. I hope to hear more from her and that side of the family. It appears she is kin to both the Dedmons and Dicksons, like me. -Leroy

From: Jim Dedmon [mailto:jimmyno1@comcast.net]
Subject: Re: John Lane Dedmon

Leroy, Tim has spent a lot of time in regards to Mark L.'s estate. However, I don't believe John L. is brothers of Mark and Wm D. I don't have Margaret's maiden name however, I did at some point come to terms with her birth year being in the year of 1800. If John L. was her son, she would have given birth to him at 11 years old. I still believe the John L was first cousins with Mark L. and Wm. D as well as their siblings, Nancy L., Thomas W., Newman, and Elizabeth (Betsy) A. Some times the courts get all out of wack in there summaries. After all they aren't family members and can get confused in their summaries. --Jim

This was in reply to the article on page 3 of vol 72 concerning an article Tim ran across in the records of the Mark Dedmon case. Jim is our "patriarch", when it comes to Dedmon research. Most of the information we have came from his diligent work, before the days of computers. I learned from his recent correspondence that his wife has passed away and he is now retired. I will publish more of that information in the next issue. -Leroy

From the Mail Bag

From: JWHenson
[mailto:jwhenson@catt.com]
To: gl dedmon@windstream.net
Subject: Re: Dedmon Connectic



Good Morning Leroy!

Thanks for sending your most recent Connections along. I have read it and find it interesting. I saw nothing amiss. Its a chore of love to put out the publication and I certainly appreciate it very much. I have all copies that you have produced. As an old printer, having spent my entire life in the trade, I must say you have a very professional looking publication.

Our daughter will be back here during the early part of May. She would like to walk out to the old Dedmon Cemetery and so would I. Think it over and I will get some dates for you.

Your cousin, John Henson

It is always good to hear from John as he has always been a good supporter of our research and the newsletter. I feel as if I have let everyone down in recent years. I thought when I retired I would have more time to do this, So far it has not worked that way. As it turned out John's daughter came and we made a trip to locate the cemetery. Along with John and his daughter, Shandelle, we were joined by another cousin and researcher, Tim Dedmon and my brother Tommy. It has been ten years since we were there and to our dismay we walked about ten miles and never found it. My nephew has since located the land owner and the caretaker, who took me to it. I was pleasantly surprised at the condition it is in. We plan to return soon. -Leroy



Pictured above are the five weary pilgrims, who never found the "promised land". (L-R) Tommy Dedmon, Leroy Dedmon, Shandelle Henson, John Henson and Tim Dedmon.

MORE FROM JOHN...

Dear Family and Friends,

All of my life I have been told to act my age. Now as I have entered old age our children tell Audrey and me that we should move near one of them so they can see after us in our "reclining" years. We have sold our house here in Ringgold and will be moving to Niles, Michigan to be near Shandelle and Andrews University. We will move on October 12, 2011 so to get to Michigan before the lake effect snows fall around us. Below is our new address.

Audrey and John Henson
902 Plym Road
Niles, Michigan 49120

Do not use the new address before October 17 as there is no mail box erected as yet. We will forward you our telephone number and eMail address once we are settled and have them.

Continue your prayers for us as we enter upon this new season of life.

Love, JWHenson

We will miss John, but understand the reason behind the move and wish he and Audrey the best of everything. Although he only lived five miles from me we did not visit that often. He came to my house a couple of times. I think he visited my mom before she passed away. John was extremely helpful and encouraging to me. The next email contains the new information.

From: John Henson [mailto:hensoniii@att.net]
Subject: New address for the Hensons

As you already know Audrey and I have moved to Niles, MI.. The birds have more sense than that. They go south in the winter. However, Shandelle wanted to have us near her in our older years, and so did John, but Seattle is really getting out of our shopping area. Seattle is a beautiful area. The move has been horrendous. We are surrounded by boxes. It's just like Christmas. You pick up a box and wonder what is in it. Below is the promised info.

Email: hensoniii@att.net

Address: Audrey and John W. Henson
902 Plym Road
Niles, MI 49120 USA

God bless each of you and please keep us in your daily prayers.

Good luck in everything John and don't forget the way back. I withheld the phone number.

DEATH NOTICES

I realize that often the obits that I publish are several years old, but the information contained in them are very valuable to researchers. I try to publish them as soon as I can after receiving them, but most of the time I just have to depend upon my own research. Sometimes I may have already published one, but I had rather publish it twice as not at all. Anytime there is a death in the family, please send me the information. --Leroy

Amy Peeler Dedmon

Mrs. Amy Peeler Dedmon, 95 of 1606 Union Church Road, passed away on Thursday, October 29, 2009. Services were held at Cecil M. Burton Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was held in Rose Hill Memorial Park. Mrs. Dedmon was preceded in death by her husband, William Gerod Dedmon; her parents, Amie Peeler and Carrah Lee Dedmon Sain and her sister, Elizabeth Peeler Blanton. She is survived by her daughter Margaret "Ann" Dedmon of Lawndale; one nephew Neil Blanton of Shelby and Stuart Blanton of Pennsylvania and a niece Marjorie Putnam of Sunset Beach, NC and loving caregivers. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Heights Dr., Shelby, NC 28150. Cecil M. Burton Funeral Home is serving the family.

Ralph William Dedmond

Mr. Ralph William Dedmond, 84, of 904 Blanton Street, Shelby, NC passed away Saturday, December 19, 2009. Services were held at Cecil M. Burton Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed in Cleveland Memorial Park. Mr. Dedmond served our country in the Army Air Corps. He was preceded in death by his parents, Romie and Stella W. Dedmond. He is survived by his beloved wife of 63 years, Margaret Dedmond of Shelby; 2 sons, Richard Dedmond and wife Cinda of Southern Pines, NC, and Dr. Keith Dedmond and wife Kathy of Lincolnton, NC; and 6 grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: Central United Methodist Church General Fund, 200 E. Marion Street, Shelby, NC 28150. Cecil M. Burton Funeral Home & Crematory, Shelby, NC is serving the family.



Faye Dedmon

Published: Thursday, December 17, 2009 9:09 AM CST
Funeral services for Faye Dedmon, 80, of Purcell will be held today (Thursday), Dec. 17, 2009 at 2 p.m. at Stufflebean Chapel of Remembrance with Pastor Ron Gaither officiating. Interment will be at Byars Cemetery under the direction of Stufflebean-Coffey Funeral Home in Pauls Valley. Mrs. Dedmon passed away Dec. 13, 2009 in Purcell.

Bessie "Faye" Dedmon, of Purcell, was born Feb. 18, 1929 in Caddo County, Oklahoma, to Albert Lafayette and Margaret Gethronia (Leonard) Golden.

Faye was married to Emery G. Dedmon in Oklahoma City October 9, 1948 and made their home in Oklahoma City for much of her life. After her husband, Emery, retired they moved to Byars where they lived from 1974 until 2003. She worked as the Assistant Post Master at Byars for many years and was a member of Byars Pentecostal Holiness Church. In 2003 she moved to Purcell to be closer to her daughter. Faye enjoyed for her family to get together and seeing one another and the Christmas season was her favorite time.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Albert L. and Margaret Golden; her husband, Emery G. Dedmon in 1997; five sisters and three brothers, two of which died in infancy.

Surviving family includes her daughter, Vonna Richards of Purcell; and a brother, David Raymond Alvia Golden of Arkansas.

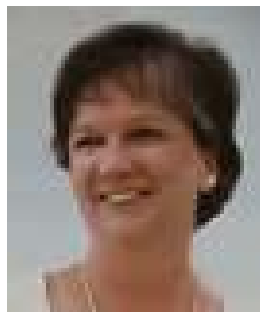
Notes of Remembrance and/or Condolences may be sent to the family at www.stufflebeanfuneralhome.com.

Daniel Dedmon, Sr.

Daniel D. Dedmon, Sr., age 91, formerly of Canton and more recently of Oregon, OH, died Sunday evening in St. Charles Hospital in Oregon. He was retired from Canton Drop Forge. Preceded in death by his wife, Clara, in 1968; 11 sisters and brothers. Survived by a son, Daniel D. Dedmon, Jr. of Oregon, OH, with whom he lived: a daughter and son-in-law, Patricia and John Kinsinger of Palm Bay, FL; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren. a brother, Leon Dedmon of Brewton, AL. Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Mausoleum Chapel at Forest Hill Cemetery with Rev. David Harmon officiating. Kreighbaum-Sanders Funeral Home on S. Cleveland Ave., in charge of arrangements.

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Dr. Cindy Turner Dedmon



Dr. Cindy Turner Dedmon, age 52, of Tuscaloosa, (AL) unexpectedly departed this life at DCH Regional Medical Center on Monday, August 22, 2011.

“Dr. Cindy” was well known in Tuscaloosa and throughout West Alabama as a highly respected physician specializing in Family Practice and Obstetrics. She was the President of Tuscaloosa Family Practice and Obstetrics, P.C. (previously Dedmon and Clark, which Dr. Dedmon started in 1995 along with her former partner Dr. Jimmie

Clark). She was adored and truly revered by everyone who knew her – family, friends, and especially her patients. Despite the high demand and long waiting lists for her medical services, Cindy was always modest and considered what everyone else knew to be “extraordinary” about her, to be ordinary – just doing her job – a job which was truly her calling and which she did with an unparalleled passion, humility, and grace.

Cindy served her country as a Captain in the U.S. Army Medical Corps. She received her undergraduate degree in Chemistry from the University of Tennessee at Martin. She received her medical degree from the University of Tennessee at Memphis College of Medicine in 1985. She completed her internship, residency, and fellowship with the University of Alabama College of Medicine. She served as an assistant professor in the OB/GYN Department from 1990 to 1995, before opening her own practice, Cindy L. Dedmon, MD, PC. She chaired the Family Medicine Department of DCH Regional Medical Center from 2000 to 2002. Since 2002, she has served on the State of Alabama Perinatal Advisory Committee.

Survivors include her children, Sarah Beth Dedmon Turner (Scott) and Joshua Turner Dedmon, both of Tuscaloosa; her parents, Harvey Leon and Shirley Ann Turner of Huntingdon, Tennessee; her siblings, Steven Turner (Rae) of Shelbyville, Ky. and Matt Turner (Paula) of Suwanee, Ga.; nephews, Samuel, Ethan, and Braden Turner; nieces, Katelin Anne and Madison Blaire Turner; her godchildren, Ava and Justin Travis of Tuscaloosa; and Mark Dedmon (father of her children) of Tuscaloosa.

Memorial services will be 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 25, 2011, at First Baptist Church of Tuscaloosa with Vial Fontenot officiating. Visitation will begin at 11:30 a.m. Dr. Dedmon will be interred Saturday, Aug. 27, 2011, in Huntingdon, Tennessee, where she grew up and where her parents still reside. Memory Chapel Funeral Home, a Dignity Memorial Provider, is in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers will be Samuel Turner, Ethan Turner, Braden Turner, Dr. Lee Thomas, Dwight Foster, and Tim Clements. Honorary pallbearers are Dr. Beverly A. Joseph, Earnestine O. Tucker, CRNP, the current and former staff of Tuscaloosa Family Practice and Obstetrics, PC, Dr. Debra Davis, Dr. Keith DeBell, Dr. Anne Lewis, Dr. Vijay Sundar, hospital staff of DCH MICU and Dr. Dedmon's first nurse, Betty Sullivan.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the DCH Breast Cancer Center in honor of Dr. Dedmon's beloved former partner, Dr. Jimmie Clark, who departed this life six years ago, but with whom Cindy has now been reunited.

Emery Dedmon

Emery Dedmon, age 69, died Dec. 21, 1997 at Byars. Interment at Byars Cemetery. Born May 26, 1928, in Elk City, to Rabin and Mary Alice (Stevens) Dedmon. Married Fay Golden on Oct. 9, 1948.

Dedmon, Leon

Leon Dedmon, age 93, of Carrollton, OH, passed away Tuesday, June 10, 2008 in Great Trail Care Center He was born March 7, (*looking for info*)

DEDMON, Theron E., Sr.

SPIRO, OKLAHOMA: Theron E. Dedmon, Sr., 83, died May 2, 1994. He was a retired foreman at Ayers Furniture, and was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He was a Baptist. He was a member of the American Legion and the Masons. He is survived by a son, Theron Dedmon, Jr.; two brothers, Homer and Howard; and 2 grandchildren. Interment was at the Fort Smith National Cemetery by Edwards Funeral Home.

Opal Earnest Dedmon

BORN: June 15, 1924
DIED: October 7, 2011
RESIDENCE: Duncan, OK

Brenda Holloway Dedmon

d. 4/27/1997, North Little Rock; aged 51; Survived: Husband, Gary Holloway; Son, Gary Todd Holloway; Brothers, Michael Dedmon, Gary Dedmon; Parents, A.C. and Louise Dedmon; Interment: Resthill Memorial Park; adg4/28/1997

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Virginia Gay Dedman

Virginia Gay Dedman, died 11/16/98 N. Little Rock; Aged 66; B. Birch Tree, Mo; Daughter of Edmond and Emma Summers Scoville; Survived: Sons, Randy Dedman, Terry Dedman, William Dedman, David Dedman; Daughter, Mary Dedman; Brothers, Bill Scoville, Jim Scoville, Hugh Scoville; Sisters, Zanetta Durse, Margie Lafollette; Interment: Oak Grove Cemetery, Birch Tree, Mo; 11/20/98

Gary Lee Dedmon

Gary Lee Dedmon, 55, of North Little Rock, died Tuesday, Oct. 6. He was preceded in death by his sister, Brenda Holloway. He is survived by his wife, Julie Phillips Dedmon of North Little Rock; his parents, A.C. and Louise Munn Dedmon; one brother, Michael Dedmon and wife, Patti, all of North Little Rock.

Graveside services were held Thursday, Oct. 8, at Rest Hills Memorial Park with the Rev. Bob Slagley officiating.; 10/15/1998

Teresia Simmons Dedmon

Teresia Simmons Dedmon died 12/8/98 Little Rock; Aged 73; Survived: Sons, Leroy, Wayne, John Cummings; Daughter, Jean Fisher; Brother, Joe Dedmon; Sister, Murtie Earnest; 12/9/98

Sharon Brookshire Dedmon

Ms. Sharon Brookshire Dedmon, 57, of 837 Moriah Church Road, Casar, NC passed away Sunday, December 13, 2009. Services were held at Mt. Moriah United Methodist Church. Burial followed in the church cemetery. Ms. Dedmon was preceded in death by father, Furman R. Brookshire. She is survived by her mother, Julia Waldrop Brookshire of Asheville, NC. Cecil M. Burton Funeral Home & Crematory, Shelby, NC is serving the family.

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LaFAYETTE Joseph Archer Glenn 77, formerly of Chickamauga, died Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2011, in a local hospital. Archer was born Feb. 22, 1934 to Elizabeth Archer and Elder Grifton Glenn, of Chickamauga. He was preceded in death by both parents. He is survived by his wife, Sarah Buchanan Glenn; a daughter, Angela Ford (Christian) and granddaughter, Meredith; a son, David (Rebecca) Glenn; and grandsons, Jack and Carter; stepson, Stephen (Lynn) Martin; and grandsons, Bryan and Bill, as well as granddaughters, Christina and Delaney; sister, Olive Wright; niece, Lynn (Jerry) Campbell and their sons, Andy and Nick; nephew, Mike (Carolyn) Wright; brother, Elder (JoAnn) Glenn; niece, Jan (Steve) Billingsley and their sons, Andrew and Evan, Grifton Glenn, and Tom (Darlene) Glenn and their daughter, Lauren and son, Garrett. Archer received his education at Darlington where he was a soccer team member. He continued that education training at Fort Bliss, Texas. He served overseas in Vicenza, Italy in the Military Police Corps of the United States Army. Archer served on the board of directors of the Bank of Chickamauga for several decades. He also donated many years serving his community from investing in charitable causes, to Lions Club volunteer, to more than a decade of Gordon Lee High School Band Booster service and leadership. Archer was active in Christian service in the North Georgia and area, being an active member of First Baptist Church of Chickamauga and First Baptist Church of Fort Oglethorpe, serving on numerous committees and being both a trustee and long-term deacon and a 10 year member in his sisters chancel choir. He was in the hardware business for nearly 50 years, beginning in 1953 at Glenn Brothers Hardware working with his father and brother, to years later owning the business and expanding to ownership of two other Ace Hardware Stores. He served on the board of directors of the Georgia Building Materials Association, and working in the hardware business until his retirement in 2000. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Thursday in the funeral home chapel with Rev. Jason Thomas officiating. Interment will be in Tennessee-Georgia Memorial Park. Visit www.heritagefh.com to share words of comfort with the family and view the memorial tribute. The family will receive friends from 4-8 p.m. today at Heritage Funeral Home & Crematory, Battlefield Parkway.

Although I had known the Glenn name and remember my father trading with Glenn Brothers Hardware, I did not actually meet Archer until we had our High School Reunion in 2008. He was married to Sarah Buchanan, a school mate and friend. We attended grades 1-8 at Osburn Elementary and then grades 9-12 at Rossville High School in Rossville, GA. I have reason to believe that Sarah may be connected to the Dedmon family through Eufala Estelle Buchanan, who was married to Alfred Dedmon, my grandfather's half brother. I have recently made contact with a Buchanan researcher whom I hope will help me make the connection. Until I know for sure, she is family!!!