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LEROY DEDMON
EDITOR

I was there, seventy-three years ago, but I don't remember a thing about it. That was the day I arrived into this world. I was the first of five children, the son of G.L. and Ruby Dickson Dedmon. I have two sisters and two brothers: Carolyn, Ruth, Tom and Bill. Dr. Charles W. Stevenson of Ringgold, GA, brought me into this world after he slept in his car all night awaiting my arrival. He charged my parents \$25.00 for the delivery. I have never asked if they thought they got a bargain or not. To my knowledge they never asked for a refund.

We were living in Houston Valley a little community near Ringgold, GA in Southwest Catoosa County. By the time I was 5 years old we had lived in at least four houses (I wonder now if we paid our rent).... My earliest memory is moving from one of those houses when I was four years old. I recall taking my red wagon off the back porch. We were moving from what was called the McDonald farm on Three-Notch Road, near Ft. Oglethorpe, GA to The Espy Farm also on Three-Notch Road. From there we moved to Graysville, GA. I went by that house not long ago and was amazed at how small it looked in comparison to my memory. There were just me, Carolyn, Ruth and Tom as Bill came later.

In 1945, while Dad was in the Army, I entered the first grade at Graysville, GA. Since Mom did not drive and she had three other babies at home, I walked to school with my name pinned on my shirt. The principal found me outside crying and took me to my room. This was a three room school house with three grades in each room. Since I could already read, I was quickly promoted to the second grade. The war ended and Dad came home. In January of 1946 we purchased our first house and moved to a community between Rossville and Chickamauga, GA. I was transferred to Osburn Elementary School adjacent to the Civil War Battle Ground. At this point someone decided I should finish that year in the first grade. It seems they did more than read in the first grade at Osburn. I made friends that year that I still have till this day. One of those friends was Charlie Lail, an usher in our wedding lived just outside of Woodstock, GA when I lived there. We visited some and always talked over old times. We were in all twelve grades together. I attended Osburn thorough the eighth grade. I then transferred to Rossville High School, from which I graduated in 1957. It was during my Senior year that I was baptized at the Chattanooga Valley Church of Christ. Jane and I married there on April 5, 1959.

I entered a "co-op program at Combustion Engineering with the University of Chattanooga following graduation from high school. This was a technical course that consisted of a three month class room period and then "on the job" training for several months. In June of 1959 I moved to Huntsville, AL to work with the Saturn IV project at Redstone Arsenal. Shortly thereafter, I began preaching "part time" at Paint Rock, AL and "fill-in" at surrounding congregations. In February of 1960 I was asked to fill in at Gurley, AL until they found a preacher. I preached for them about three years and then became their full-time preacher, resigning from my work at Redstone.

In some ways seventy-three years seems like a long time, but actually it is as the book of James describes... *"It is just a vapour....."* Thanks for all the cards and wishes from email and facebook.

*Down
Memory Lane*



Send me your old stories or articles relating to the Dedmon Family. Come on folks!!! Dig into that old shoe box in the closet and bring out the goodies!!!!

In this issue of the Connection, I am featuring some of the family that I know who served “Uncle Sam”. I am sure I don’t have all the information on our family members who served, but will list those I know about. We have lost some of our loved ones on the battlefield as they fought for the freedom we have and love. Our hearts go out to the families of those who are included in this group. I visited the Korean Memorial and the Viet Nam Memorial Wall when I was in the National Capitol a few years ago. I was able to find some of our family members names.

I appreciate those of you who have sent information about family members serving our country. I apologize if I have left out some that was sent. I have done my best to keep up with the information, but contrary to what some may think, “*I am human*” and do err at times. I know that is hard to believe and I can’t believe I have admitted it. Among the Dedmon traits that I have discovered is that in most of us we have strong opinions about the things we believe in and don’t like to admit failure. Tommy and I often say to the other when facing a difficult task, “*You can’t do that*”. Usually that is all the motivation we need to succeed.

In 1945 my father was drafted into the U.S. Army. He was 26 years old with four children all pre-school age. My mom did not drive then or ever as she never got a drivers licence. She did, however, later in life drive the truck around the farm after she and dad retired.

On my sixth birthday, June 27, 1945, my dad left for the Army. On that day his father, Judson Dedmon was hit by a truck in Chattanooga and died two days later. Mother had to get her cousin, Alex Dickson to drive



GORDON LEE DEDMON
1917-2002

us to Macon, GA to get dad for the funeral. When Japan surrendered in August of 1945, dad was given an honorable discharge from the Army as he had a wife and four children. I remember hearing them say, the Army was paying mother more than it paid dad. I don’t know how that worked, but we were glad he came home.



TOMMY DEDMON

I never served in the armed forces as I was employed at Redstone Arsenal and received a deferment. Also, President Kennedy exempted fathers from the draft. My brother, **Tommy**, served four years (1962-1965) in the Air Force. He served most of his time at RAF Alconbury, located in Cambridgeshire, England. As most of you know our surname origin is Debenham and the Debenham family is traced back to around the 1300’s to Huntingdon in Cambridgeshire. Alconbury is about 3 miles from Huntingdon. My other brother, **Bill**, lost his thumb in an accident when he was about four years old and as a result was not accepted into the Army. He was drafted, but during the physical they discovered his left thumb was missing, so they sent him home. The Dedmon family I know has always supported our boys in uniform and many of them have served.

I remember when my cousin, **Paul Dickson**, left for Korea and in just a few days we heard he was missing in action. His brother, **Troy**, had already served during **WWII**, but after Paul was reported missing he re-enlisted and made a career of the armed service. Troy just passed away recently and was honored at a very impressive ceremony in Ringgold that me and my brother Tommy attended. He visited my mother a couple of times after she was bed fast and they enjoyed talking about “old times”. Troy and Paul’s father was mom’s cousin Alex I mentioned earlier in this article.



J.E. GILBERT

In the late 50s my cousin, **James E. (Jay) Gilbert**, served four years in the Air Force. He spent most of his time in Japan. He passed away at a fairly early age due to complications related to diabetes. He was the oldest son of my mother’s sister, Edna, who married Mahlon Gilbert.

Jane’s father passed away at the young age of 50 and shortly thereafter, her brother **Edward Lebron Glasscock** joined the paratroopers at the age of 17 and just missed deployment to Viet Nam by just a few days. When his company, the 101st Airborne, was shipped to combat, his time was almost up so they did not send him. All but one of his company was killed on the first jump. I remember visiting him in Ft. Campbell, KY in January of 1964. On the way home, we ran into a snow storm in Shebylville, TN and was stranded for a couple of days. ... “*Memories are made of this*”...



ED GLASSCOCK

HONOR TO WHOM HONOR

In addition to those I have already mentioned in the "Memory Lane" column (p.2) there are many other of our relatives who have served in the Military. On this and following pages we salute those who have worn the uniform and cherish the freedom we have as a result of their service. I realize there are more, but these are the ones that I have received information about. I will be glad to publish others if you send me the information about them. -Leroy

ROY LANE DEDMON (1915-1987)

After I began the Dedmon research project, I decided in order to locate all the Dedmons, they had to find me as once the girls marry, they usually do not wear the name any longer. I created the Dedmon.org web page in order to provide an avenue through which I might be



ROY L. DEDMON

found. Almost immediately, to my surprise, I received a phone call from a cousin who informed me she had located her ancestors on my web page. "We are descendents of Alfred Dedmon", she exclaimed. Alfred was a half brother to my grandfather. All of a sudden I had found dozens of cousins. Included in this list is Roy Lane Dedmon. Roy and I share the same great-grandfather, William D. Dedmon. According to Family Tree Maker, we are half second cousins. Also, because Hannah Dedmon married David M. Dickson, who was my mother's great-grandfather, we are third cousins once removed.

On November 22, 1940, Roy and his brother Guy enlisted in the Army. They took their basic training at Camp Polk, Louisiana. After basic training, Roy went into the 1st Cavalry (the last Cavalry unit in the Army) and Guy was in Armory. Roy's training for the 1st Cavalry was at Ft. Bliss, Texas. Roy was honorably discharged in 1942 to accept his officers' commission. In June 1942 he re-entered the service as a 2nd Lieutenant. For the rest of 1942 and 1943 he was stationed at Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, Ft. Riley, Kansas, and Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. In 1944, Roy was sent to Ft. Riley for officer's advanced training and then to Europe.



(L-R) ROY AND GUY

In December of 1944, his brother, Guy, was killed in Belgium when a grenade was thrown into his tank. Roy was part of the European land war with General George Patton. He went all the way to the Battle of the Bulge as part of the 7th Armored Division. During that time he was promoted to Captain. In 1946 he left the Army to become an active member of the Army Reserves. In 1949, he left the reserves and joined the National Guard. Roy received notice in August 1950, to return to active service with the Army and in October was promoted to Major. On November 18, 1954, he was promoted to Lt. Colonel. He retired from active service in 1965. Roy's son, *Arthur Guy Dedmon II*, served in the Army in Viet Nam in EOD (Explosive Ordnance Disposal). He presently lives in Nashville, TN. *(I plan to run the full story of Roy Lane Dedmon's family in the next issue of the DEDMON CONNECTION.)*

ADAM MILLER

Staff Sgt. Adam Miller served in Japan, Korea, Iraq, and 29 Palms. He was a Logistics Specialist in Food Service. In Iraq he set up combat food kitchen stations at Haditha Dam on the Syrian Border. He appeared on



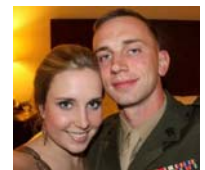
ADAM MILLER

Dinner Impossible with Robert Irvine when they filmed episode at 29 Palms. When he returned to "civil life" he took a short break and went to college at UNC in Charlotte where he studied art. After college he enlisted in the reserves. After serving some time in supply, he is now doing career planning.

Adam and his wife Jessica Lockavitch live in Concord, NC. He owns the **Da Vin Tee Design Studio** where



he is a Prepress Graphic Designer. Adam and Jessica became parents on July 28, 2012 when Adam Ramsey Miller II, made his presence known to this world.



Adam Miller, is the son of John and Susan Dedmon Miller. He is also the grandson of Roy Lane Dedmon. His wedding to Jessia Lockavitch was featured recently in the DEDMON CONNECTION.



SPC JEFFREY F. NICHOLS
KIA 5-1-08 IN IRAQ

Jeffrey F. Nichols

Sept. 15, 1986 - May 1, 2008

Facebook opened a brand new world to finding our Dedmon cousins. I have lost count at the ones I have met over the past several years. The creation of the Dedmon Family web page in the late 90s introduced me to many relatives, but I believe Facebook has done better.

Among those I have found is Cathy Miears of Granite Shoals, Texas. She is from Los Alamitos, California, born Catherine Lee Dedmon to her parents, Harold Edward and Betty Lou Smith Dedmon, Sr. Her grandfather was Gordon Lee Dedmon. I thought it interesting as my father also was Gordon Lee Dedmon, but of course not the same person. Her son Jeff was born Sept 15, 1986 and was 21 years old when he was killed by an IED explosion in eastern Baghdad. He was stationed at Fort Polk, Louisiana boot camp was at Ft. Sill Oklahoma. He



CATHY MIEARS

was on his way to a community affairs meeting in Iraq when he was killed. In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife Kasey and his 5 yr old son Sonny, 3 sisters Elizabeth Aguilera, Kara Chick, and Rheadene Miears.



James E. Dedmon

James E. Dedmon, 82, of Bowling Green, died Tuesday at The Medical Center in Bowling Green. He was born on February 23, 1929, a son of the late William and Oma L. Anderson Dedmon. He is also preceded in death by a sister, Nona Wood. He was graduate of college high and a veteran of the Korean War. He was employed by Kentucky Department of Highways and retired after 34 years of service. He was also a former deacon of Forest Park Baptist Church, retired beef cattle farmer and member of the NRA.

He is survived by a wife, Virginia Doris Bewley Dedmon; a son, Dwight Dedmon and a daughter, Jennifer Harlow (Tim) all of Bowling Green as well as several nieces and nephews. Family request expressions of sympathy to take the form of donations to Life Way Community Church, 2896 Plano Road, Bowling Green, KY 42104 Funeral service will be at 10:00 am Thursday at Johnson-Vaughn-Phelps Funeral Home with burial in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM Wednesday at Johnson-Vaughn-Phelps Funeral Home.

(There are many Dedmons not in our data base. I am hoping some day to tie up all the "loose ends". Somebody who knows this family please help with much needed information. -- Leroy)

Jeffrey Allen Dedmon

(9-1-51 to 10-20-1971)

Jeffrey was the ggrandson of Mark Dedmon, who was a brother to my ggrandfather. He entered the Air Force at the age of 19. He took his basic at Lackland AFB in Texas and served in the Airforce Military



Police. He died in a car accident on the night he returned home from his Tour of Duty, while giving a friend a ride home. He had little or no sleep on his return flight from Thailand. He was buried at Westminster Memorial Park Mortuary until recently (1999) when his remains were exumed, cremated and moved to Rose Hills Mortuary to be put in the Mausoleum. His mother's dying wish that he be put to rest beside her. Jeffrey was a brother to Cathy Miears

Ronald Eugene Dedman

Specialist Four

B CO, 4TH BN, 21ST INFANTRY,
11TH INFANTRY BDE,
AMERICAL DIV, USARV
Army of the United States
Wells, Nevada
May 20, 1948 to March 09, 1969

Leslie Paul Dedman

Specialist Four

D CO, 4TH ENG BN, 4TH INF
DIV, USARV
Army of the United States
Birmingham, Alabama
Dec. 29, 1945 to Nov. 12, 1966

Tony Dedman

Specialist Four

B CO, 1ST BN, 503RD INFANTRY,
173RD ABN BDE, USARV
Army of the United States
La Grange, Illinois
February 14, 1944 to May 17, 1966

Donald Clay Dedmon

Staff Sergeant

DET A-342 (DONG XOAI), 5TH
SF GROUP, US ARMY SPT CMD
VIETNAM, MACV
Army of the United States
Chicago, Illinois
August 30, 1934 to June 10, 1965



Thomas Henry Crawford Dedmon

(1846-1910)

Thomas enlisted to serve in the Confederacy on July 1, 1861 as T.H. Dedmon, on CSA Muster Roll of Company H, 2nd Regiment in the



Georgia Volunteer Infantry. He served for nine months and thirteen days. He was wounded twice.

NEWS ABOUT OUR COUSINS



6/12/2012 - LUKE AIR FORCE BASE, ARIZ.

Tops In Blue, the United States Air Force's premier entertainment group, took center stage at the Grand Canyon University Arena in Phoenix, June 5. Among the entertainers was some "hometown" talent was Senior Airman **Joleen Dedmon**, a dental assistant in the 944th Medical Squadron.



JOLEEN DEDMON

The 29-member group performed a free, 90-minute show, inviting people to "listen" to the music of life through the sounds we hear every day. Dedmon first place in the female vocalist category at the Air Force Worldwide Talent Search held in January in San Antonio before she was selected as a member of this year's Tops In Blue team.

Known as the Air Force's Expeditionary Entertainers, this year's team of Active-Duty and Reserve military members will travel to 20 countries and perform almost 130 shows in 10 months.

Celebrating more than 59 years, Tops In Blue serves as an expeditionary entertainment unit providing quality entertainment from within Air Force resources for the Air Force family, with priority on Air Force personnel stationed worldwide at remote and deployed locations.

For more information on the Tops In Blue program or how to join, visit their website at www.topsinblue.com.

THE FOLDS OF HONOR FOUNDATION

The Folds of Honor Foundation is rallying a nation to ensure no family is left behind in the fight to preserve American freedom. Through scholarships and other assistance, they give back to the spouses and children of soldiers killed or disabled in service to our country. They provide healing, hope and an opportunity for dreams to be realized. With the support of people like you. They feel it is their duty as citizens of the greatest country in the world.



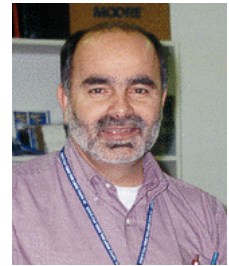
J.J. DEDMON

J.J. Dedmon had the honor recently to sing the National Anthem for the Folds of Honor Golf tournament to raise scholarship money for the children of fallen soldiers. It is always good to see our family in the news... if it is good news. -Leroy

DANNY McBEE

Danny was one of the first contacts I made when beginning the Dedmon family project. I could not write better than he, so I am printing it as he sent.

Leroy, I served four years in the Air Force on active duty and two years inactive duty. I joined in January of 1967 and reported for duty on April 10, 1967. I took my basic training in San Antonio, Texas. I was so young as I had just turned 19 years old. I had never been much anywhere outside of my hometown until then. I got my first promotion before I went to basic training because I joined on the Delayed Enlistment Program. I took my training for my Air Force Specialty Code [AFSC] in San Antonio too. I was an Air Policeman, stationed in Washington State at the Fairchild Air Force Base in Spokane after I finished my training. I served there for less than a year and was sent to Guam on a Temporary Duty Assignment [TDY] as part of the Arc Light Mission to Vietnam. Our B-52s were being sent from Anderson Air Force Base, Guam to Vietnam as part of the bombing mission. We were providing security for the B-52s and the KC-135 refueling planes. I came back to Spokane in late 1968 from Guam. I cross-trained and became our Company Clerk. I had great hours, working 7-5 Monday through Friday. I came home in November of 1968 and married my girlfriend, of two years, Belinda Kay Thomas. Belinda was a senior in high school. She stayed home and finished high school and came to Spokane when she graduated the next May. We began a family about a year and a half after she got to Spokane. Our son, Jonathan Albert McBee was born on August 30, 1970 at the Fairchild Air Force Base Hospital in Spokane, Washington. I received a Permanent Change of Station [PCS] to Guam for 18 months. I only had 14 months left so I turned down the PCS assignment and did not get another assignment. I stayed at Fairchild for my entire time after my basic training with the exception of the 6 month TDY duty in Guam. I was promoted to Sergeant after I had been in for a year and a half. I loved my time in service. I lost so many friends in Vietnam that I went to high school with. God kept me out of harms way as did the prayers of my wife, Mother and family. I wanted to go but I did not have to go. All of my six brothers Jack, J. B., Buster, Larry, Pat and Bobby were also in service. Jack, J. B. and Pat were in the Army. Buster and Larry were in the Marine Corps. Bobby and I served in the United States Air Force. My sisters Billie, Gail and Irene all married soldiers. Have a great day cousin. Love you. Danny Albert McBee.



MORE DEDMONS IN THE MILITARY

Joseph Hal Dedmon

(Birth: Feb. 14, 1938 Death: Jan. 20, 2011)



Joseph Hal Dedmon, 72, died Thursday, January 20, 2011, at Crawley Hospital after a long illness. He was born to A.V. and Lizzie Lee Kendrick Dedmon on February 14, 1938 in Rowan County. Joe grew up in Cleveland County and graduated from Shelby High School in 1956. He attended Gardner-Webb College (now University), and after service in the *US Army*, graduated from Limestone College in 1966 with a BA Degree in Business Administration. Joe was always interested in mechanical things and spent his adult life working at A.V. Dedmon Trucking, Inc., in charge of truck maintenance. He had served as Secretary-Treasure of the business, at the time of his death he held the office of Executive Vice-President.

Among Joe's hobbies were travel, gardening, and the restoration of a 1946 Mack truck, which was exhibited at the American Truck Historical Society meeting in Greensboro in 1997. Joe had a "giving" heart and when he gardened, he grew extra food to give to friends who had no garden.

In addition to his parents, Joe was preceded in death by his brother, Richard Kendrick Dedmon, and a special friend, Evelean Deviney. Survivors are siblings Mary Ruth Dedmon Hord and husband, Horace; Doris Ann Dedmon Steele and husband, Dale; Charles E. Dedmon and wife, Doris; Sue Dedmon Dover and husband, Troy; Roy Lee Dedmon and wife, Connie; and sister-in-law, Sandy Schenck Dedmon. He was fondly known as "Uncle Joe" by nieces, nephews and their spouses, including Deborah Hord, Melanie Hord and Felipe Arauz, Charlotte Hord Smith and Scott, Emily Hord MacMillan and John, Karen Steele Havey and Daniel, Carol Steele Stephens and Mike, Lisa Dedmon Austin and John, Lora Dedmon, Lynda Dedmon, Lenita Dedmon Griffin and Dan, Tyson Dover, Lizzie Grace Dedmon Urizar and Carlos, Sarah Gwen Dedmon Caple and Benjamin, AnnaLee Victoria Dedmon, Susannah Dedmon and Travis Pryduluk, and Garth Dedmon. Also those who cherish his memory are Misty Shope and husband, Dwayne and their children, Mary Alexis and Ella Grace and many great-nieces and nephews, cousins and friends.



The family will receive friends from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM, Sunday, January 23, 2011 at Elizabeth Baptist Church in the Adult 7 Mens Sunday school class. At other times the family will be at the home of Charles and Doris Dedmon, 1108 Rollingwood Drive, Shelby, NC.

A funeral service will be held at 3:00 PM, Sunday, Jan. 23, 2011 at Elizabeth Baptist Church with the Rev. Dr. Rit Varriale, Rev. Jeff Brendle and the Rev. Dr. Dale Steele officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Memorials may be made to the donor's choice.



These are some of the Dedmons I located on the internet. I have no idea how they are attached to the family tree, but hoping some of you will know and inform me.



HAROLD DEDMON

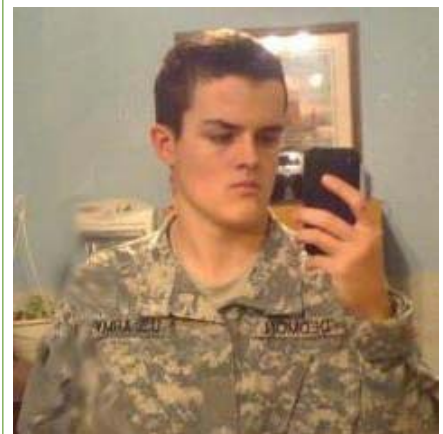
Hometown: WARREN, MS

Rank: CPL Branch: Army

War: Korea

Date of Death: July 25, 1953

Location of Death: Korea



JACOB DEDMON

Medical Specialist

United States Army

68W Medic

Nov 23, 2011 to present

Belle Plaine, Kansas

WILLIAM S. DEDMON

Gillespie County, Texas

Served in the Army of Texas, 1836

Born February 22, 1817

Died July 1, 1887

Bobby Gene Dedmon (1946-2012)

Bobby Gene Dedmon, age 65, passed away Friday, June 29, 2012, at Ft. Sanders Regional



Medical Center surrounded by his family. At his side when he passed were: his wife, Velma "Sam" Sneed Dedmon; his son and daughter-in-law, Rick and Melissa Dedmon; his granddaughters, Brooke and Lainey Dedmon; and his sister and brother-in-law, Martha and Lowell Greene; his brother and sister-in-law, Billy and Debbie Dedmon; his niece and nephew-in-law, Rhonda and Phillip Poston; and great nieces Lexi and Kira Poston; and his wife's sister and husband, Joni and Chuck Boheler. He is also survived by a nephew, Chris Greene and his family Denita, Jordan, Jasa, and Kali.

He was born in Shelby, NC to Bryan Crawford Dedmon (deceased) and Daisy Mae Gray Dedmon (deceased). He graduated from Shelby High School in 1965 and served his country in the *United States Air Force*. He received his college degree from Northeast Alabama State Junior College where he was a member of Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Fraternity. He raised his son in Scottsboro, AL and Dalton GA where he was actively involved in his church and local civic organizations. After a few years in Gastonia and High Point NC he settled in Sevierville, TN where he lived until his death.

He was a member of First Baptist Church Sevierville. He was employed with Wyndham Vacations in the travel industry that he loved so much and worked until the day he fell ill. When not working he spent his time with Sam and his little dog Buddy walking the river trails behind their home. Having a passion for travel, he was always planning his next big trip.

The family will be receiving friends on Saturday, July 7, 2012 from 6 PM. until 8 PM. at Westwood Heights Baptist Church, 650 Dellinger Rd., Shelby, NC. A private graveside service and burial will be held the following day officiated by Rev. David Costner of Westwood Heights Baptist Church. Local arrangements by McCarty Funeral Directors and Cremation Services, Sevierville, TN

Mark Dedmon (1758-1839)

Notes from Jim Dedmon: Mark was a *Revolutionary War Vet.* (Source: Rev. War pension files--abstracts). He fought in the battle of Cowpens and Kings Mountain as well as a number of Indian scrimmages. There were approximately 750 Patriots at the two major battles Mark took part in. One of those Patriots was Daniel Boone's father. Prior to Mark, our ancestors spelled their name Deadman. Mark was the first recorded to spell his name Dedmon.

Notes from Tim Dedmon: Mark enlisted in the Revolutionary War on August 5 1779 under Capt. Lyons and Col. Locke and was in the taking of several Indian towns. He enlisted again in the fall of 1780 under Col. Knighter and Capt. William Wilson, and Maj. McDowell in the NC troops and was in the battle of Cowpens and the skirmish at Sherrill's Ford on the Catawba River. In 1781, Mark re-enlisted and served in Rowen County, NC under Capt. Knighter, Maj. Smith and Gen. Rutherford. He was allowed pension on application executed September 12, 1842 and his widow was allowed pension on her application January 27, 1842.

Rad Foster Dedmon

Born Nov. 2, 1918, in Davie County, Mr. Dedmon was a son of the late Sallie Foster and Herbert Marshall Dedmon. He was educated in the Davie County schools. *A World War II veteran of the U.S. Army*, he landed on Day 1 of the Normandy invasion. He also served in the Korean War and served two terms of duty in the Vietnam War. Mr. Dedmon was owner/operator of Dedmon Sewing Machine Co. He attended N. Creek Primitive Baptist Church in Davie County. He was a member of the Spencer Moose Lodge, the VFW and Spencer American Legion Post No. 241, where he had served as commander and chief. He served on the athletic board of American Legion baseball and coached girls basketball at Spencer School. He was a former member of the Spencer Jaycees.

Howard V. Dedmon

Howard V. Dedmon, 86, of Fort Smith, passed away on Monday, April 6, 2009. He was an *Army Veteran of WWII*, and retired from Dixie Cup. Graveside services with Military Honors will be held at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, April 8, 2009 at the U.S. National Cemetery in Fort Smith. He is survived by his wife, Virginia, five sons: Randy Dedmon and wife Cheryl of Lowell, AR, Mike Dedmon and wife Annette of Muldrow, OK, Marty Dedmon and wife Judy of Washburn, AR, Larry Dedmon of Cabot, AR and Karry Dedmon and wife Beverly of Witcherville, AR, three step children: Glenn Kutter and wife Sheila of Van Buren, AR, Gene Kutter and wife Margie of Van Buren, AR and Kevan Kutter and wife Lynn of Farmington, AR, 15 grandchildren, and 10 great grandchildren. *(Howard could possibly be the son of Alonzo C. (Lon) Dedmon. The age is right)*

George David Dedmon



George D. Dedmon, of Red Bank, died Sunday, March 6, 2011. He was born May 3, 1948. He retired from EPB

and served six years in the *U.S. Army National Guard* earning Master Marksman. David was a member of Red Bank Baptist Church and a graduate of Red Bank High School. He was preceded in death by his father, Noah Dedmon and mother, Marietta Card Dedmon. Survivors include his loving wife, Sherry Leffew Dedmon; daughter, Angie Dedmon Ellis; grandchildren, Haleigh, Hannah and Joseph; children by marriage, Christy Jenkins Roy, Janet Jenkins Payne, Chris Jenkins and Jeremy Jenkins; grandchildren, Tristan, Connor, Seth, McKayla, Ashlyn, Lilly, Chase, Caleb and Sophia. Funeral services will be at 1 PM. on Wed. March 9, at Lane Funeral Home, 601 Ashland Terrace, with Dr. Fred Steelman officiating. Interment will follow in Hamilton Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be after 2 PM. on Tuesday, March 8, and 10 AM.-1 PM. on Wednesday, March 9, at Lane Funeral Home, 601 Ashland Terrace.

David descends from Mark Dedmon, who was a brother to my great grandfather, William D. Dedmon. Some of you may remember the research done by Tim Dedmon on Mark, who was killed by the revenue officers here in Catoosa County.

Robert “Bob” E. Dedmon

(Fort Mill, York County, SC & TN) Mr. Dedmon, 73, passed away Aug. 19, 2005 at Carolinas Medical Center Main. Bob was born August 16, 1932 in Lebanon [Wilson County], TN. 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. Bob is survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Virginia Dedmon of the home; his son, James Robert Dedmon of Matthews, NC; two daughters, Catherine Sigurdson and husband Mike of Ft. Mill, SC and Laura Price and Husband Paul of Stanfield, NC; his mother, Ida Mai Inman of Franklin, TN; two grandchildren, Jennifer and Elizabeth Sigurdson of Ft. Mill, SC; his half brother, Kevin Inman and wife Kathy of Murfreesboro, TN; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Bob is preceded in death by his father, William Dedmon. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Leukemia Research Foundation, 2700 Patriot Boulevard, Suite # 100, Glenview, IL 60026-8021, and 1-888-558-5385. McEwen Funeral Service Pineville Chapel is serving the Dedmon Family.”

Troy Dale Dickson

RINGGOLD Troy Dale Dickson, 86, a native of Catoosa County, passed away Sunday, Jan. 29, 2012, at his daughters home in Crossville, Tenn. He was the oldest child of the late John “Alec” and Lucille Dickson, and the brother of the late Paul Dickson and Carl Dickson, all of Ringgold. Troy served eight years in the *Navy* and 23 years in the *Air Force* from 1943-1974, as a Master Sergeant in the Intelligence Division. Living relatives include two daughters, Julia (Richard) Nichols, of Crossville Tenn., and Frieda (Larry) Von Werssowetz, of Hewitt, N.J.; three grandsons; two granddaughters; and one great-grandson; sisters, Barbara (Bob) Shields, Wilma (Bud) Scott, Audrey (Bill) Collison, Martha (Jack) Baggett, and Linda Dickson, all of Ringgold, Doris (Bill) Pitts, of Tunnel Hill, GA. A military tribute to his honor will be held at the Catoosa Citizens and Veterans Memorial at the Colonnade in Ringgold, GA., at 3 PM. Friday, March 9. In case of rain, the service will be moved to the VFW on Park City Road in Fort Oglethorpe. Memorial contributions may be made to any learning center or library for children’s books.

Troy Dickson was my mother’s first cousin that I mentioned in the article on page 2. Growing up, the Dicksons were among our closest cousins. -Leroy

STANLEY DEDMON

Stanley Dedmon, was a pilot on an aircraft carrier that was on a mission taking pictures when the radar went out on the plane and they hit the side of a mountain.

Stanley was the great grandson of Abram Oliver Dedmon and first cousin to my grandfather.. Abram married Rachel Gentry, the sister of my great grandmother, Rosa Elisa Gentry Dickson. -(LD)

JESSE THOMAS DEDMON 1938-2006

My first cousin, Jesse served in the *US Navy*. He was the son of my father’s brother, Paul Dedmon. He is buried in Gordy Memorial Gardens at Tunnel Hill, GA.