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### LEAVING A LEGACY

When my good friend Jim Dearman, the host of the television program, “Good News Today”, asked me to do a five minute segment called “Leaving a Legacy”, my first thought was what can I leave anyone. After pondering on the idea a few days, I decided maybe I could leave to others what was left to me. In the poem, Ulysses, Alfred Lord Tennyson said, “I am a part of all that I have met.” I suppose most of us can make that statement. Often our subconscious picks up on things we see in others and shows in our actions. If you doubt this, just go out to the Little League Baseball field and watch the youngsters. You can tell by the way they swing the bat, throw the glove, spit and yes, scratch, who their favorite major league baseball player is. I have a collection of 1000 to 1500 sermons on file, that I have prepared over the last 50+ years. While there is some originality in most of them, I have to admit that the basic outline was gleaned from other preachers in some cases. Of course, I try to adapt and put into each sermon my own personality and thoughts. With that in mind the least one can do is pass on what was passed to him.

Actually, when I began this little family research project, I had in mind to leave my children and grandchildren a better knowledge of who we are as a family than I knew growing up. I still find it hard to believe my family never knew the family of Tim Dedmon, who also grew up in the Chattanooga area. It has been exciting finding all the cousins I never knew existed. I have not only got to know Tim, but also his brother, Wayne and Sarah the daughter of Wayne. I met Sarah on Facebook, while searching for family members. At the time she was in school at Faulkner University in Montgomery, Alabama. She has since graduated and attended the worship services several times at Ooltewah, where I now preach. Jane and I, along with other church members, including my nephew Brian Dedmon and his family have shared several meals with her. Tim is doing a great service with his DNA research which I feature in this issue of the DEDMON CONNECTION. I encourage all to become familiar with his work. Recently, my nephew Brian, ran across a cousin in Dalton, who works for the Sheriff's Department. The cousin who, saw the name Dedmon on Brian's highway patrol uniform, told him that his mother was a Dedmon. When Brian brought me the information, I realized she was Tim Dedmon's sister.

If nothing else has been accomplished, I believe this project has brought the family closer together. I still find it rather amazing at the number of “relatives” I find that do not know their ancestors past their grandparents and some do not even know the grandparents. I can relate though, because I was over 50 years old before I knew anyone beyond my grandparents. Of course, the sad part is I never asked. I have often wished I had become interested in this before my grandmother passed away. She knew “first hand” so many of my ancestors on both sides of the family. Mother was a tremendous help in giving me so many names. Even when I thought I had received all the information she had, I could mention a name and she would add dozens to it.

Another interesting part of the research is finding those whom I have known, but did not know they were kin. Included in this group are the Thomas Broome family, the Crane family, John Wagner (our treasurer at the Bremen church where I preached) and Alan Wells. I am sure there are others as my extended family is quite large and growing. I have dozens of Dedmon friends on Facebook, that I have never met and don't know how they are attached to the family tree. In time I trust the information will be available and I will pass it on.

**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!!!!*

*My cousin, Tim Dedmon, sent me a copy of Edmond Deadman's will. As most wills, it contains very important family information. -Leroy*

#### Edmond Deadman's 1813 Rowan County Will

In the name of God, Amen. I Edmond Dedmon of the state of North Carolina and County of Rowan being weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given to God and calling to mind the mortality of my body, knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die and after death the judgement, do make and ordain this my last will and Testament. Principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it and my body to the Earth to be buried in a decent Christian like manner, at the discretion of my friends and Executors, nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God, and astounding (?) such worldly estate, wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life, I devise and dispose of the same in manner and form as follows

1st - I will that all my just debts and funeral charges be paid by my Executors.

2nd - I will and bequeath unto my beloved wife Elizabeth Deadmon as much of the household goods and kitchen furniture as she shall think proper to set apart out of my estate at my death for her support, and also she is to have out of my stock of horses, cattle, hogs, sheep, and farming utensils as far as may be necessary for her use and support and further she is to have all the ready money in hand (if any) at my death, and also I will unto her my Negro fellow Joe during her natural life, and after her death the right of said Negro is to devolve (?) on my son Elijah Deadman. Which above mentioned goods, cash, and property I will unto my wife above named, for and during the term of her natural life and no longer, and after her decease, what remains of the same - the Negro excepted - to be sold at publick sale, and the money arising from such sale to be equally divided among my five daughters hereafter mentioned. And further it is my will and desire that all the rest of my personal estate (exclusive of what my wife shall set apart for herself as above mentioned) after my death be sold at publick sale and the profits arising from the sale and all money due to my estate at my death be equally divided among my five daughters Namely Elenor Poore, Elizabeth Hainline, Temperance Cross (?), Comfort Spriggs, and Rebecca Cavender, which money is to be paid to my above mentioned daughters as soon as may be convenient after the money is collected on their making application for the same which money I will to them, their heirs or assigns forever.

I will unto my son William Deadman the tract of land whereon I now live, said to contain two hundred and nine acres and a quarter, be the same more or less, reserving unto my wife the mansion house and other buildings with as much of the plantation as she can cultivate towards raising a support. Which privilege I grant unto her for the term of her lifetime if she chuses to accept of the same, which land and premises together with all the improvements and advantages of every kind thereunto belonging, I will unto him, his heirs and assigns forever.

I will unto my son Elijah Deadman the aforementioned Negro man named Joe, and the right of said Negro man to descend unto him after my wife's death (as afore mentioned) and not until then. Which Negro man I will unto him his heirs and assigns forever.

And I do hereby ordain, constitute and affirm my son William Deadman together with my son-in-law Jacob Hainline executors of this my last will and testament, revoking and disannulling all former wills and bequeath by me made, either in writing or in a verbal manner, ratifying this and no other to be my last will and testament in writing which I have hereunto set my hand and seal this sixteenth day of July one thousand eight hundred eight.

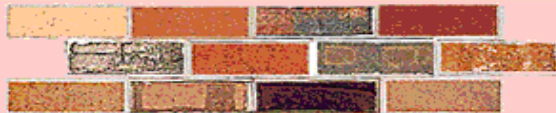
Signed sealed published and pronounced in the presence of  
William (his mark X) Sane (?)  
Jacob (his mark X) Baker  
Signed  
Edmond (his mark ED) Deadman

NB the following words } the Negro escaped, interline(?) before sign.

Since most lists of the children of Edmond contains the name "Poose" and it is not in the will, I sent the following email to Tim. *"Thanks Tim. Very interesting.... Was there ever any info on the child of Edmond named "Poose"... kinda strange nickname unless is papoose....Leroy*

*To which he replied:* "I have seen that name thrown around, but I have yet to see exactly where it fits into the family. I have attached a copy of Edmond's will and he only mentions two sons Elijah and William. I think someone may have added Poose or Posey trying to attach someone to the family. -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.*

*The following email from Tim Dedmon, the project manager of the Debenham Surname DNA project sent me the following email. While some of the results may be disturbing, it does in fact answer some of the "Brick Wall" questions that have plagued us for several years. One thing is certain "people are human" and our actions do in fact affect generations to come. I know in our family we have "half cousins" and "step cousins", but we are still family. The only grandfather I really ever knew was my mother's step father and not my real grandfather... he still was. Thank you Tim for the great work you are doing. -Leroy*

Leroy, I am sending you some information that you asked for about our Debenham Surname DNA Project: <http://www.familytreedna.com/public/debenham> that I started in 2010 in hopes it will spark some interest within our family and grow our membership. To join our project will you need to take a 37 marker Y-DNA test with FamilyTreeDNA, the worlds first and largest genealogical DNA company in the world. Presently the test costs \$149. Taking the test is very simple, you can view a video about taking the test by doing a search on the internet : "How To Take A Family Tree DNA Test-You Tube" We encourage females to join our project by having a male relative with the Deadman/Dedmon etc last name take the 37 marker Y-DNA test.

Y-DNA is passed from father to son from generation to generation without change except for mutations. Right now we have eleven members and five family lineages that came from a little Hamlet in the town of Deben, England (Debenham). At this time we have two Deadman lines going back to Debenham, their members tested I1 and I1d on the Haplogroup tree. Meaning they had the same father but it was about four thousand years ago. The I1 members test results fell on the Anglo-Saxon side of the I1 Haplogroup tree and we are calling this group the Anglo-Saxon Deadman Line. The I1d members test results fell on the Viking side of the I1 Haplogroup Tree with the I1d members coming mostly from Norway and we are calling this group the Norman Viking Deadman Line. It is a very exciting project. Some of the things we have accomplished/confirmed thru our projects Y-DNA testing in the three years:

(1) We have confirmed two Debenham surname families that were thought to be from different lines but were from the same family in the Sapiston-Redgrave Line. (2) We have confirmed that John Dedman born 1778 in Rutherford County, North Carolina and died January 30, 1860 in Smith County, Tennessee and married to Susan Hunt was not the son of Mark Dedmon (Revolutionary Soldier). We believe John was taken in at a young age by Mark Dedmon's family and later given his last name. The descendents of John will be put in the John Dedman Line of our project. (3) We have confirmed Seneca Dedmon's father was Isaac Dennett Manley, and Seneca's descendents will be put in the Seneca Dedmon Line of our project. (4) The most gratifying thing for me in the three years was talking a Dedmond family member into joining our project with the help of Von Hamrick. We were hoping that he might be the link to solving the Jamie White story. As it turned out, he was not a Dedmond, while his father was fighting in World War II his mother had relations with someone else, and with the test results and family information we were able to find his real father. After the shock and hurt, he later sent me a very nice e-mail thanking me for adding the final piece to the puzzle of his life and that he had legally changed his last name. I don't know if Von ever received that e-mail, thank you, Von.

Some of the things we hope to accomplish in the future is to confirm the Norman Viking Deadman Line by finding a Deadman family in England that matches their DNA. About the time this line came to America in 1674 and settled in Patapsco, Baltimore County, Maryland there was a Jonathan Tipton born in 1657 and died January 21, 1757 in Baltimore County, Maryland. The DNA tests results confirm the two families had a common ancestor around/before this time. A branch of the Norman Viking Deadman Line are all Tiptons or all of the Tipton descendents from Jonathan Tipton are Deadman's. The truth is better than not knowing. Hopefully we will be able to find the family of John Dedman b 1778 in Rutherford County, North Carolina. I'm searching for a couple of quality Debenham Surname DNA Project members that are interested in DNA research to be co-administrators of the Project and carry on the research that has been started. It would be great to have a project member for each of the variant surnames from the Debenham lineage. We are currently looking for Debnam Surname project members,

Christopher Dedmon Line project members. I have seen the DNA results of a Christopher Dedmon family member and they do not match the DNA of the Norman Viking Deadman Line or the Anglo-Saxon Deadman Line. There are two brothers that would prove or disprove the Jamie White story if we could get either one of them to join our project, Jim Dedmond b 1952 who lives in Jacksonville, North Carolina and Bill Dedmond b 1953 who lives in Washington,DC. If either one of them would contact me at my e-mail address tdedmon@epbfi.com I will pay for their DNA test with funds from our projects general fund. I am hoping as we grow the different surnames tests will start matching each other. If you look in the news section of our website you will find the Kit#'s of our members and their father to son lineage. Please consider giving a financial gift to the general fund of our project at the bottom of our website, the money will be used to help with the cost of the tests for new members who would not otherwise join our project. If I can help or answer any questions please e-mail me. -Tim

***I sent Tim an email inquiring more into the Tipton and if we knew when and where this took place. He replied with the following.***

As for the Tipton situation we have no idea who the mother was when we had the same father, if we did it would be easy. Y-DNA is passed only from father to son, although genealogical DNA testing is in its infancy stages, maybe one day we will be able to pinpoint which generation it may have happened in. Right now all we have is percentages. I'm going to list a generation with the percentage that our common ancestor with the Tipton family happened within this time frame. Keep in mind that it was eleven generations back when John Deadman b 1632 came to America with his two sons in 1674: Four Generations - 5.21%, Seven Generations- 32.27%, Eight Generations - 44.17%, Nine Generations - 55.66%, Ten Generations - 65.96%, Eleven Generations - 74.67%, Twelve Generations- 81.66%, Fourteen Generations - 91.06%, Sixteen Generations - 95.98%, Twenty Generations - 99.33%, Twenty four Generations - 99.91%.

***At least we know more than we did and maybe someday we will know even more. Of course if you go back far enough we will all have a common ancestor. If we don't catch him in Noah, we still have Adam. Thanks Tim....***

## From the Mail Bag

**From:** kenzda@gmail.com  
**To:** Leroy and Jane Dedmon  
**Subject:** Newsletter



The opening article on volume 79 may be one of the best that you have written in my opinion. I am not sure I had heard the story of granddaddy quitting smoking. I knew that he had smoked but don't think I had heard that. And as far as I know, (Name omitted) is the only grandchild that uses/used tobacco (not sure if he still does, but I thought he used smokeless for a while). Oh I am sure all of us tried it but thank goodness we put it down. Hate that stuff. The story of the remodeling brought back lots of memories. I "helped" do all that stuff. Although I was very young so I imagine I was more in the way but I really did learn a lot from both of them. I did not get grandmother's green thumb but I did get her love of gardening and granddaddy taught me so much about home repairs. Anyway, nice work. -Ken (Price)

*Ken is the oldest child of my sister Carolyn and Claude Price. He spent most of his "growing up" years here in the Valley. I have encouraged him to submit some "Down Memory Lane" articles.*

**From:** JMBHDB@aol.com  
**To:** gldedmon@windstream.net  
**Subject:** Family

Leroy, love the story about your daughter, Gwen's birth in Volume 78 and wonderful story about your parents in Volume 79 .... Under Brick-Wall - 1st email from [Dedmon@yahoogroups.com](mailto:Dedmon@yahoogroups.com). I was looking in my FTM genealogy program notes and have a notation for Robert Taliaferro >>> "Colonial VA and Their MD Relatives by Norma TUCKER page 1 - 116 TUCKER Family" <<I'm not sure what it means but maybe something there that would be helpful - not being my line I didn't pursue. Terrific newsletters.... appreciate being on your mailing list. - Jackie Mae Bishop

**From:** Carole T [mailto:carolet1@earthlink.net]  
**Subject:** Re: family

I am here! I am still kicking!  
My Mom is not doing well. We have her in a nursing home, and hope she will someday get to return home. How are you???? I hope you and your family are well.

*It was good hearing from Carole again. She was the proofreader for the newsletter, but health and family issues caused her to have to give it up. I now depend heavily on my nephew, Ken Price and Cousin John Henson for that important task.*

## MORE ON SENECA DEDMON

*One of the "mysteries" that has hovered over all of the family researchers has been Seneca Dedmon. He was the first Dedmon to show up in the Georgia census and we have searched for many years to find his father. Through the DNA project, and some help from one of his descendents, much information has been learned. I ran a article in a recent newsletter from Tim Dedmon, the administrator of the DNA project, concerning Seneca. As has been the case with other elusive ancestors, his father was not a Dedmon. Now that we know his father was Isaac Manley, we are looking for the mother of Seneca Dedmon. Tim sent me this information to add to our data.*

Leroy, We believe Polly Deadman's full name was Mary Polly Deadman, from Census records she was born between 1776 to 1780. There is nothing written showing Mary and Polly together as being the mother of Seneca Dedmon. In Isaac Dennett Manley's will he states the mother of Seneca and Evalina Deadman is Polly Deadman. We know that Evalina b 1802 was raised by Isaac Freeland and his wife Mary and Evalina went by the Freeland last name and later married a Henry Watkins. I did not see a marriage record of Isaac Freeland and Mary, but we know they had their first son John in 1803. Family information from a bible had been passed down in Seneca's family stating the mother of Seneca was Mary Freeland. Isaac Freeland died in 1818 in Habersham County, Georgia and Mary Freeland appears in the 1820 Habersham County Census with the children. Mary An Freeland appears in the 1830 Habersham County, Georgia Census with her son Seneca Dedmon living next door to her. This is why we believe Polly Deadman and Mary Freeland are the same person, Mary Polly Deadman Freeland. Maybe Polly Deadman was a native American, or a cousin of Rachel Rebecca Deadman, maybe she was a widow of a Revolutionary soldier or maybe she was married to or widowed from the elusive Poose or Posey Deadman. - Tim

*The following note came from my good friend and cousin, John Henson. There was information from and about him in Volume 79.*

**From:** John Henson [mailto:hensoniii@att.net]  
**Subject:** Vol 79

Only the future will ever know the importance of all the work you have done in preparing these newsletters.

JWH.

**REBECCA ELLEN McELHANEY**  
**Dedmon 1864 - 1946**

DEDMON – MRS. REBECCA, age 84, passed away at her residence, Cherokee Boulevard, early Sunday morning. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. George Cain and Mrs. Porter Godsey; three sons, Ed and Tom Dedmon and John Isabell; brother, Charlie McElhaney, of Chattanooga; also survived by 17 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Funeral services conducted by the Revs. W. T. McMahan and W. R. Houser, will be held from the Calvary Baptist Church Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Interment will be in Chattanooga Memorial Park. Pallbearers, active, will be the following nephews: Robert Dudley Talley, Wallace Miller, Roy L. McElhaney, Robert R. McElhaney, Elwood McElhaney and Charles J. McElhaney. Honorary, Andy Houser, Capt. Ed Ricketts, Leslie Runion, Johnnie Walker, Ralph Willimas, Ira Brewer, Sanford Brown, A. O. Pierce, George Schroder, R. L. Taylor, Jack Bennett, Bill Neelby, Fred Polk, Tom Harris, J. T. Hoodenpyle, Murrell Phipps, Everett Rogers, Alex Rogers, Harry Brown, Lee Vandergriff, Luke Hixson, Max Hartman, Ed Hartman, Louis Williams and W. D. Gaston. The remains are at the National Funeral Home and will remain there until the hour of service.

*The Chattanooga Times,*  
*Monday, December 23, 1946.*  
*She was the daughter of Thomas Nolan & Sarah Jane (Frank) McElhaney and wife of Robert Isbell & William J. Dedmon. Tim Dedmon, the administrator of the Debenham DNA Project, is her great grandson.*

## DEATH NOTICES

**CHARLES WILLIAM DEDMON MONROE, La.** - Graveside services for Charles William Dedmon, Sr., 90, of Monroe, La., and formerly of Arcola, will be at 1 p.m. Monday. He died Thursday, Sept. 27, 2012, at St. Francis Medical Center, Monroe. Services are under the direction of Mulhearn Funeral Home, Monroe. Mr. Dedmon owned a furniture and appliance store in Arcola. He first served as alderman and then was elected Mayor of Arcola from 1956 until retiring in 1986. He was a U. S. Army veteran where he saw action in WWII, then was called to active duty in the Korean War.

### JASON DEDMON

VALE - Jason Michael Dedmon, 18, of 7826 Reeps Grove Church Road, died June 21, 2002. A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. today at Reeps Grove United Methodist Church. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Born in Lincoln County, he was a 2002 graduate of West Lincoln High School, where he played football. He was voted Most Spirited in his class and planned to attend Central Piedmont Community College in the fall. Survivors include his parents, Mike and Dawn Dedmon of the home; one brother, Robbie Dedmon of the home; and grandparents, Bob and Marie Dedmon of Vale, and Olivia Sutton of Lincolnton. Memorials may be made to West Lincoln High School Sports Boosters, 172 Shoal Rd., Lincolnton, N.C. 28092; or Reeps Grove United Methodist Church, 7401 Reeps Grove Church Rd., Vale, N.C. 28168. Warlick Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

### BOBBY DEDMON

**Apr 04, 2012**



Bobby Wilson "Deadman" Dedmon, 36, of Smithland died Sunday at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. He was a 1993 graduate of Livingston Central High School and attended West Kentucky Technical School. Bobby was a fifteen year member of Plumbers and Pipe Fitters Local #184. He was a member of Salt and Light Community Church. For the past seven years, he has been an active member of Sons of Silence Motorcycle Club-Kentucky Chapter, and counted his club brothers, Johnny B., Blade, Curby, Joker, Wishbone, Ky Terry, Pyle, Graybeard, Rott and Dogleg as his family.

He was a loving husband to Kimberly Dedmon, his wife of six years; a devoted father to his two sons, Gage and Cole Dedmon; his mother, Glenda (Steve) Ramage of Draffenville; his father, Jimmy (Carolyn) Dedmon of Calvert City; his brother, Tyler Dedmon of Smithland; grandmother, Jackie Dedmon of Gilbertsville; step-siblings, Leah (Keith) Tramble of Salem and Steve Alan (Lauren) Ramage of Smithland; brothers-in-law, Chris (Amanda) Beavers and Justin Beavers; sister-in-law, Julia Laszinger of Connecticut; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Hugh and Stella Steele and Leonard Dedmon.

Funeral services will be held at 12 p.m. Saturday at Milner and Orr Funeral Home of Paducah. Burial will follow at Iuka Cemetery in Livingston County. Visitation will be held from 5-8 pm Friday at the funeral home. A trust fund for his children is being established at Paducah Federal Credit Union, 1600 Clark Street, Paducah, KY 42001.

## DEATH NOTICES

### NANCY D. JOLLY

MOORE - Nancy Loretta Dedmon Jolly, 71, of 4370 Anderson Mill Road, Moore, died November 12, 2002, at Spartanburg Regional Medical Center. Mrs. Jolly was a native of Union, a daughter of the late John C. and Etta Painter Dedmon. She was a charter member of Anderson Mill Road Baptist Church and was a retired homemaker.

Surviving are her husband, William J. Jolly of the home; a daughter, Pamela J. Lockhart of Inman; a sister, Sara Dedmon Caldwell of Spartanburg; two grandchildren, Shanna Danielle Jolly of Inman and McKenzie Johnson Lockhart of Roebuck; and two special friends, Sue Waldrop of Moore and Laur Hawkins of Cowpens.

Mrs. Jolly was predeceased by four brothers, James Dedmon, William Dedmon, John Dedmon Jr. and Roosevelt Dedmon; and two sisters, Annie Belle Dedmon Horne and Mary Dedmon Bradley. Funeral services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. at Bethany Baptist Church by the Rev. Glenn Rusher.

Burial will follow in Oak Grove Baptist Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends Thursday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. The body will be placed in the church at 1 p.m. on Friday. The family is at the home of Robert and Pamela Lockhart, 711 Jordan Creek Road, Inman. Memorials may be made to Greenville Shriners Hospital, 950 West Paris Road, Greenville, S.C. 29605-4277. Bobo Funeral Home has charge of arrangements.

### RUBY DEDMON



“Miss Ruby” Dedmon joined her husband Paul in Heaven Friday, October 19, 2012. She is survived by her two sons Charlie “Chuck” Paul Dedmon, Jr., and his wife Gilda and Phillip Brooks Dedmon, and his wife Rachel, three grandchildren, Charlie Paul Dedmon, III, Rebecca and Aaron. She is also survived by her longtime housekeeper and caregiver Carolyn Daniels of Thomasville.

Ruby Brooks Dedmon was born June 27, 1920 a daughter of Walter and Alma Strawn Brooks, and lived on a farm in southern Guilford County. Mother said that before the summer it would have been her turn to milk the cow, they sold it. She graduated Trinity High School in 1937. In addition to her academic studies, she was very athletic, playing basketball and tennis. She continued playing basketball after school and her team won an Industrial League Championship in High Point.

After graduating high school, she worked in the office of a local textile mill. During World War II, Miss Ruby volunteered for the Red Cross, rolling bandages among other activities including the local hospital and USO dances where the “six inches of separation” rule was strictly enforced and men and women entered and exited by separate doors. Her interests also included sewing, crafts, playing bridge, traveling and cooking.

Miss Ruby met Paul Dedmon and they married May 5, 1951. They were married almost 54 years when he preceded her in death in 2005. Miss Ruby was active in school PTA, charity work and the First United Methodist Church of High Point. After raising her children, she joined Paul in operating Dedmon Produce Co., then Dedmon Warehouse. Additionally, she enjoyed spoiling her three grandchildren. After her husband passed away, Miss Ruby enjoyed visiting with friends and she never met a stranger.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Wednesday in the chapel of the First United Methodist Church of High Point with the Reverend Dr. Christopher Fitzgerald and the Reverend Fran Moran officiating. Interment will follow in Floral Garden Memorial Park. The family will receive friends Tuesday evening from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Cumby Family Funeral Service, High Point.

Miss Ruby enjoyed and the family appreciates all the special attention the numerous caregivers showered on her. The family wishes to thank HomeInstead Senior Care, Greensboro, Bayada Nursing, Lexington, and Lexington Health Care Center, Lexington. Thank you all for taking excellent care of Mother and father. Good bye Mother “Miss Ruby”, we will miss you. In lieu of flowers, please send memorials to the First United Methodist Church of High Point, High Point, NC

*One of the things I have noticed in doing family research is the names that so many family members share. My mother's name was also Ruby Dedmon and I had an uncle named Paul Dedmon. I have also discovered another Gordon Lee Dedmon, which was my father's name and a Gary Dedmon, which is also my son's name.... and yes, there is at least another Leroy Dedmon.*

## DEATH NOTICES

**DEDMON** - Robert Earl Dedmon, Sr., passed away July 22, 2000 in Oakboro, NC. He was a retired Contractor-Owner of Construction & Preventive Maintenance; part owner of Tol-Co., Oakboro, NC; and former part owner of Flame Refractories, Inc., Oakboro, NC; former owner of Londonaire Lounge, Jacksonville, FL, U.S. Army Veteran, member of: DAV, VFW, American Legion, and Mid-Atlantic Chapter 11 Airborne Division Assoc. Mr. Dedmon is survived by four sons; Robert E. (Edie) Dedmon, Jr. of Albemarle, NC, Steve (Suzanne) Dedmon of Orange, Park, FL, Eric Dedmon of Lawtey, FL and Scott Dedmon of Middleburg, FL; two daughters, Karen (Gary) Kelly of Kennesaw, GA and Dena (Joseph) Bowman of Jacksonville, FL; one brother, Fredrick R. (Linda) Dedmon of Jacksonville, FL; 11 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. Visitation will be Wednesday (Today) 6 to 8:30PM at TOWN & COUNTRY FUNERAL HOME, 7242 Normandy Blvd., Jacksonville, FL. Funeral Service will be 2:30 PM at Town & Country Chapel. Interment Riverside Memorial Park. Rev. Roy Vining will be officiating.

### MARY C. JORDAN

**MORGANTON** - Mary Sue Childers Jordan, 76, of Drexel, died May 19, 2001, at Grace Hospital. Born Feb. 4, 1925, in Lincoln County, she was a daughter of the late David L. and **Bessie Lail Dedmon Childers**. She was a homemaker. She was preceded in death by her husband, Melvin Leonard Jordan; a son, Bobby Jordan; a brother, Maynard Childers; and three sisters, Lurene C. Davis, Zelda Kizer and Minnie I. Davis. Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Melvina and Michael Beach of Drexel; a brother, Benny Melton Childers of Taylorsville; a sister, Hattie Virginia Clanton of Gastonia; and two grandsons, Joseph M. Beach and Kelly R. Beach of Drexel. The funeral will be conducted by the Rev. Homer Murdock at 4 p.m. Tuesday at Kirksey Funeral Home. Burial will be in Hopewell Baptist Church Cemetery. The family will be at the funeral home from 7 to 8:30 tonight.

### WILSON TURNER

Wilson "Ves" Turner, 63, of Delta Junction, Alaska, died March 16, 1998, in Anchorage, Alaska. He was born Aug. 9, 1934, in Hornersville, Mo. He graduated from Olympic College. On May 26, 1956, he married Mary E. Fitzwater in Bremerton. Mr. Turner served in the U.S. Marines as a physical science technician. He served in the Korean War. Later, he worked at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard from 1964 to 1986. He is survived by his wife; one son, Don of Bremerton; two daughters, Vicki and Sherry, both of Bremerton; two brothers, K. Don and Larry, both of Dallas; two sisters, Tommy Jean Eastep of California and **Mary Dedmon** of San Antonio; his mother, Flossie Johnson of Bremerton; and eight grandsons. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 23 at Lewis Funeral Chapel. Services will be at 2 p.m. March 24 at Lewis Funeral Chapel. Memorials may be made to Olympic Peninsula Marine Corps League Toys for Tots, Bremerton, WA.

### MARY BRADLEY

**GAFFNEY** — Mary Louise Dedmon Bradley, 73, of 884 Porter Road and formerly of Spartanburg, died March 24, 2001, in Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System. A native of Union County, she was the daughter of the late **John C. and Etta Painter Dedmon**. She was retired from Bond's Bakery. She was a member of Anderson Mill Road Baptist Church. Survivors include two sons, Bobby Bradley and his wife Shirley Bradley of Gaffney, and Manuel Bradley Jr. of Texas; a daughter, Jerri Allen and her husband Jimmy Allen of Gaffney; two sisters, Sara Caldwell and her husband A. V. Caldwell of Spartanburg, and Nancy Jolly and her husband William J. Jolly of Spartanburg; eight grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 tonight at Bobo Funeral Chapel, 1860 Cannons Campground Road, Spartanburg. Graveside services will be held at 3 p.m. Monday in Greenlawn Memorial Gardens, conducted by the Revs. Keith A. Bradsher and Carol Caldwell. Bobo Funeral Chapel in charge of service.

### REGINALD DEDMON

Mr. Reginald Dedmon, 69, departed this life Saturday evening, Nov. 13, 2010, at Heritage Health Care in Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia. Arrangements will be announced by locally owned and operated Ponders Funeral Home, 138 Melrose Drive, Dalton, *Although Reginald lived in Ringgold, not far from me, I never met him. I did speak with his father, George once. He has a brother, who was living in the area, but not sure if he is still here.*



*This page is dedicated to the “branches” of our tree that are not Dedmon descendents, but have connections. I will gladly print any information you send me as to your relatives. This includes inlaws, “outlaws” and other laws...*

#### **BETTY PEARL MAYNARD**

Funeral services for Mrs. Betty Pearl Maynard, age 83 of the Temperance Hall community, were held at the Gordonsville Chapel of Bass Funeral Homes on Saturday afternoon, July 28, 2001, conducted by Bro. Dickie Johnson and Bro. Jim Carr. Interment was in the Gordonsville Cemetery. Mrs. Maynard died Thursday afternoon, July 26, 2001 at Baptist DeKalb Hospital in Smithville. Mrs. Maynard was born in the McClure's Bend area of Smith County, the daughter of the late Frances Fannie Davis and Edward Grisham. She was married to Robert Sheliah Maynard, who preceded her in death in June 1985. A daughter, Edith Kelley also preceded her in death in July 1998. She was a homemaker and was a member of the Temperance Hal United Methodist Church. Mrs. Maynard is survived by two daughters, Virginia (Bob) Petty of Gordonsville and **Reba Dedmon** of Temperance Hall; son, Stanford (Dorothy) Maynard of Elmwood; step-brother, Eddie Slager of Portland; nineteen grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren. Serving as pallbearers were Randy Petty, Richard Petty, Ricky Collins, Chris Collins, Ritchie Roberts and Gary Roberts. Bass Funeral Homes, Gordonsville Chapel, directors.

#### **J.C. RHONEY**

J.C. Rhoney, 86, of J.C. Road in Vale, died July 27, 2001, at the Brian Center in Viewmont after a period of declining health. Born Sept. 26, 1914, in Catawba County, he was a son of the late Ellis A. and Annie Lea Brittian Rhoney. He was a member of the Ebenezer United Methodist Church. He was preceded in death by four brothers; a sister; and a stepmother, Elizabeth Rhoney. Survivors include four brothers and two sisters-in-law, Willie Albert Rhoney of Vale, Arthur and Merle Rhoney of Lawndale, Harold Rhoney of Vale, and Ralph and Rebecca Rhoney of Vale; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Juanita Rhoney Hoyle of Connelly Springs, Kathleen Rhoney Shull and Marie R. and **Bob Dedmon** of Vale; 21 nieces and nephews; and a number of great-nieces and nephews. The funeral will be conducted by the Rev. Eugene Moore at 3 p.m. today at his church. Pallbearers will be Phillip Norman, Scott Hoyle, Gary Shull, Greg Shull, Dennis Rhoney, Dean Rhoney and Craig Rhoney. The body will be placed in the church one hour prior to the service. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Memorials may be made to Ebenezer United Methodist Church, 8840 Cooksville Road, Vale, N.C. 28168. Hickory Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements

#### **LOREN R. SHUFORD**

FALLSTON - Loren Robert Shuford, 88, of West Stagecoach Trail, died Oct. 19, 2000, at Hospice of Wendover. Born Aug. 19, 1912, in Cleveland County, he was a son of the late Robert Bob L. and Maudie Grigg Shuford. A member of Palm Tree United Methodist Church, he was a member of the sunset Sunday school class. A member of Camp Call Masonic Lodge 534, he retired from J.P. Stevens Co. after 40 years of service. He was preceded in death by a son-in-law, **Gene Dedmon**; a brother, Clayton Shuford; and a grandson, **Dennis Dedmon**. Survivors include his wife, Pauline Floyd Shuford; two sons and daughters-in-law, Dwight and Barbara Shuford of Shelby and Warren and Joyce Shuford of Polkville; a daughter, Joan S. Dedmon of Shelby; four brothers, Ernest Shuford, Ed Shuford and Howard Shuford of Shelby and Alvin Shuford of Lawndale; four sisters, Dorothy Martin of Fallston, Mae Beth Whitner and Betty Jean Weaver of Hickory and Kay Barrett of Belwood; seven grandchildren, Thea D. McCurry, Sharon D. Still, Jeanne Dedmon, Richard Shuford, Sandra Satterfield, Lisa Shuford and Daryle Shuford; and six great-grandchildren. The funeral will be conducted by the Rev. Jim Scott at 11 a.m. Saturday at his church. The body will be placed in the church 30 minutes prior to the service. Burial will be in the church cemetery. The family will be at Stamey Funeral Home from 6:30 to 8 tonight. Memorials may be made to Palm Tree United Methodist Church, 1157 West Stagecoach Trail, Lawndale, N.C. 28090; or Hospice of Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Heights Drive, Shelby, N.C. 28150. Stamey Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

*(It is difficult to keep up with all those who are connected to the tree via in-laws, but will do my best when I find the information. Remember, I depend upon you to give me the information and help keep our data base as complete as possible. --Leroy)*