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LEROY DEDMON

I THINK SHE HAS QUIT COUNTING

On February 1, 2014 my beloved wife, Jane, of almost 55 years caught me in age. However, it won't last very long as I will pass her again on June 27. I am reminded every morning that I am not as young as I used to be. It just takes longer to "limber up" and by the time I am ready to face the world it is time to go to bed again. I can only be thankful I am able to feel the pain. I still remember the email I received prior to my 70th birthday which said, "Your warranty is up". Of course that was in reference to Psalms 90:10 *"The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away."* My goal is to at least reach the *"if by reason of strength fourscore years"*, but that is only a little over five years away. I must be having a world of fun as time is really flying.

I would have known I am getting older if had just paid attention to my brethren in their prayers. When I first began preaching, I would hear prayers like, *"...and Father, we thank you for brother Dedmon and give him a long and useful life in the kingdom"*. Then in a few years, I began hearing things like, *"...and Father, we thank you for brother Dedmon and give him a ready recollection of the things he has prepared to say"*. Recently, I heard a brother pray, *"...and Father, we thank you for brother Dedmon and give him a few more years of service"*. I still wonder about the ready recollection, as I sure do need more of them as I grow older.

I wonder about the man who was filling out an application for one of those "greeter" jobs at Wal-mart. After his name and address he saw the word Zip with a blank line following. Knowing he had to fill in all the blanks, after a few minutes of thought he wrote, *".... not too bad for my age"*. I am probably more like the fellow who said, *"my get up and go has got up and went"*. Well enough complaining in one day.

My friend Jim Dearman, asked me to do a five minute segment called, *"LEAVING A LEGACY"*, on his, *"GOOD NEWS TODAY"* program. I began to wonder what I could possibly leave anyone, but after thinking it over, I decided I could leave for the next generation what the previous generation has left me. I have recorded 32 programs and written about 50. The *"GOOD NEWS PROGRAM"* is aired in Chattanooga, Memphis, Knoxville, Nashville and Huntsville as well as *"THE GOSPEL BROADCASTING NETWORK"* GBN is on about twenty cable systems throughout the United States as well as the internet (gbntv.org) and also on the smart phones and Roku. I am making plans to record eight more programs in the near future.

"LEAVING A LEGACY" is designed to give a bit of humor with a spiritual application. Leaving a Legacy for the next generation is serious business, but we don't ever want to forget to laugh. I think about the many things my parents taught me. For example, They taught me: **how to meet a challenge:** It would go something like this, *"Answer me when I talk to you"...* **(but mom)** *"Don't you talk back to me"...* About the science of **osmosis:** *"Shut your mouth and eat your supper".....* About **justice:** *"One day you'll have kids and I hope they turn out just like you"* About **irony:** *"Keep laughing and I'll give you something to cry about."...* About **making wise decisions:** When I would try to explain my reason for doing something, they would ask, *"Are you talking to me or some dummy?..."* I would always say *"I'm talking to you"* but that always resulted in some form of punishment so I decided I must be giving the wrong answer!! I am here to tell you that did not work!! don't try that at home folks!! The bible teaches us to honor the elderly (Lev. 19:32) but it also reminds us of the strength of the youth (Prov. 29:29).. While there may be a generation gap, we are wise who try to close it...



FUNERAL HOMES AND CEMETERIES

Most genealogy researchers spend a lot of time searching records from Funeral Homes and Cemeteries. This is one way to find a lot of information. Within the Dedmon Family, I have encountered a few cemeteries and funeral homes within the family.

The one I knew first hand was the **Deadman Funeral Home** in Manchester, TN. I knew personally the Deadman family however, the difference in spelling made me think there was no relation. Of course, I could not have been more wrong as the first thing I learned when beginning the research project was the original spelling of our surname was D-E-A-D-M-A-N. Actually, prior to that there were other spellings from a variant of Debenham, a place name of Suffolk, England.

Frank and Fred Deadman owned and operated the Manchester Funeral Home, aka, **DEADMAN FUNERAL HOME**. Now that was an oddity! In fact I heard it made "*Ripley's Believe It Or Not*". However, I have never seen that article. According to Manchester history, it was mentioned on the TV programs, *laugh In and Johnny Carson*. After the death of Frank and Fred, Frank's widow, Bobbie and the grandsons of Fred (Thomas and Jeff) eventually sold the business and is known only as the Manchester Funeral Home. Fred's son, Thomas, passed away prior to his father.

There was a Dedmon Funeral Home in Mountain Grove, Missouri several years ago, but in 1980 merged with what is now know as the Craig-Hurt Funeral Home, owned by Ben and Rhonda Hurtt. (*I have to restrain myself from commenting on the Hurtt Funeral Home, as that is somewhat less than dead.*)

It seems to me there was a Dedmon Funeral Home in Texas, but I am not able to locate it. I could be mistaken as that possibility is always present.

I am aware of at least eight "Family Cemeteries":

(1) **The Dedmon Cemetery**, Catoosa County, GA is located on the east side of Taylor's Ridge near the site of the old Mount Nebo Church and School. It is approximately 10 miles south of Ringgold. See Volume 66 for more information and a list of interments.

(2) **The Deadman Cemetery** in Mocksville, NC Danny McBee sent me some pictures and directions which are published in Volume 2 of this newsletter. Go to the Lakeland Motel, opposite where Deadmon Road begins on Highway 601. Stay on Deadmon Road to

dead end, then turn right about a half mile, then left on Cherry Road. The cemetery is located in a pasture high up on a hill above a creek.

(3) **Dedmons Cemetery** in Stoneham, Grimes County, Texas. Notes and/or description from FindAgrave.com: Take hwy 1774, south from Anderson toward Plantersville. About 8.8 miles from Anderson, turn right on hwy 2445 and go 2 miles to Dedmon Road/Treybrooks Oaks Road. Follow road to entrance of Treybrooks Oaks Farms; drive past a barn on right and residence on left to another barn. Cemetery is behind this barn.

(4) **Deadmond Cemetery** in Sandoval, Marion County, Illinois. Out of 347 interments, 113 are listed with the surname Deadmond. However, some of them are wives of Dedmond husbands. The Deadmond cemetery is located 4 miles from Sandoval, IL, where generations of Deadmonds and Wilbourns were buried. "The Deadmond cemetery



was originally started when a sick old native American guy came knocking on their door one night during the winter. They had tried to get him back to health, but couldn't. When he died, they buried him under a tree at the bottom of a hill, with a big rock as his headstone. You can still see the rock today, but its harder to find because its surrounded by bushes and trees."

Dedman Cemetery in Dallas County, AR: There are 48 interments listed in FindAgrave.com and seven with the surname Dedman. According to the sign it was incorporated in 1871. Eli John Quarles was buried in 1861, ten years prior to the incorporation.



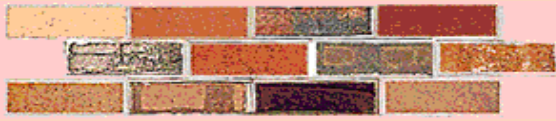
Dedman Cemetery in Helton, DeKalb County, Tennessee USA Cemetery notes and/or description: This was probably a family burial ground, and may or may not be there in present day. It is, however, listed in the DeKalb Co Cemetery list. The only listing is James Franklin Johnson and I have no idea his relationship to the Dedman family.

Dedman Cemetery in Cluttsville, Madison County, Alabama. FindAgrave.com lists this with only one person, William Dedman, b. 1810. The notation says this may be an error as there is no proof of his burial there.



Dedman Cemetery in Pike County, Indiana. This is a small family cemetery next to the old charity farm property. There are five graves, all Dedman. **Samuel Dedman, Jr**, appears to be the first person buried in this location. His ancestry has eluded us.

THE BRICK WALL



THE NAME BURTON

In looking back over my correspondence and old news-letters in preparing the Obituary Index, I came across a letter from a distant cousin, Nancy Hofstetter. In the letter she asked, "...do you know where the Burton is from - keeps cropping up..." I had often wondered that myself as there are several in her family with the middle name Burton. It began with my grandfather's brother, Alfred **Burton** Dedmon and thereafter was his son, William **Burton** Dedmon, who then named his son Richard **Burton** Dedmon. I don't have any family info on Richard, so I don't know if anyone else was named Burton in that Dedmon line. There was a Carol Burton Dedmon, Sr., which also says she was a Jr., but I don't know where they fit into the tree as we are missing his grandfather. He was born in 1897, which places him earlier than Richard, who was born in 1911.

There were a couple of Burtons on my mother's side of the family through the Templeton family. Albert **Burton** Templeton b. 1860 and Austin **Burton** Templeton b. 1936. There was a Jack **Burton** Henney b. 1911, married to Delores Amelia Deadman. **Burton** Randol was married to Jamie Beth Dancer, a granddaughter of Ada Roseman Dedman.

Parents named their boys in the 1860's much as they do now. Some of the more popular names have always been: John, James, Adam, Thomas, Matthew, Philip, Henry, David, Timothy, Robert, William, Joseph. Biblical names were popular then, too: Benjamin, Abraham, Jonas, Saul, Paul, Jeremiah, Samuel, Micah. Many times boys were given a family surname (last name) as a first name: Jefferson, Mitchell, Anderson, Thompson, Carlisle, Winston, Franklin, Milton. And, of course, a very popular name for boys in the late 1860's (after the U.S. Civil War): Lincoln.

My first reaction was that there must have been a Burton married to a Dedmon somewhere about the time Alfred Burton Dedmon was born. My search turned up only one. John James Dedmon married Martha G. Burton in 1872. That was of no help in this situation for a couple of reasons. Alfred Burton Dedmon was born almost twenty years before that marriage took place and I could not find a family connection to John James Dedman. It appears he is of the Christopher Deadman lineage of which we have not found a connection.

Actually I could not find any support for Burton being a popular name in the 1800s at all and in 1910 it ranked 263 out of a possible 1000. That's not too bad since Leroy only ranked 61. John of course was number one with William, James, Robert and Joseph following close behind. Vicente ranked last with names like Zigmund, Cornell and Newman fighting for that last spot. Surprising, Edmond ranked 136. I only mentioned that because we have some Edmond Dedmons in our tree. That is of course a mother's surname, given to her son, which was and is a very common practice.

The name Burton is of English origin meaning Bright Frame, so I guess one might think of their son in that respect. However, my guess is that Burton was given as a name because of some popular person in and around the time. I found three possibilities:

(1) Sir Richard Francis Burton (1821 – 1890) was an English geographer, explorer, translator, writer, soldier, orientalist, cartographer, ethnologist, spy, linguist, poet, fencer and diplomat. He was known for his travels and explorations within Asia, Africa and the Americas, as well as his extraordinary knowledge of languages and cultures. According to one count, he spoke 29 European, Asian and African languages

(2) William Evans Burton (1804-1860) was a British-American comic actor and playwright, born in London in September 1804, was the son of William George Burton, a printer and author of Research into the religions of the Eastern nations as illustrative of the scriptures

(3) Francis Burton Craige (1811 – 1875) was a Congressional Representative from North Carolina; born near Salisbury, North Carolina, March 13, 1811; attended a private school in Salisbury, and graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1829. He was editor and proprietor of the Western Carolinian 1829-1831; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1832 and commenced practice in Salisbury. He was one of the last borough representatives in the State house of representatives 1832-1834; elected as a Democrat to the Thirty-third and to the three succeeding Congresses (1853-1861); chairman, Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, delegate to the State secession convention in 1861 and introduced the Ordinance of Secession in the form in which it was adopted; delegate to the Provisional Congress of the Confederate States which met in Richmond, 1861.

Well your guess is as good as mine, if not better. If you have a idea of this and wish to share, please do. I was asked and so I felt obligated to try to give an answer. --- Leroy



...Just the GOOD NEWS



CURT DOUGLAS WEBB WITH HIS PRIZE BUCK....

YOU CAN SEE THE HEAD MOUNTED ON HIS WALL....

I am not sure if this should be under Good News or Bad News, but my great grandson, Curt Webb, who is about 8 years old got his 3rd or fourth deer as seen above. Curt has become quite a hunter, so no deer in Georgia is safe. The bad news is... well think about it from the deer's viewpoint. It reminds me of the question asked in bible class, "Who was not happy upon the return of the Prodigal Son?" "*The fatted calf*" ... Shown below is another of his quest along with one of his fiends, who gets in on the action...



THE FOOTSTEPS OF THEIR FATHER

In Volume 77 of this newsletter I featured Roy Lane Dedmon, who spent much of his life in the armed services. However, in 1946 he left the Army and became an active member of the Army Reserves. Four years later he returned to active duty for about 15 years. In 1967 Roy returned to Texas Chiropractic College in Pasadena, Texas to reinstate his Chiropractic license. Even though he was 54 years old, he had six children at home and four under the age of sixteen. In October 1968 he was re-licensed as a Chiropractor. His two youngest sons, Roy and Jim are both Chiropractors, following their father's footsteps.

Roy Lane II, joined his father's practice in 1985 in Camden, TN. and continued after his father retired. The already successful practice has continued to grow and expand over almost 30 years. One of his patients wrote: "*I have been going to Camden Chiropractic for several years now, usually for lower back pain. Dr. Dedmon has always been able to resolve my issues in a matter of days. It used to last for weeks. Since going to him for this issue, I have had very few relapses. Also, there have been several issues that I consulted Dr. Dedmon about, and when it was out of his area of expertise, he knew who to refer me to. Dr. Dedmon and his staff are very skilled, professional, caring, and courteous. I highly recommend them for anyone who needs the type of services that they offer*" Roy Lane III (Trae) is now in Life College training to continue the family tradition. It appears there will be a Dedmon Chiropractor for many years.



ROY L DEDMON II



JIM DEDMON

The youngest son, Jim, opened his office at 193 Thompson Lane in Nashville, TN in 1991. One of his patients wrote the following: "*Dr. Dedmon is awesome!!! He is extremely knowledgeable, honest, and uses a much less painful method than most chiropractors. He does a wonderful job explaining what is wrong, and his methods are VERY effective. I know he has done miracles with several people who had been to other chiropractors*".





Joy Patricia Dedmond Stacey
Obituary - Our loving mother passed away surrounded by the love of her family on Oct. 31, 2012.

She was retired from Gaston County Schools, Department of Exceptional Children, after 22 years of service. She was a member of Cedar Grove Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 32 years, Ralph Stacey, her parents, James and Cola Dedmond and sister, Frankie Cross.

She is survived by a daughter, Beverly Willard of Roanoke, Virginia and sons, Terry Neal and wife, Tina of Cherryville, Dale Neal of Gastonia, Tony Neal and wife Teresa of Mt Holly and Butch Neal and wife Sharon of Gastonia and a sister, Toni Welch and husband Marvin of Lawrenceville, Georgia, as well as 10 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

The funeral will be at Withers and Whisnant Funeral Home with the Reverend Terry Gibson officiating. Interment will follow at Gaston Memorial Park.

Joy Dedmond was a cousin to Danny McBee, who has been a tremendous help to me from the beginning of my research project. He was among the first to provide me with some very valuable information.

DEATH NOTICES

I will be glad to publish any obituary you send me on the family. --Leroy

Daniel William Dedmon



Mr. Daniel William Dedmon, 54, Highlandville. Services: 1 p.m. Jan. 4 at Adams Funeral Home, Ozark. *This is all the information I was able to find on Daniel. I think he is of the Senecca Dedmon line, but I am not positive of this.*

Betty Lou Dedmon

LAKELAND - Betty Lou Dedmon, 79, went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, September 18, 2013 due to heart failure. She was born on April 10, 1934 in Louisville, Kentucky. Mrs. Dedmon moved to Lakeland from Jamestown, TN in 2007. Mrs. Dedmon worked in the medical profession prior to marrying, at which time she became a lifelong homemaker caring for and providing for her family. Mrs. Dedmon was preceded in death by her husband, Donald L. Dedmon. She is survived by 3 sons, Danny Dedmon, Daytona Beach, FL, Ronald Dedmon, Melbourne, FL, and Roy Dedmon, Auburndale, FL, 8 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. Services will be held on Saturday, September 21st, at 2 pm at Ott-Laughlin Funeral home in Auburndale, FL.

Lillian Peace Polci



POLCI, Lillian – Passed away at Woodstock General Hospital on Sunday, January 12, 2014, Lillian Peace Polci (nee **Deadman**) of Woodstock in her 95th year. Born in Wiltshire, England on June 29, 1919 to **Thomas and Emma Deadman** (nee Cole). Beloved wife of the late Armando Polci (2001). Lovingly remembered by her daughter Toni Griffith and her husband John of Cambridge and her niece Patricia Deadman of Woodstock. She was a loving mother to the late Larry Polci (1958) and the late Lenny Polci (1957). Sadly missed by the **Deadman, Polci and Gabrielli Families**. Lillian is also predeceased by her brothers **Tom Deadman, Dave “Bob” Deadman, Fred Deadman and Ron Deadman** as well as her sisters Alice Seymour, Gert Procnier, and Jean Park. Friends will be received at the Smith-LeRoy Funeral Home, 69 Wellington St, North, Woodstock, Ontario N4S 6P7 on Thursday, January 16, 2014 for visitation from 10:00 – 11:00 AM. A Liturgical service will be held in the chapel at 11:00 AM. In lieu of flowers, if desired, memorial donations to any charity of choice would be appreciated. Smith-LeRoy 519-537-3611. Personal condolences may be sent at www.smithleroy.com

Dustin Dowell Deadman

Dustin Dowell Deadman, age 26 of Hillsboro, Tennessee, passed away on October 2, 2013 at Tims Ford Lake in Winchester, TN. Dustin was employed with Baxter Enterprises in Winchester. Dustin will be fondly remembered as an amazing husband and father who was always willing to help anyone. He loved his family dearly and enjoyed the outdoors, fishing and working on cars.

Dustin was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Fred Thomas "Tommy" Deadman, Jr.; maternal grandfather, Fred "Pa" Phillips, Jr.; paternal great-grandparents, Fred Thomas and Mary Deadman; maternal great-grandparents, Herman and Hazel Bell Thomas Sain; and great-great-uncle & aunt, Frank and Bobbie Deadman.

Dustin is survived by his loving wife, Maranda Bryant Deadman of Hillsboro, TN; son, Isaiah D. Deadman of Hillsboro, TN; unborn child due April 1, 2014; father, Thomas Deadman, III of Panama City Beach, FL; mother, Sheila Ann Deadman of Manchester, TN; sister, Ashley Deadman-Frasier of Manchester, TN; paternal grandmother, Brenda Thomas Deadman of Manchester, TN; maternal grandmother, Joann Reed of Hillsboro, TN; sister-in-law, Tiffany Bryant of Hillsboro, TN; brothers-in-law, Corey Brady and Dewayne Wilder of Hillsboro, TN; uncle, Jeff Deadman of Memphis, TN; nephews, Tyler Frasier, Nathan Frasier, Carson Frasier, Jack Brady and Dewayne Hickerson; special friends, James Duncan, Barry Ferrell, Sue Ferrell and Kim Hickerson and a host of other relatives and friends.

Visitation will be on Monday, October 7, 2013 from 5:00 until 9:00 pm. The Funeral Service will be conducted on Tuesday, October 8, 2013 at 1:00 pm from the Chapel of Central Funeral Home with Officiant, Brother Ralph Hart.

Burial at the Rose Hill Memorial Gardens. CENTRAL FUNERAL HOME in Charge of Arrangements.



Body of Dustin Deadman Recovered

The body of a 25-year-old Hillsboro man has been recovered on Tims Ford Lake, according to Franklin County officials.

Dustin Deadman was on a fishing trip Monday with his son and nephews when the boat they were in began taking on water. Officials said Deadman made sure the children were safe before diving into the water.

That's when he began calling for help and one of the children tossed him a life-preserver, Franklin County Sheriff's Department official Chris Guess said. But Deadman was not able to reach the preserver and slipped under water. Dive teams using sonar searched the lake for three days before recovering Deadman's body Wednesday afternoon.

ESTILL SPRINGS, Tenn. – Dive teams have recovered the body of a Coffee County man who went missing at Tims Ford Lake in Franklin County.

Officials said 26-year-old Dustin Deadman from Hillsboro went missing Monday after going out to the lake to fish. Search and recovery teams found Deadman's body around 3 p.m. Wednesday.

Chief Allen Rhodes with the Estill Springs Police Department said Deadman was going fishing with four young boys. He was launching his boat from the Estill Springs City Park when it got away from him and started floating out into the lake.

Deadman tried to swim to the boat, but the boys told police he went under the water and did not resurface.

The boys were able to make it back to the shore and call 911 emergency dispatchers.



My sympathy goes to this family that I have known for many years. It was truly heartbreaking. -Leroy

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