

The Volume 99

Dedmon



Connection



DEADMAN WALKING, TALKING OR WRITING

“We are still family”

Dead Man Walking is a 1995 American crime drama film starring Susan Sarandon and Sean Penn, and co-produced and directed by Tim Robbins, who adapted the screenplay from the non-fiction book of the same name. A work of non-fiction by Sister Helen Prejean, a Roman Catholic nun and one of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Medaille. An account based on her work as a spiritual adviser to two convicted murderers on Death Row, the book is set at the Louisiana State Penitentiary (Angola) in West Feliciana Parish, Louisiana. It examines moral issues related to the death penalty. The chosen title has been used to describe other situations. Put to music some of the lyrics go like this, “I hear the angels talking talking talking, Now I'm a dead man walking walking walking, I hear the angels talking talking talking, Now I'm a dead man ... I'm a breathing, talking, Dead man, walking.”

I think it is pretty much accepted that our family came to this country with the surname D-E-A-D-M-A-N. From which we have a number of different spellings. I don't know how much faith to put into the websites claiming origin to surnames, but this is the one most of us accept: (**Surname: Deadman**) “In spite of its rather sinister appearance, this English surname of early medieval origins, has absolutely nothing to do with any death or destruction. It is locational and one of a number of dialectal corruptions of the Norfolk village name of Debenham, near the city of Norwich. It is true that there are a number of places such as Deadwin Clough, Deadmans Croft, and Deadmans Coppice, found in the counties of Lancashire, Yorkshire and Gloucestershire respectively, which are grim recordings of some foul deed in ancient times, but no evidence exists to suggest that any of them gave rise to a later surname development. In this case the name development leading to the modern surname spellings, are well documented and have followed the path of de Debenham to Debenham, to Dedman, Debnam, and Deadman, all versions which are still to be found in modern times. Examples of the recordings include Edward Debnam at St. Michael's church, Cornhill, London in 1669, Robert Debnam of Suffolk in 1674, and Martha Harris, given as being the sister of Samuel Deadman, buried at the church of St Dionis Backchurch, city of London, in 1688. The first recorded spelling of the family name is believed to be that of John de Debenham. This was dated 1273, in the 'Pipe Rolls' of Yorkshire during the reign of King Edward 1st. He was known by the nickname of 'The Hammer of the Scots', and reigned 1272 - 1307. Throughout the centuries, surnames in every country have continued to "develop" often leading to astonishing variants of the original spelling.”

I am not really sure how many variations of spelling we have today, but here are some of the ones I know. Since FindAGrave.com is one of, if not the best source for family records, I am going to list the name and how many times of each we have on record. (DEDMON - 1,040) (DEDMAN - 987) (DEADMAN - 417) (DEADMOND - 267) (DEADMON - 186) (DEDMOND - 79) (DADMAN - 13) (DEDMONDT - 5) (DEDMONT - 3) (DEDMEN - 2) Here are some other names that tend to move further away from our normal spellings, but I have found some of these to be in our family. As I mentioned in the previous newsletter (Volume 97) the father of William Dedman is listed as David Dittman. I present these as other possibilities to search. (DITTMAN - 1,857) (DITMAN - 283) (DETMAN - 70) (DODMAN - 156). Ancestry.com has (7) listings for Dedmont, (3) of those list the father as Liscome Daudmont, which is of French origin.



It was around 1955 and we were playing Bradley County in Cleveland, TN. We were referred to as the "B" team or Jr. Varsity. To play on the Rossville, Georgia high school football team in the mid 50s, you had to be professional material. We were the Georgia AA champions in '54 and co-champions in '55. Not too many actually made the "Big Time", however, several received scholarships to renown college teams.

One pro that comes to mind is **Bobby Scott**, although he came along about ten years after I graduated. He was all-state 1st team played QB at Tennessee 1969 & 70 and played with New Orleans Saints 11 years NFL. He was second on the Saints depth chart behind Archie Manning. In 1976, Manning had surgery on his throwing shoulder and Scott had the opportunity to start. Unfortunately, during a televised game he tripped over a television cable and blew out a knee which ended his season. He then played for the New Jersey Generals and Chicago Blitz of the United States Football League (USFL) in 1983.

Others that played for Rossville include, **Pete Brown**, 1948 all-state in football & basketball in high school. He played for Georgia Tech as a center, All-American AP 1st team 1952. He was on the Georgia Tech national champion undefeated team and played for San Francisco 49ers NFL and a member of the Ga. sports Hall of Fame. **Topsy Vann**, class AA all-state 1st team Quarterback and went on to Georgia Tech as Quarterback and led Tech to 10-1 season in 1956 ranked 4th in nation. He also played baseball at Tech as a catcher where Tech was SEC champions 1957. He came back to Rossville and coached the baseball team to 1959 AA state championship. **Doug Veazey**, running back, played football and baseball at Georgia Tech in 1959. He also wrote book a book "Marching through Georgia". The book was about Rossville's 1954 state championship team in which Rossville, the smallest student enrollment ever to win Georgia highest football classification. Rossville was playing AA when in fact they where a class B or C size school. If I remember correctly Doug's father played professional baseball. **Jim Reynolds**, went to Auburn. **Billy Baker**, QB 1954 & 55 played at Furman and was a Rhodes Scholar. His brother, **Harold "Wink" Baker**, QB 1959, went

on to East Tennessee State University, where he was named as a Little All-American quarterback and a short time in the Cadanian Football League. **Doug Fury**, RB all-state 1962 & 63 played at Brigham Young. **Nelson Bowers**, all-state 1962 played at Georgia. **Dickey Clark**, 1st team all-state played at Georgia. **Dennis Bradshaw**, QB all-state 1976 played at Memphis state. I know there are others, but these are the ones I could find.

Well, go back to Bradley County and 1955. I don't remember a lot about that game as I spent most of it flat of my back in the locker room. In those days we didn't have the offense and defense individuals, you played both. On offense I was a tackle, which sounds strange as you did not tackle on offense. On defense, I was a guard and sometimes linebacker. On this night I lined up in the gap between their center and guard. On the first play, I sacked the quarterback, on the second play, I sacked the quarterback. On the third play as I broke though the offenseve line, my lights went out and I woke up during the fourth quarter. We had a good trainer and he stayed with me and assured the coach, I was just "out of it" but nothing appeared to be seriously wrong. As it turned out my nose was broken, but that healed on its own and nothing was ever done.

When I went for my Sinuplasty procudure, recently, they did a cat scan of my nose and sinus cavaiites. It seems my main blockage was caused by that football injury in 1955 and I have suffered with it all my adult life. The doctor said he straightened and opened the passage way in my nostril and that I should begin to feel better soon. As I am writing this article, it is the morning after and I feel as though I came in second place in a boxing match. I hope it works. If it does, I am going to kick myself for waiting so long. If it don't, I feel as if I may kick the doctor. Guess we will see.



HUTCHESON MEMORIAL FIELD
"The Home of the Rossville Bulldogs"

The last game was played here on on Oct. 2, 2008, the 60th anniversary of the first Homecoming Game at Rossville High School. Rossville and Chattanooga Valley merged in 1989 forming the Ridgeland High School.

Eppy Alonzo Dedmon

I received the picture below from Theresa May Dedmon Senecal, the daughter of Roy Washington Dedmon and Maria Teresa Torres. Roy was the son of Eppy Alonzo Dedmon and Naomi Lankford. It was good to receive it and publish it for our readers. There has been some confusion attached to this branch and it is good to get help to sort it out. I always thought Eppy married Cecile Griffith first, then Naomi, but I see that was not right. Eppy was the son of Robert (Bob) Alvin Dedmon and Ida Lee Cordell. He had three brothers and one sister. Eppy's descendants are the only ones I have met personally, (not all, but most). I did correspond with some of his son, James Lee Dedmond's descendants, but have lost touch with them.



(LEFT TO RIGHT) BACK ROW, IN BLUE IS MARIA TERESA TORRES DEDMON...IN FRONT OF HER IS JOANN'S MOM (JOANN RODRIGUEZ, WIFE OF LAVERN DEDMON)...IN THE ORANGE TOP IS VICKI LYNN DEDMON GURGANUS, ..NEXT TO HER IS JOANN RODRIGUEZ DEDMON, BEHIND HER IS LAVERN DEDMON, ...NEXT TO HIM IN THE CENTER IN PINK IS ROY WASHINGTON DEDMON, IN FRONT OF HIM IN RED SHIRT IS SUSAN SUSAN LYNN PYLES WILLIAMS, (DAUGHTER OF JEANETTE DEDMON PYLES)...IN THE WHITE SHIRT IS HARRISON ALONZO DEDMON, (THE ELDEST SON OF EPPY & CECIL DEDMON) NEXT TO HARRISON IS THERESA MAY DEDMON SENECAL, SITTING ON THE ARM OF COUCH IS JEANETTE DEDMON PYLES, IN THE BLUE SHIRT IS EPPY ALONZO DEDMON, IN RED IS HIS WIFE, CECILE LEE GRIFFITH DEDMON, NEXT TO HER, BEHIND THE SCHNAUZER, IS SCOTT DEDMON, THEN HIS FATHER BOBBY, TRYING TO HOLD HIS YOUNGEST BOY RYAN, (RHINO) AND FINALLY NEXT TO BOBBY IS SHELLY PYLES CUNNINGHAM.

Roy Washington Dedmon was born to Eppy Alonzo Dedmon and Naomi Lankford in 1923. Naomi passed away in 1924. Eppy married Cecile Lee Griffith in 1929 and they had four children, Harrison Alonzo, Edward Lavern, Jeanett Lee and Raymond Robert. Eppy passed away in 1993 and Cecile in 1994, they are both buried in Lutz Cemetery; Lutz, Hillsborough County, FL.

Roy Washington married Virginia McCully, they had two children: Billy and Marcella Mae. Roy married Maria Teresa Torres November 15, 1959. They had two children: Theresa May and Roy Joseph. This picture was taken prior to 1993, the year Eppy passed away.



ROY WASHINGTON DEDMON

THE BRICK WALL



I have discovered at least five major Deadman branches that we have not been able to connect. If you have information on any of the Deadman family branches, please submit.

From the Mail Bag



Hi Leroy,

My name is Shannon Templeton Payton, daughter of Lebron Templeton. You have done an amazing job with your website and family tree. When I first began my research I kept coming across the name Dedmon and wondered who in the heck they were. Well now I feel like I have known them all my life. I have read so many stories and just captivated by the history. I did not grow up with the Templeton's but I did spend some time with my grandparents (Ruth and Dewey) on occasion. My father (Lebron) has become terminally ill and I have been more involved as of late. Even having weekly conversations with my uncle Wayne who is a huge wealth of knowledge on who is who. He is truly a sweetheart and I love him to death.

I have hit a roadblock, sort of, with this Mary Hannah Dedmon as it seems most everyone has the same problem. I was wondering if there were any documents that have been found proving who her parents were? I see your notes about why you believe she was the daughter of William. But when I put all that info into my Geni website it looks crazy! Was there really 2 Mary Polly Dedmon's? I will post what it looks like on my tree because I am new at this and it would be easier than me trying to explain. But the main reason this is a big deal to me is because this Running Deer and Jacob Wolfe would be my grandparents rather than aunts or uncles? I have been trying to find some sort of inkling of Native American history on my mother's side because there is so many stories but I can't find anything much on my grandparents. So when I came across this I was quite surprised. Feel free to email me back anytime. I just seen one of your newsletters today and was very impressed. I would love to somehow subscribe to that! Thanks so much! - **Shannon Payton**

ATTENTION

I am in the process of compiling information for Vol. 100 of THE DEDMON CONNECTION and invite any or all of our readers to submit material to be used. Send to me via email at: leroydedmon@gmail.com

Mary Hannah Dedmon was my Mother's great grandmother. She married David McArthur Dickson after she had four boys, whose father is unknown. However, David claimed to be the father of the fourth child, Joseph, who went by the name of Calvin Dedmon Dickson. He was born in 1846 four years prior to the marriage of David and Hannah. Hannah was either the daughter of William or Thomas Dedmon. It really does not change much either way. The reason I accept her as the daughter is simply based on my mother saying that she was always told Hannah was the sister of William D. Dedmon, the son of William and Margaret Dedmon.

*The information that caused some to conclude she was the daughter of Thomas is based on her coming to Georgia with her children and Thomas and Mary Polly Linkhorn. As I mentioned previously either situation does not make much difference as she married David Dickson and that is her connection to the Templeton family, as her grandson. George Dickson married Pearl Templeton (they are my grandparents). I suppose it would make a difference in relationship to the Indian connection as Running Deer would be Mary Hannah's grandmother rather than her aunt. However Thomas and Mary Polly had another daughter named Mary Polly born September 21, 1815. Mary Hannah was born November 29, 1817. I guess you could have two daughters with the same name. As to the question, "Are there two Mary Polly Dedmons?" The answer is no....**there are at least 5 that we know about.***

I didn't think about this connection to the claims of Native American in Volume 93. Running Deer is, no doubt, Native American and she is connected to the Dedmon family, but not exactly sure if there is blood relationship to my side of the family.

Shannon's grandfather, Dewey Templeton, was my second cousin. but I was never around him much. He was 12 years older than me and in the service by the time I was 8-10 years old. Dewey and Ruth married in 1955. I never knew their children, which are: Leon David, Lebron Keith, (Shannon's father) and Tettry Wayne. Probably the Templeton cousin I knew best growing up was her great uncle, Wayne, as he was just three months younger than me. Her mother was Janet Peters and there is kinship between, the Peters, Blacks, Dedmons, Dicksons and maybe even the Capeharts.

It was good hearing from Shannon and I will add her to the list that receives notifications of the newsletters. Since receiving her letter, her father has passed away (See obituary on page 6) -Leroy

TEMPLETON FAMILY



I don't remember who sent me this and where it was taken, Maybe someone will recognize it and let me know. --Leroy

GEORGE LEROY "LEE" TEMPLETON



George Leroy Templeton was born on July 8, 1862, in Catoosa County, Georgia, to George Eakin Templeton and Nancy Mahallie Langston. He married Frances Elizabeth (Lizzie) Greene on July 10, 1884. They had five children in 18 years. Esther Mahallie Templeton Dixon (1885 - 1971), Pearl Victoria Templeton Dickson Vess (1889 - 1972), Lora Beatrice Templeton (1896 - 1986), Joseph Elgin Templeton (1898 - 1987), and George Leroy Templeton, Jr. (1903). George, Jr. died when he was 3 days old and is buried somewhere in Arkansas. The family was traveling to Texas to visit relatives and I am not sure if it was on the way there or coming home, when the baby was born.

Lee died on June 13, 1935, in Catoosa County, Georgia, at the age of 72, and is buried at Dogwood Valley Cemetery in Catoosa County. **(Find A Grave Memorial# 107746340)**. His wife Lizzie died 25 years before him on October 27, 1910. She is also buried at Dogwood. **(Find A Grave Memorial# 107746334)**

Esther married Luther Mathis Dixon, and Lora never married. Pearl, was my grandmother and she married George Dickson (my grandfather). After he died, Pearl married Olan Vess.

Joseph Elgin married Rosa Maybell Black, the daughter of Sarah Rachael Dickson and Joseph Henderson Black. Sarah was my mother's aunt, so we are kin to this Templeton family on both sides. According to Family Tree Maker, Mildred Templeton Smith (obituary next column) was my 1st cousin once removed, 2nd cousin, 3rd cousin once removed, 4th cousin, 13th cousin once removed and 14th cousin. So we must be kin.

MILDRED TEMPLETON SMITH



Mildred Elizabeth Templeton Smith, 85, of Ringgold, GA went home to be with her Lord & Savior on Friday, October 23, 2015. She was a lifelong resident of Catoosa County & was a devoted member of Ringgold Church of God. Mildred loved to read & garden. She was a loving mother, grandmother, sister & friend who will be missed by all who knew her. She was preceded in death by her husband, James W. Smith Sr.; parents, Joseph & Rosa Maybelle Black Templeton; siblings, Darrel Templeton, Dewey Templeton, Charles Templeton, George Templeton; sons-in-law, Roger Crowe, Jerry Lunsford; daughter-in-law, Judy Ann Smith & grandson, Aaron Calvin Montgomery. Funeral services will be held at 2:00pm on Monday, October 26, 2015 at Ringgold Church of God with Pastor Carroll Allen & Reverend James Smith Jr officiating. Interment will follow at Anderson Memorial Gardens. Family will receive friends on Sunday from 3 pm- 9 pm & Monday 8 am -12 pm at the funeral home, & on Monday from 1pm-2 pm at the church.



RUTH TEMPLETON

Mrs. Foy Ruth Templeton, 83, of Lafayette, GA, died Friday, January 4, 2008. She was predeceased by her husband, Dewey Templeton, mother, Mae Speer Turner and sisters, Ruby Whitten and Lucille Nixon. She is survived by her three sons, Leon Templeton, LeBron Templeton and Terry W. Templeton, all of Lafayette; two brothers, Robert Speer, Trion, Ga., and Eldridge Speer, Atlanta; sister, Shirley Mae Templeton, Ft. Oglethorpe; three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Visitation will be in Noble Church of God, from 2-6 p.m. on Monday, 2-6 p.m. on Tuesday, and 11-12 p.m. on Wednesday. Rev. Mark Anthony McGuire will conduct the service at noon on Wednesday in the church. Interment will be in Chattanooga National Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Noble Church of God, 51 Glass Road, Lafayette, Ga. 30728.

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74968792

GEORGE TEMPLETON



George Winfred "Elgie" Templeton, of Rock Spring died Sunday April 10, 2011. George was employed with Economy Honda

for more than 30 years. He was an avid sportsman and made many friends. He was preceded in death by his parents Joseph Elgin and Maybelle Black Templeton and 3 brothers, Charles, Dewey and Darrell. Survivors include sons Todd Woods, Jason (Robin) Templeton, five grandchildren, brothers, sisters and several neices and nephews.

Memorial service: Friday, April 15 at 2pm at Lafayette Memory Gardens. Graveside service.

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96681481

LEBRON TEMPLETON



Lebron Keith Templeton, 58, of passed away, Dec. 24, 2015. He was born in LaFayette to

the late Dewey and Ruth Cameron Templeton. He served his country in the U.S. Army and was trained as a Cannon Crewman. He was a former employee of Mohawk Carpet Industries. He was of the Baptist faith and enjoyed fishing, fast cars and riding motorcycles. Along with his parents, he is preceded in death by his twin brother, Leon Templeton. He is survived by his daughter, Shannon (Terry) Payton of Georgetown, Tenn., brother, Terry (Lisa) Templeton of LaFayette; sister-in-law and caregiver: Carol Ann Templeton of LaFayette; grandchildren, Destiny, Noah, Gabriel; longtime best friend, David Edgeman of Summerville, Ga.; niece, Christy Akers; and nephew, Shon Templeton. The family will receive friends Sunday from 4-8 p.m., Monday from 5-9 p.m. and Tuesday morning until the service. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, Dec. 29, 2015, in the chapel. The Arrangements by Wilson Funeral Homes, LaFayette Chapel. He was buried in the Chattanooga National Cemetery, with more than 50,000 who have served our country.

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LEBRON AND DAUGHTER SHANNON PAYTON

LEON TEMPLETON

Leon David Templeton, 58, passed away Sept. 21, 2015. He was born in LaFayette to



the late Dewey and Ruth Cameron Templeton. He had worked at Candlewick Yarns, Shaw Industries, Auto Custom Carpet and Needle Craft all as a Fixer. He was of the Church of God faith and enjoyed hunting, fishing and playing the drums. He is survived by his son, Shon Templeton, of Rock Spring, Ga.; his former wife, Carol Ann Salvador Templeton; twin brother, Lebron Templeton; and brother, Terry Templeton, all of LaFayette; grandchildren, Heather, Justin, River; grandchild, Jaycee; several nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends from 5 until 8 p.m. Tuesday, all day Wednesday and Thursday morning until the service. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, graveside at LaFayette Memory Gardens, LaFayette. Arrangements by Wilson Funeral Homes, LaFayette Chapel.

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152661859



Leon with his grandchildren,
Justin and Heather.

The Templetons are my cousins through grandmother, Pearl Templeton Dickson Vess. I am also related through Rosa Maybelle Black, wife of Joseph Elgin Templeton. (page 3 for the letter from Shannon) -Leroy

ROY W DEDMON



Roy Washington Dedmon, 66, of East Knollwood St., died last Thursday morning, July 06, 1989, in an area hospital.

Mr. Dedmon was born May 4, 1923 in Hamilton, County, TN. the son of the late Naomi Dedmon Cline. He was retired from the Reeves Brothers Company and a veteran of World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Maria Teresa Dedmon, two sons, Roy Joseph Dedmon of Tampa, FL and Billy Dedmon, Van Neys, CA; two daughters, Theresa May Dedmon Senecal, Ringgold, GA, and Marcella Mae Dedmon Popovich, Portland, OR; father and step-mother, Eppy and Ceceila Dedmon, Land of Lakes, FL; four brothers, Pat Cline, Lafayette, GA, Harrison Alozono Dedmon, CA, Edward Lavern Dedmon and Robert Raymond Dedmon, Tampa, FL; three sisters, Doris Oates, Lafayette, GA, Betty Behnken, Sweetwater, IN, Jeanette Lee Pyles, Hayleville, AL; four grandchildren, one great grandchild and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held Monday at 11am from Lane Funeral Home, Lafayette Chapel with the Rev. Melvin Bridges officiating with burial in the National Cemetery. Active pallbearers were cousins.

(Find A Grave Memorial# 2978621)

MARY RUTH PETERS



Mary Ruth Cox Peters, 80, of the Peavine Community, died on Wednesday, December 15, 2004.

She was a native and lifelong resident of North Georgia. Mrs. Peters was a prayer warrior. She was preceded in death by her husband, Clyde A. Peters; parents, Arthur and Mettie Cox; brother, J.R. Cox; sister, Louise Johnson, and her grandson, Joshua Dickey.

She is survived by her children, Buddy Peters, Terry Peters, Janet Dickey Thompson; brother, Frank Cox; sister, Willena Dixon; grandchildren, Shannon Payton, Erik Peters, Kirk Peters, Zachary Peters, Zane Peters, Allen Peters; four great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the South Crest Chapel with Rev. Oscar Stapp officiating.

Visitation is after 11 a.m. Friday at the South Crest Chapel of Lane Funeral Home, (706) 866-5151.

Burial will be at Tennessee-Georgia Memorial Park.

Find A Grave Memorial# 156614114

WILMA SCOTT



Wilma Ann Dickson Scott, 80, of Ringgold, Georgia, died on Thursday, December 31, 2015.

She was a lifelong resident of the Ringgold area, and an employee of Baylor School for 29 years. She was a member of Simpson United Methodist Church, and an original member of the Choo-Choo Cloggers.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Charlie Wells; second husband, Bud Scott; parents, Alex and Lucille Dickson; brothers, Troy, Carl, and Paul Dickson and sisters, Bobbie Shields and Linda Dickson.

She is survived by her daughter, Annett Wells; three sisters, Doris Pitts, Audrey Collison, and Martha Baggett. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 3, in the funeral home chapel with Pastor Debra Dickerson and Reverend Tommy Messer officiating. Interment will follow at Anderson Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends on Saturday, Jan. 2, from 4-8 p.m. and Sunday until funeral time at the funeral home.

Donations may be made to Stand up for Cancer or the Ronald McDonald House.

Arrangements are by Wilson Funeral Home Wallis-Stewart Chapel, Ringgold.

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EPHY A. DEDMON

Ephy Alonzo Dedmon was born in Walker County, GA at Mission Ridge. He and his brothers were placed in the Bonnie Oaks Orphanage in Chattanooga, TN. He married Naomi Lankford July 8, 1920, at Walker Co., GA. They had one child, Roy Washington Dedmon.



He was in the U.S. Marine Corps (1924-1928). He served in the Nicaraguan Conflict. He was assigned to the Presidential Guard and went with President Calvin Coolidge when he would go on the Presidential Yacht, THE MAYFLOWER. At one point during his Marine experience he raced against Jesse Owens and outran him! That was prior to Jesse Owens' Olympics Gold Medal.

He was chosen to be on the Washington Senators Baseball team, but injured his wrist throwing a stone at a rabbit before the season began and was unable to make the season start. That was about the time he met Cecil Lee Griffith (they married in 1929 in Chattanooga). They were married 64 years.

He was in the grocery business (Red Food Stores in Chattanooga) and retired from Winn Dixie Stores in Florida. He died in Tampa, Florida at the age of 89. He was an avid coin collector and a member of Land O' Lakes Baptist Church.

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See page 3 of this newsletter for additional family information.

DEATH NOTICES

JARED LEVI DEDMON

Jared Levi Dedmon, 20, of Chattanooga, died Saturday, Nov. 13, 2004. He was a graduate of Soddy-Daisy High School in 2002 and was attending Chattanooga State Technical Community College with plans to graduate with a Network Management degree in 2005. He worked for API Digital as the IT facilities specialist and was responsible for technical operations and customer relations for EPB Telecom.

Jared was an active member of River of Life Church where he leaves behind a great legacy of faith and friendship. He is survived by his parents, Cathy and Terry Nunley, Richard and Debbie Dedmon; sister, Nicole Lubbe; fiancée, Cherie Harris; grandparents, Marj Stellar, Walter Erikson, Harrison Dedmon, Sue Dedmon; aunts, uncles, cousins and many friends.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at River of Life Church with Pastors Alan and Terri Crider and Tim Reid officiating.

Burial will be at Hamilton Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends for visitation from 6-9 p.m. Tuesday at River of Life Church, 377 Direct Connection Drive.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the River of Life Building Fund, at the family's request.

Arrangements are by Chattanooga Funeral Home, Valley View Chapel, 7414 Old Lee Highway.

**Find A Grave Memorial#
157190572**

Jared was the great grandson of Ephy Dedmon and the grandson of Harrison Dedmond, pictured on page 3 of this newsletter.

MATTHEW BRIDGES



Matthew William "Matt" Bridges, 31, of Rountree Road, Grover, NC, passed away Thursday, June 24, 2010. Funeral services were held at Sandy

Run Baptist Church. The burial followed in the church cemetery.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Arthur Lee and Corrine Dedmon Putnam and Edwin and Evelena Warren Bridges.

He is survived by his wife, Katy Rountree Bridges; his parents, Eddie Warren and Brenda Putnam Bridges of Mooresboro, NC; 2 daughters, Lily Katherine Bridges and Nora Lee Bridges, both of the home; 2 sisters, Jessica Lee Bridges Weaver and husband William of Benson, NC, and Ginger Marie Bridges Jackson and husband Andrew of Lattimore, NC; 1 niece; several aunts and uncles; and numerous cousins.

Matt was a former volunteer fireman with No. 7 Volunteer Fire Department and was employed with Davis Grading as a heavy equipment operator. Matt was an avid deer hunter, fisherman and outdoorsman.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: Shriners Hospital for Children, 950 West Farris Rd., Greenville, SC 29605. Cecil M. Burton Funeral Home and Crematory, Shelby, NC is serving the family.

**Find A Grave Memorial#
64517582**

I was unaware Brenda had lost her son until I found the obituary. She is very active in research and a member of the Broad River Genealogical Society in Shelby, N.C. She maintains a family website and is one of the proofreaders for the newsletter.