

The Dedmon Connection

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(Dedmon, Dedman, Deadman, Deadmon, Dedmond, Dedmondt, etc.)



LEROY DEDMON

I have said this many times, but I do believe Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday. One reason for this is that it has always been our major family get-to-gather. That's not to say that we don't celebrate other holidays, but with all the varied families (in-laws and out-laws), it seems that everyone is too busy at other times. I think we have just set aside Thanksgiving as the day we go to Mom's house. This year was no different, although we thought earlier that we might not be able to "pull it off" this year. With mom now "bedfast" and under hospice care, we were afraid it might be too much. It seems some of the grandkids rebelled at the idea and so we had the traditional feast. There was some mix-up as we told some early on that we might not have it and they made other plans. We failed to communicate back soon enough to let them know. Of course,

the Dedmons that I know are not the best in the world to communicate with each other. It seems when some are listening the rest are not talking and when the rest talks, the others are not listening. Well, that may not be true of all Dedmons, but I do know that I am guilty as charged. In fact, I am the last minute guy. Give me a deadline and I will at least get started in time to just finish. Down to the wire, last minute... that's me...



There are several family members that I know about who celebrate birthdays in November. I am always glad to learn of others, so let me know if you have family members whose birthdays are coming up. Those that I know are: Greg Dedmon, Tommy Dedmon, Gary Dedmon and Tommy Gilbert.



Greg is my grandson and the oldest child of my son, Gary. He was born two or three weeks premature on November 4th, 1985. Of course, you would never know that by looking at him now. He is a strong, handsome young man of 21.



Tommy is my brother who is four years younger than myself. He was born on November 4th, 1943. He and Greg share the same birthday. I have many fond memories of our childhood. Some of which I wrote about on page 2 of this newsletter.

He is married to his wife of 41 years, Diane Sparkman. Diane grew up in the same neighborhood and attending the same church that we attended. They have three children: Tony, Teressa and Jeniffer.

Gary is my son, born on November 22, 1960. He married Diane Toothman, the daughter of one of the elders at Springfield. Their anniversary is November 5th, 1983. Happy 23rd to you my children. They have two boys: Greg and Jonathan.



Tommy Gilbert is my cousin. His mother was my mom's sister. I have fond memories of spending the summer at my Aunt Edna's. Growing up, Tommy was more like a brother than a cousin. His birthday is November 26th.



Since I have “retired” and moved back to the old home place, many of my childhood memories have surfaced. Although we left the farm when I was around three years old, I did spend most of my summers here until I was about 13 or 14 years old. I guess I would have continued, but my cousins also moved and no one was living here for several years. In fact it stood empty for more than ten years. My aunt remarried and moved to California and the two youngest cousins went with her. The oldest one joined the Air Force and the other two (Tommy and Frances Gilbert moved in with us).

Jane and I married on April 5, 1959 and on June 27 we moved to Huntsville, AL. In 1963 mom and dad moved to Huntsville where he worked until he retired around 1967. Following his retirement mom and dad moved back to the home place and began the task of remodeling the house and cleaning up the farm. After dad passed away in 2002, mom continued to live here by herself. In October of 2003, the elders at Woodstock, where I was preaching, came to a mutual understanding (they wanted another preacher and I understood). Since I was less than a year from my 65th birthday, Jane and I decided to retire and move back to the home place with mom.

The past three years have really put me in touch with my past. I remember camping for a week with a couple of friends down in the pine thicket below the house. I must have been about 15 years old then. On another occasion my Sunday School teacher, Kenneth Olskey, brought the whole class for a week-end camping trip. This time we camped between our house and my grandparents who also had moved away .

Another event that comes to mind is the time Jane’s brother and I came down in search of a Christmas tree. We found a beauty and took it back to Jane’s parent’s house. I think this came to mind as I have been looking around for us a real live tree for this Christmas. The place is filled with cedar and pine trees, but it seems all the pretty ones are either too large to bring to the house or too small for a tree.

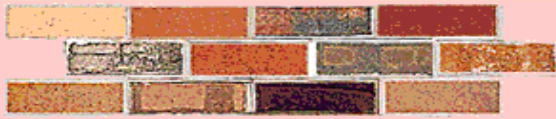
One of the many things that has brought back memories of my childhood is to be with my brother Tommy. He lives in “spitting distance” of our house and we have been working together at least three days a week since he retired last year. Tommy joined the Air Force shortly after Jane and I married. After he returned from the Service he soon married and established his home near Rossville, GA. Since I was preaching and living away from the area, I rarely saw him. Most of our family activities took place on the week-end and preaching kinda ties up that part of the week. Therefore, I missed most of the reunions and special family gatherings for about 45 years. As a result Tommy and I were just not around each other very much.

Growing up, Tommy was four years younger than me (I guess he still is). Bill was four years younger than Tommy. That age difference when I was around ten seemed to be enormous. Of course, today it does not seem too much. In fact, eight years between me and Bill don’t seem to be a lot to me. However, it may seem like a whole lot to Bill. Actually he will be 60 in March and I will not be 68 until June.

I was constantly looking for ways to “equalize” the age and size between Tommy and me. One of the things I remember, and he mentioned it the other day, was for me to get on my knees for a boxing match. I convinced him that if we were the same height, it would all be equal. Well, he fell for it at least once. Bill told me the other day that Tommy pulled that on him.

As we grew older the three of us managed to play several things together. One of my favorites was to play baseball. I would be the pitcher, Bill would be the batter and Tommy the catcher. For a long time I envisioned myself as a “star” pitcher as Bill was unable to hit my fast ball. Being twelve years old made Tommy eight and Bill four. Looking back it seems that all I did was to make Tommy a good catcher and Billy a good hitter. As a pitcher I never developed. At least not in baseball. I finally became a pitcher when I reached my golden years and the church softball team finally moved me to either first base, catcher or pitcher. In my younger days I did play some at shortstop and second base. I never was good enough for right field. Memories are made of this.

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.

MARK DEDMON

For some time I have tried to find the Mark Dedmon of whom the story has been told of his being killed by the revenue officers. I wrote about it in Issue #29 under the "BRICK WALL" article on page 3 and also on page 4 under the title of "WILL THE REAL MARK DEDMON PLEASE STAND UP". I never doubted the truth of the story as too many family members seemed to know about it. Dad had told me the story many times during my childhood. Nobody was able to be sure which Mark Dedmon it was. Mark is a very common name in our ancestry history. Due to the persistent and diligent research of Tim Dedmon we finally have the ".....rest of the story". As it turned out the Mark Dedmon under consideration was a brother to my Great-Great Grandfather. Thanks Tim for all your work...

--Leroy

A GREAT TRAGEDY

This is my slanted opinion of the events that happened on and after September 7th, 1869 on Taylor's Ridge, Ringgold, Catoosa County, Georgia. It has been one hundred and thirty seven years since Wells Barnett Whitmore a scalawag from New York who was a Revenue Collector living in Canton, Georgia and John Hannibal Trautwine a carpetbagger from Indiana who was a Railroad Clerk living in Dalton, Georgia, murdered my great, great, great grandfather Mark L Dedmon b 1820. Mark L was the oldest son of William and Margaret(Daniels) Dedmon. William fought in the War of 1812 from Rutherford County, North Carolina. Mark L was named after William's dad Mark R.. Dedmon who fought in the Revolutionary War in the Battle of Cowpens and Kings Mountain. William and Margaret appear in the 1860 Taylor's Ridge, Ringgold, Catoosa County, Georgia Census living with them is their youngest daughter Elizabeth A. Their three sons Mark L, William D, Thomas W and daughter Hannah were all living next to each other with their families on Taylor's Ridge. The following appeared in the North Georgia Citizen September 16, 1869:

PARTICULARS OF THE CATOOSA COUNTY TRAGEDY

A correspondent writing from Ringgold to the Atlanta Constitution, gives the following statements regarding the killing of Mark Deadman by Whitmore on the 7th: Deadman has been living in this county ever since its organization. His death was a loss of a good father to several little children; to his wife a kind and affectionate husband; and to the county a good citizen. As stated by the witnesses, Whitmore and John H Trautwine left the town of Ringgold early on the morning of the 7th instant, having hired a wagon and pair of mules at the stables. They proceeded to Deadman's and passed his house, and were gone some thirty minutes when Whitmore returned to the house and went where deceased was at work near the house. Whitmore and deceased then returned to the house together. Whitmore wanted deceased to go with him to the Still House. Deceased said he did not want to go, and started to walk across the house when Whitmore drew his pistol and made at deceased and asked him if he resisted. Deadman answered he did not resist, but did not want to go to the Still House. Whitmore flourished his pistol in the house in a very abrupt manner, caught deceased by the shoulder and pushed him out of the house and with his pistol drove him before him to the Still House barefooted. In a short time they returned, Whitmore with his pistol in hand, all the while very abrupt. Trautwine drew up with the wagon and the Still in it about this time going in the direction of Ringgold, and stopped in the road near the house, while deceased and Whitmore were in the house. Deadman asked his wife for some clothes, and stated to Whitmore he did not want to go to Atlanta, but would go to Ringgold and fix it up with him. Whitmore would not consent, but acted all the while in such a manner that Deadman, in all probability, thought he intended to get some chance to kill him. About this time Deadman, frightened as he was, made a break, and Whitmore fired five shots, one of which killed Deadman. Whitmore then, without speaking to the family, only saying, as he left, he had killed him, immediately turned round and met Trautwine in the yard, got in the wagon, ran off down the mountain, in an opposite direction from Ringgold. The parties were arrested at once, and Whitmore was committed to jail. Trautwine was released on bail of five hundred dollars. Whitmore, by his own petition, was taken before His Honor Judge Parrott and released on bail of five thousand dollars.

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Catoosa County saw the last of the Chattanooga Campaign and the beginning of the Atlanta Campaign of the Civil War. At one time there were one hundred and twenty thousand Union troops there. When Sherman left it was a burned out wasteland with most of its citizens moving to Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas. I think Trautwine, a Union soldier in the 18th Indiana Infantry and Whitmore from New York were in the South still fighting the Civil War four years after it was over, and I'm mad about it.

Mark L Dedmon was the father of ten children by his first wife Rebecca Macon who died in 1866, and he married Louisa E Bridges in March 19, 1868 Louisa's first husband Abel Plummer died in the Confederate Navy at Sea in 1866. Louisa married William Andrew Horton on August 26, 1877 in Catoosa County, Georgia. Mark L did not have a will and his large estate and personal land were administered by Anasalam Graham appointed by Catoosa County Court of Ordinary and approved by the heirs. Anasalam had to be bonded for five thousand dollars to administer the estate. Marks wife Louisa and the oldest five children Isaac Crate, Thomas Crawford, Mary C, Abrahm Oliver, and Margaret Ann (Peggy) that were of age to be legal heirs consented to give their whole amount of money due them to pay for attorney's Warren Atkins and George W Bruce. Mark L's five youngest children Mark R, Harrison, Dolophus F, William C. and John B. were still living at home and were put in the Guardianship of W J Whiteside while living with Louisa until they became on age.

After their father was murdered on September 7, 1869 many family members left Georgia for Arkansas and regions beyond. Some of those who made the journey included: sons Mark Rufus Dedmon and Abraham Oliver Dedmon and his wife Rachel C. Gentry and cousin John J. Dedmon, the son of William D. Dedmon (Mark L's brother), Thomas Ponder the husband of their sister, Margaret Ann (Peggy) Dedmon, Joseph A Singletary and his wife Susan Plummer, Joseph's mother was the grandaughter of Mark R Dedmon, who fought in the Revolutionary War, and Joseph's father was the brother of Nancy Singletary and Nancy was the wife of John Lane Dedmon, the first Dedmon to migrate from Rutherford County, North Carolina to North Georgia. The last couple to migrate with them to Waldron, Scott County, Arkansas was James W.

Condry and wife Louisa Plummer and their two children Julia A age 3 and son Thomas B age 1. James's mother Mary Polly Dedmon was the daughter of Mark L's uncle Thomas Charles Dedmon and if you aren't confused yet James W Condry's wife Louisa Plummer and Joseph A Singletary's wife Susan Plummer are sisters and their father Samuel Plummer was the brother of Abel Plummer the first husband of Elizabeth Bridges, Mark L Dedmon's second wife.

This group all appear in the 1870 Waldron, Scott County, Arkansas Census living almost next door to each other. John J Dedmon is living in the household of James C Smith as a domestic servant, Thomas Ponder is living in the household of William Cehorn as a domestic servant, Mark R Dedmon is listed in the household of David Beaty as a domestic servant, Oliver Dedmon and wife and Joseph Singletary and wife appear in the household with James Condry and wife. With James Condry's son Thomas B. appearing as 1 year old and being born in Georgia with the Census being taken in July of 1870. This puts them on Taylor's Ridge at the time Mark L was murdered.

It is my opinion this group from Taylor's Ridge was mad about the events that took place and left Taylor's Ridge, Ringgold, Catoosa County, Georgia to start a new life and many Dedmon's from North Georgia later followed them to Waldron, Scott County, Arkansas and Heavener, Leflore County, Oklahoma.

--Tim Dedmon

Thanks Tim for all the great research you have done and for sharing it with us. At least this clears up the confusion about who was shot by the revenooors... It certainly does make your "blood boil" to read of such a tragedy.

--Leroy



TIM DEDMON

Tim Dedmon is the 4th great grandson of my 3rd great grandfather, William D. Dedmon. According to family tree maker we are half 3rd cousin twice removed and 4th cousin once removed. I wonder if that makes us 3/4th 7th cousins fifth removed. Or do you add it up like that....

--Leroy

From the Mail Bag

From: CWa8875@aol.com

To: gldedmon@alltel.net

Sent: Sunday, October 29, 2006

Subject: re: Dedmon info

Good Morning Leroy

Got your email on Abram Dedmon info. Thank you very much it filled in some of my holes. Once again thank you. Enjoy reading your news letter. You are doing a great job. Keep up the good work.

Charlie and Barbara Walker



Thank you Charlie. It was good to make contact with someone on that limb of the tree. I have double interest since Abram Dedmon married Rachel Gentry. Rachel was a sister to my mom's grandmother. Also, my grandmother was a Walker...

---Leroy

From: Wanda Colvin <colvinw@sbcglobal.net>

Sent: Monday, November 06, 2006 12:08 AM

Subject: Re: dedmon

Dear Leroy,

Where is the time going?? I do so enjoy your newsletters! And it has been such a busy year for me too!! I certainly will open them up and try to contribute something if I can.

I will be praying for your wife and you.

--Wanda Colvin

Thanks Wanda, Time is moving on!!! It is hard to believe that 2006 is almost gone. I appreciate your prayers for Jane. She is doing great... Send me an article for the "Memory Lane" column.

--Leroy

Editor's Note: Those of you that are new to the family may not know Wanda. She has done extensive research on the Dedman line which of course includes the Dedmon surname. Her work centers mostly around Christopher Dedman or Deadman. As many of you know his line stops in Virginia, but most of us believe if we knew his father we could connect him to the line from which I descend. Wanda found from the England research that Chris is also from Suffolk... --Leroy

Leroy, sure been enjoying your newsletter. The "Home Again, Home Again: had some very good points. Boy, ya'lls garden sounds great - wish we lived closer and I'd have been glad to pick it for ya'll when ya'll were gone - ha! Something tells me ya'll might not have agreed with that - ha!

In "Sign of the Times" - really enjoyed and makes me wish more than ever we'd have been able to move back to my ole home place when we retired. But Daddy & Mother sold it to move closer to the kids because most of us at that time were in the West Texas area. And was wise for them to be closer to most of us because both their health had deteriorated. Don't have the John Thomas or his sister Carrie Elizabeth in my genealogy program but would like to be able to put them there someday with this information.

Question - is there way to just copy parts of your newsletter? Sometimes I would like to copy parts of it and put into my genealogy program but I've never figured out how to do this. All I've ever been able to do is copy the whole thing (PDF) but not just parts of it onto the hard drive of my computer - hope I'm making this clear - I'm not always that good at explaining things

Also would be interested in copying the info about Thomas H Hill & Sarah Deadmon Hill just in case I can ever connect to them. Also, Wm Bowen & Martha Overby Bowen (wouldn't that be something to have connection to Elvis), etc.....

Thanks for putting my note to you in your newsletter - hopefully someone will see and help me out with this because I've still not been able to find anything on this Jane Dedmon I mentioned to you in your Sept issue.

Thanks again for keeping me on your mailing list -
sincerely, Jackie Mae Bishop
<JMBHDB@aol.com>

Thanks Jackie and please keep sending in your inquiries. We need information for the "Brick Wall" column. There are many such walls in trying to make the connection to all those "Middle Tennessee Dedmons. I have often wished that I had begun my research while living in the Manchester/McMinnville area. I didn't realize at the time that the folks at Deadman Funeral Home might be kinsfolk. Also, write a "Down Memory Lane" article... It seems that it is possible to copy selected articles from the PDF files. I used to think it was not to be done. Now I believe you can.... --Leroy

From the Mail Bag

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From: JWHenson
mailto:henson3@chattanooga.net]
Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2006
Subject: Happy Holidays

Dear family and friends:

Audrey and I wish you a very happy and thankful Thanksgiving Day. Isn't this a wonderful season of the year?

Love to all,

JWH.

Thank you John and a happy Turkey Day to you too. Yes it is a wonderful season of the year. A time for families to get together or at least send a card.

--Leroy

Editor's Note: John Henson is a Dedmon descendent. His grandmother was Carrie Elizabeth Dedmon. Carrie was the daughter of Joseph E. Dedmon and Martha Black. Joseph was the son of Hannah Dedmon. Hannah was my father's great aunt and my mother's great grandmother. This of course, makes us double kin.

From: Dedmon-owner@yahoogroups.com
[mailto:Dedmon-owner@yahoogroups.com]
On Behalf Of Yahoo! Groups Notification
Sent: Monday, November 20, 2006 9:36 AM
To: Dedmon-owner@yahoogroups.com
Subject: New Dedmon member

Hello, This is an automated email message to let you know that <the_mommie_of_3@yahoo.com> joined your Dedmon group.

Thank you for choosing Yahoo! Groups as your email group service for the Dedmon group.

Regards,

Yahoo! Groups Customer Care

Welcome to the group mommie. If you will, share with us your connection to the family. Also, let this remind all of you to join the group if you have not already done so. Tell other family members about it. Check out the Dedmon Group. For more information visit our yahoo webpage at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Dedmon/>.

DEATH NOTICES

Samuel A. Huskey

(Retired from Musgrove Mills)

COWPENS – Samuel Albert Huskey, 82, of 214 S. Green River Rd., died Monday, Sept. 3, 2001, at his home.

A native of Cherokee County, he was the husband of Levone Dedmon Huskey of the home and son of the late Walter and Rosa Cudd Huskey. He was a member of High Point Baptist Church and was retired from Musgrove Mills.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, Raymond Huskey of the White Plains Community of Gaffney; a daughter, Margaret Hall of Gaffney; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at High Point Baptist Church Cemetery conducted by the Rev. Allen Galloway. The family will receive friends 30 minutes prior to the service at the cemetery and other times will be at the home.

Arrangements by White Columns-Gaffney.

I realize this obit is from 2001, but it stills contains information that we need for the research project. Cowpens is a place where one of our ancestors, Mark Dedmon, fought in the Revolutionary war.

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.

There have been several theories as to why Mark may have spelled the name Dedmon. As most know, the "old timers" just spelled it as it sounded. It may have been that Mark's family objected to his loyalty to the States. It seems at this point the Deadmans were Torries.. Mark may have changed the spelling as an act of defiance.

--Leroy



...Just the GOOD NEWS

This page was sent to me by my nephew, Kenneth Price. He is my sister's son (Carolyn). Of course Taylor is her grandson. Congratulations for a job well done.....

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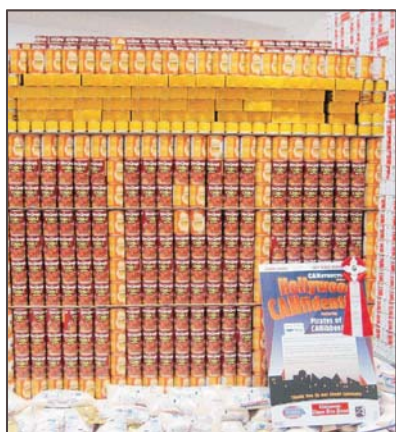
Canstruction combines community service with critical thinking

By VIRGINIA GREGORY
COMMUNITY NEWS WRITER

Recently Hamilton Place was transformed into a scene from Hollywood as East Ridge Middle School students teamed up with Russell Moorehead of Lamar Dunn & Associates to bring this year's Canstruction theme, "Hollywood Can't Confidential," to life. This is the sixth year that the American Institute of Architects in Chattanooga has been part of Canstruction, a program developed by the Society for Design Administration to fight hunger in a creative way. Across the country, teams of architects and engineers build structures out of canned goods and nonperishable items, which are then donated to local food banks. While more than 75 cities participated this year, Chattanooga is one of the only ones to get students involved in the action.

The project not only raises awareness of hunger in the community, but it also encourages students to exercise creativity and critical

thinking skills under the guidance of skilled architects and engineers. "It is a great event that supports a wonderful organization, and it gives the students an opportunity to learn about the design process,"



With the help of Russell Moorehead of Lamar Dunn & Associates, East Ridge Middle School students constructed an enormous treasure chest for this year's Canstruction project.

PHOTO BY VIRGINIA GREGORY

explained Mr. Moorehead, who was delighted to work with Patty Arbuckle's enrichment class. "They had some great

ideas," said Mr. Moorehead, who loved the 'Pirates of the CANibbean' theme that the group decided upon after a few brainstorming meetings.

"It was fun to see the students and Mr. Moorehead go back and forth with ideas and whether or not they could be done," explained Mrs. Arbuckle. Eventually, everyone agreed upon a building a gigantic treasure chest. While Mr. Moorehead went to work on the plans for the structure, Mrs. Arbuckle's students took a trip to Bi-Lo to select cans of the proper size and color for the chest.

Finally on Saturday, Oct. 21, everyone gathered for the build out at Hamilton Place to bring the treasure chest to life. "Almost all of the parents stayed and got involved in the building," explained Mrs. Arbuckle. "Several of the fathers are already talking about plans for next year," Mrs. Arbuckle laughed.

While the students did most of the work, Mr. Moore-



From left are East Ridge Middle School students Cody Barnes, Josh Morton, Taylor Price and Robert Foster.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

head and a few brave parents worked from ladders to stack cans once they were out of arm's reach. "I liked handing the cans up to Mr. Moorehead," said seventh-grader Robert Foster. "He made a drawing of the treasure chest from the front and side, so we knew where each can was supposed to go," Robert explained.

The treasure chest stayed on display for two weeks be-

fore students returned to deconstruct it and sort the cans, which were then sent to the Chattanooga Area Food Bank. While they no longer provide a visual feast for the eyes at Hamilton Place, the cans of chili, pinto beans and peaches and bags of coffee and rice will feed many of those in need during the holiday season.

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Nick Daffron and Josh Morton unload bags of rice while Cody Barnes receives some pointers from an enthusiastic parent.

Here is the email I received from Kenneth:

Taylor in the news

Ken Price [kprice@ctienviron.com]

Taylor's enrichment class recently participated in an event with the AIA called Canstruction out at the mall. An article about it was in yesterday's paper. Their treasure chest was built out of cans of bean and peaches with rice bags around the bottom. The whole thing was about 8 feet tall. You can read about it and see his picture in the attached file. Also look for the "enthusiastic parent"!!

Justin Smith is a grandson to my sister Ruth. He publishes a little newspaper for the family now and then. We want to encourage the future editors as efforts like the DEDMON CONNECTION depend upon folks like Justin.... Most of the newsletter was in his handwriting, some of it had been typed by his grandmother and printed on the computer. The first one was written when he was in the first grade and just turned 7. The second one was after his grandfather died in 2005 and his grandmother (my sister Ruth) was considering selling her house. Great work Justin.....

Justin's Newspaper

March 2004

It's A Clow
de day,
and Clod.
Today the Cat
went through
the Fins and
It was Osum..



It's a cloudy day and cold. Today the cat went through the fence and it was awesome.

Scrapbooking

Gurley- Ruth Smith has been busy for the past month organizing and placing her mother's photos in albums. The photos date back to Ruby's Great Grandparents.

Smith Has Surgery
Don Smith had a hernia repair recently. He is doing fine.



Gurley-Miss Natalie Smith of Hazel Green, AL. was visiting her grandparents this week. She is shown here wearing her new hat. Looking good Natalie!

Hazel Green- Seth Smith recently participated in a Bible Bowl held at the Memorial Parkway Church of Christ. Seth won 3 awards. Congratulations, Seth

Hazel Green- Seth Smith celebrated his 12th birthday on Friday, March 4th. His actual birthday is March 3rd. His guests were his parents, Steve & Tonya, his brother, Justin, and his sister, Natalie. Other guests were Don & Ruth Smith, his grandparents, and Amy & John Vaughn, his aunt & uncle. His friend, Kevin, also attended the party.



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Nabor hood News

Find out what happened to the rat. And Ruth is moving or not!



That Rat!

12-28-05

The rat got away this time but tomorrow it will be dead! Ruth said that it got away because I didn't set the trap. She has tonight to catch the rat! If she doesn't catch the rat tonight the rat will get into the pantry! If the rat gets into the pantry the rat wins.

Editor's note: No animals were harmed in the writing of this poem. J.R.S.

Editor



Justin R. Smith

The Kitty
I bought a cat a rat, he kept it in his hat; covered it with a mat and hit it with a bat!

by
Justin Smith

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Ruth Smith was going to sale her house. But after long day of thinking, she decided not to sale her house. And when she went to Ann's house, Tommy and Jamie sent her a note that said, "you'r not leaving without a fight. And now she's not moving.

The Rat Was Got
We outsmarted him. I now the plan would work the first time we didn't set the trap, but the second time we did, and we cot him red handed.



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