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LEROY DEDMON

2007 IS HERE

Can it be true? Well according to my calendar it is... My intentions are to publish the "Connection" on a quarterly basis this year. Of course, I reserve the right to change my mind. However, for some reason since my retirement I don't seem to have time to devote to the genealogy project that I had anticipated. I have talked to a lot of family researchers and most of them tell me the same thing. It comes in spurts... sometimes you just don't feel like getting involved in the research. I also have noticed that in the response I receive from others. But who knows? This may be the year we all get in gear and get busy. After all we still have cousins we have not met....

I wish more of you would send me information concerning your branch of the tree. I sometimes feel as if I am only writing about my immediate family. Of course, those are the ones I know best, but surely there are more "nuts" on this tree besides myself. Let me hear from you...

Recently, Jane and I saw the movie "WE ARE MARSHALL". I did not realize at the time the incident took place that the Vice President of the school was Donald Dedmon. That made the movie all the more interesting. I knew Donald had been the President of Radford University in Virginia, but it was news to me that he had been at Marshall. If you have not seen the movie, you need to check it out and watch it...

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE QUARTER "WE ARE MARSHALL"



We have several birthdays in this first quarter. I am quite sure I will miss some of them, but it is never on purpose. I really depend on you to let me know. However, I do have some already in my files and am adding others as I find them.

'We Are Marshall' tells an inspiring true story set in Huntington, West Virginia, a small town steeped in the rich tradition of college football. For decades, players, coaches, fans and families have come together to cheer on Marshall University's "Thundering Herd." For this team and this community, Marshall football is more than just a sport, it's a way of life. But on a fateful night in 1970, while traveling back to Huntington after a game in North Carolina, 75 members of Marshall's football team and coaching staff were killed in a plane crash. As those left behind struggled to cope with the devastating loss of their loved ones, the grieving families found hope and strength in the leadership of Jack Lengyel (Matthew McConaughey), a young coach who was determined to rebuild Marshall's football program and, in the process, helped to heal a community.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Ruby Dedmon, Jan. 8. Ruby is my mother and she will be 95 years old.

Craig Dedmon, Jan. 24. He is my brother Bill's youngest son.

Jane Glasscock Dedmon, Feb. 1. She is my wife of almost 48 years.

Carolyn Dedmon Price, Jan. 8. She is my sister and she will be older.

Tonya Smith, Jan. 27. She is my sister Ruth's daughter-in-law.

Connie Buff Dedmon, Feb. 14. She is my brother Bill's wife.

Justin Smith, Jan. 22. He is my sister, Ruth's youngest grandson.

Mark Price, Jan. 28. He is the youngest son of my sister Carolyn.

Bill Dedmon, March 1. He is my youngest brother.



Looking back on my childhood brings about a lot of memories. Most of them involve my brothers and sisters. As you know, if you have been a regular reader of this newsletter there were five of us Dedmon kids. There are four years and six months difference between me and my brother Tommy. I of course am the oldest of all my siblings and Tommy is next to the youngest. Between Tommy and myself are two sisters, Carolyn and Alma Ruth. Four kids in four and one half years places us fairly close in age. Then there was about three and one half years before the baby of the family was born. That of course, is Bill.

By the time I was ten years old I had already had visions of playing professional baseball. I didn't know if I could have made the Big Leagues, but I would have settled to play for the Chattanooga Lookouts, who at that time was the AA farm team of the Washington Senators. Later that Washington team became the Minnesota Twins. One of the players I remember passing through Chattanooga was the famed Harmon Killebrew.

Some of my favorite pitchers of that era was Al Sima and Sonny Dixon. Of course my all time favorite was Bobo Newsome. Bobo knew nothing of the modern day quality start of six or seven innings. I remember him pitching both games of a double header. He was known for his "razzle-dazzle" style of pitching and his famous "blooper pitch". So I patterned my pitching after Bobo.

Before the days of the plastic "whiffle" ball we had the homemade sock ball. I was pretty good at making all of our equipment, including bats and gloves. Looking back on all of my early training I think the best I did was make a hitter out of Bill and a catcher out of Tommy. By the time he was two years old, Bill had learned to swing a bat. Of course my knuckle ball and "blooper" was too much for him until he reached about six or eight years old. Tommy had to do a lot of fancy catching to handle all my "stuff".

By the time I was twelve, I was playing organized baseball on some of the local community and church teams. I always knew I would be in the starting lineup. Never mind the fact that my father was the coach.

I went on to play what is now equivalent to "Babe Ruth" League and eventually High School baseball. I never developed as the pitcher I envisioned. I guess graduating from sock balls and whiffle balls, the hard

ball was not as kind to my knuckle and blooper pitches. Also, the hitters were much larger than little brother Bill. As a result, I became an outfielder. In High School it was center field. I was not an Andruw Jones, but managed to keep my starting position, and if I do say so, a pretty good country slugger.

Somehow the professional scouts never saw my potential nor was I granted a college scholarship to play baseball. So, after High School, I rejoined my dad's team. By then it was fast pitch softball. I tried pitching, but never could learn the knack of swinging my arm around and throwing the ball underhanded. So it was back to the field. I did manage to play short stop and second base a few times, but generally it was the outfield. After I married in 1959 and moved to Huntsville, my days of organized ball ended. I did continue to play on Sunday afternoon in what we called "scrub" games with some of the neighborhood kids.

Upon moving to Manchester, TN in 1964, I organized a fast pitch softball team in the New Union community and we played other communities in and around Coffee County. Once we even traveled to Huntsville to play against a team my father had organized and was coaching. I don't even remember who won. However, the fact that I don't remember kinda tells me who did.

By the time Gary was around seven years of age (1967), I hung up my bat and glove and took on the coach's hat for a Little League Baseball team. That lasted for about five years, even after we moved from Manchester to Morrison, TN. Gary became the pitcher I never was and had a nice little career that took him through High School. Although he did not play in college, his knowledge of sports paid his way through David Lipscomb College as a sports manager.

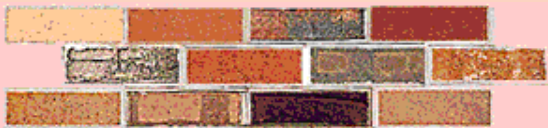
When I moved to Springfield, TN in 1972 at the age of 33, I came out of retirement and began my slow pitch softball career which lasted for more than 30 years. I did become the pitcher of my youthful dreams



Here I am at the age of 60 tossing the ole "pumpkin" while playing in the Senior League at Woodstock, GA.

and enjoyed the challenge of once again trying my knuckle ball and an occasional blooper. By then the word blooper had taken on an entirely different meaning. While in Springfield, I once again was able to be teammates with brother Bill and even with my son, Gary. My last year of play was in 2004 and guess who the catcher was for my final season. You guessed it, it was my brother Tommy.... 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.

Posted by: Katherine:

I am posting this line in hopes some of the KY or other descendants of this part of the "Original" Joseph Timberlake line can help fill in the missing parts and mysteries. Descendants of William Timberlake, Sr.

1 William TIMBERLAKE, Sr. d: in Caroline Co., VA
.. +Elizabeth GRAVATTE b: 1762 in Caroline Co., VA
... 2 John TIMBERLAKE b: Aft. 1782
..... +Miss NICOLSON
..... 3 Elizabeth J. TIMBERLAKE d: 1854
..... +Robert DEDMAN b: 1781 in Virginia d: 1870 in
near Leesburg, Loudoun Co., VA
..... 4 Annie M. DEDMAN d: Aft. 1887
..... +Mr. DUKE
..... 4 Wm. D. DEDMAN d: Aft. 1887
..... 4 Samuel L. DEDMAN d: Aft. 1887
..... 4 James O. DEDMAN d: Aft. 1887
..... 4 Child DEDMAN
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..... 4 Phil T. DEDMAN b: August 27, 1850
in Washington, Rappahannock Co., VA d: Aft. 1887
..... 3 Female TIMBERLAKE
..... +Mr. HARRIS

I am very interested in your Dedman line- I descend from Elizabeth Timberlake and Robert Dedman's daughter. Actually, two of their daughters married my ancestor George W. Duke and the children of both were very close (Robert Dedman was living in their household- or they were living in his- shortly before his death).

Check the 1850 census for Rappahannock VA and you will find many people in Robert Dedman's household: Robert Dedman, age 70 (wrong age), mattress maker, born in VA; Elizabeth J. Dedman, age 42; James O. Dedman (believe the O might be for Overton), age 14; Mary J. Dedman, age 12 (my ancestor, George Duke's first wife); Andrew J. Dedman, age 4; Anna M. Dedman, age 4 (they are not twins, they are about a year apart, Anna may have been older, and Anna was George Duke's second wife after Mary died in 1868 after the birth of her second child, and George had three kids with Anna); Philip F. Dedman, age 1; Mary Timberlake, age 67, born in Maryland (this must be Elizabeth's mother, Mary Nicholson); John W. Harris, age 15; William C. Harris, age 13 (these must be Timberlake grandchildren/cousins to my Dedman's, so

their Timberlake mother must have died before 1850); and finally, a Samuel L. (?) Dedman, age 18, born VA (don't know how he connects, if he is a son or a nephew to Robert and Elizabeth).

Depending on county formations, I believe this Robert Dedman is the one listed for Orange VA in earlier censuses, and I think that it will pan out that Mary Timberlake was living in his home in earlier censuses.

One problem in searching records is whether or not Robert Dedman was previously married and had other children. Given the huge gap in ages between he and Elizabeth, it is entirely possible.

My Dukes came from the Rappahannock/Warren county area of northern VA, and I believe moved to the Dedham place in Loudoun county sometime prior to Mary Jane Dedman Duke's death in 1868. George married her younger sister Anna over a year later and they are listed in the 1870 census for Loudoun county, and Robert Dedman was still alive at the time the census was taken in 1870, but Mary Timberlake may have died by then.

My ancestor is Robert James Duke, the first child and only survivor of the two children George W. Duke had with Mary Jane Dedman (married 14 May 1863). Robert James Duke was born in 1865 (probably a post-war baby boomer- I believe GW served on the confederate side during the war along with his brothers Lewis and Almarcus and possibly John). Their second child, Mary Virginia Elizabeth, was born 1 May 1868 and died in July, and her mother Mary died May 6, five days after her birth. On 2 Dec 1869, George married Anna M. Dedman in Willow Branch, Loudoun VA, and their children were Virginia, Hallie Wheeler, and Mary Anna.

I have a picture of Robert James Duke, the descendant of the Dedmans and Timberlakes.

In the 1880 census for Sandersville, Fayette KY you will find George Duke and Anna Dedman Duke (also referred to as "Alice" on a census record). I believe they may have had a tobacco farm on the Scott Co. line, and I also wondered if there were any ties to the Scott Co. Dukes (like Basil Wilson Duke and his uncle's family). My Dukes didn't have much money, and I believe several Duke lines were very well off, so they may not be related (even though they are buried near each other at the Lexington Cemetery).

Hope this info is helpful. Happy hunting!

Thanks for this information, and I trust some of our readers will be able to make a connection. As always, if you find more information on any of our published works, please let me know so I can share it with others via this newsletter. --Leroy

Group wants to rebuild depot

By **Katie Throne**

South Carolina Bureau

AIKEN- Using a tiny paint brush and a keen eye, artist Gail Dedmon replicated the old Aiken Passenger Depot on canvas to help a local group bring it back to life.

The last of 1,000 first-edition prints depicting the train station rolled off the press Wednesday at Howell Printing, ready for the Aiken artist to sign.

She's selling the prints for \$40 each, with all proceeds going to the Friends of Aiken's Railroad Depot, a committee that plans to rebuild the Aiken Passenger Depot torn down in 1954.

"I liked the concept of having a real depot back in Aiken again," Mrs. Dedmon said. "After all, the train is what Aiken came about with."

The nonprofit group, headed by local activist H.A. "Mac" McClearen, hopes to rebuild the old train station in its original spot with as much meticulous detail as Mrs. Dedmon's artistic rendering.

Mr. McClearen approached Mrs. Dedmon and print shop owner Bill Howell about donating their services to help raise funds for the estimated \$500,000 project. "Being an Aikenite, I'm interested in the history and restoration of the city," said Mr. Howell, who ran his presses for free.

Built in 1899, the passenger train station sat at the corner of Park Avenue and Union Street past the railroad tracks and primarily was used by Winter Colony residents. Fifty years later, the building had begun to deteriorate and passengers started to dwindle, choosing to fly instead.



Copies of Gail Dedmon's painting of the Aiken Depot will be sold as part of a nonprofit group's effort to rebuild the train station. RON COCKERILLE/STAFF

"The rails weren't as popular during that time," said Mr. McClearen. "The depot was quietly demolished." He said he thinks the depot's destruction might have gone unnoticed because of the changes to Aiken's landscape caused by the construction of Savannah River Plant.

Mr. McClearen and a group of railroad buffs did some digging last year and found the depot's original blueprints in a Norfolk Southern Railway warehouse in Chattanooga, Tenn. Their quest to rebuild the old train station in historical detail began.

"We want to put it right back in the center of town where it was," he said. "We want to make it part of historical Aiken."

If enough money is raised, construction could begin within 18 months, Mr. McClearen said. Both the city and Aiken Downtown Development Association are helping the group get the project off the ground.

"Hopefully, the depot will house a railroad museum and some offices," he said. "It can really help revitalize that area of town."



Robert Osenbaugh (from left), who works at Howell Printing, examines a lithograph of a painting of the old Aiken Depot. Gail Dedmon, Bill Howell and Lisa Landrum look over a final printing, which rolled off the press Wednesday. --RON COCKERILLE/STAFF

Recently I have found several roosting in the family tree who are "professional artists. In future issues of the CONNECTION, I plan to feature some articles and websites of them. My sister, Ruth is among those who "make the canvas live". In fact, the picture of the old home place on the first page of this website was painted by her. As for me I can only draw flies. --Leroy

From the Mail Bag



To: Leroy Dedmon
Subject: Re: newsletters
From: edgar_hightower2000@yahoo.com
Cousin Leroy, It was great to get the two newsletters today,

I was pleasantly surprised to learn that Gail Dedmon lives only two counties away from Branchville, Orangeburg County, S.C. where I live.

The three samples of her artistry are wonderful, especially the one of scenes at the University of South Carolina — The Home of the Fighting Gamecocks!!!

On page 2 of the Newsletter #47, there is a photo of the Jim Harrison Gallery in my old hometown of Denmark, S.C. Jim is a lifelong friend of mine and a talented artist, also. Here is the coincidence — he also studied under Zeta Mellon of Allendale, S.C., as did Gail Dedmon.

And I share Gail's love for the lowlands of South Carolina's "low country", with all of the live oaks draped with Spanish Moss, and the ever present marsh smells which we have learned to enjoy. I'll have to travel over to the Aike County area and visit Gail and enjoy some of her other artwork. She and Jim Harrison have similar styles of capturing the wonderful scenes of The Palmetto State — South Carolina.

Another coincidence is that just this week, I had an article published in THE ADVERTIZER-HERALD weekly newspaper of Bamberg County, S.C., which pictured the removal of churches and homes from the Savannah River area of Aiken and Barnwell Counties in order to make way for the "Bomb" plant on the Savannah River Site (SRS) back in 1952.

My dad, Voncile Hightower, and "Red" Harrison, who is the late father of Denmark's artist Jim Harrison -- combined forces to temporarily remove their telephone lines from the railroad crossings in Williston so that the church buildings and private homes would not tear down the lines when passing under them.



E. HIGHTOWER

The article about Gail said that she was born on a farm in the shadow of the bomb plant in Aiken County.

It is truly a very small world in which we live.

Cousin Eddie Hightower
(Connected through Clemeth Cavender and Rebecca Deadman of the Northwestern area of my birthplace in Walker County, Georgia.)

(The Newsletter was for April, and I was late in posting it, which accounts for the reply from Eddie coming in February. I plan to do better this year with my schedule. Publishing on a quarterly basis should help. --Leroy)

Calling all male-Dedman descendants of Thomas and Sarah Griffin Deadman. We need you to participate in the study being done by Sorenson Molecular Genealogy Foundation. Participation is free, convenient and confidential. It is a great way to get your DNA tested free of charge. DNA from the Y chromosome has been found to be a very effective tool in genealogy. You can read about this by going to:

<http://www.smgf.org>.

A Descendant of Thomas' son Mark is already in their database. We need other Dedmons to participate, especially descendants of sons George G. and James. I will be happy to answer any questions you have about this. Von Hamrick [vbhamrick@webtv.net]

From: JWHenson [henson3@chattanooga.net]

Dearest Loved Ones:

On this Christmas Day we send our holiday greetings to you and all of your loved ones. May God extend his blessing to each one along with our kindly wishes.

Love, Audrey and John

(This message came from my good friend and cousin John Henson. I really meant to include it in the December Newsletter, but somehow it was omitted. It is always good to hear from John and Audrey. The same goes for the next note from Tabitha.)

I hope everyone had a merry Christmas! I hope this new year bless each one of us a better one. I am sorry I haven't been on much. I started college this year and been busy at my home. Happy Holidays ...

Love,

--cousin TabithaNelson-Young

DUDMAN surnames in England

Posted by: Joanne Clemis

Hi Deadman/Dudman Researchers

I am working on a one name study of the Deadman/Dudman surnames in England. On the IGI I have found several Dudman parents with their children listed as Deadmans and vice versa. Will do lookups on my files for anyone researching Deadman/Dudman surnames after 1837. --Joanne



...Just the GOOD NEWS

Kristen Dedmon

Hometown: Yorba Linda, CA

Position: 1B/DP

Bat/Throw: R/R

High School: Esperanza



2006 (Junior) : Had the game-tying RBI on a two-out single to left in the bottom of the seventh inning in UCLA's eventual eight-inning 3-1 loss to Northwestern in the WCWS Semifinals. Walked in a pinch-hit appearance in game 2 of the Super Regionals vs. USF. Singled in a pinch-hit at-bat at Cal on May 11. Had a pinch-hit single in the fifth inning against Cal Poly on Feb. 9. Drew a walk as a pinch hitter against UCSB the following day. Had a pinch-hit single to score a run in the sixth inning against then-No. 8 Texas A&M on Feb. 25. Hit .333 on the season, going 5-for-15 with two RBI . Had one start at DP (G2 vs. Santa Clara, March 5).

Summer 2005: Played ASA with the Schutt Hurricanes with Bruin teammates Krista Colburn, Ashley Herrera and Danielle Peterson. Team won the Women's Major Nationals tournament in Stratford, Conn.

2005 (Sophomore) : Had an RBI infield single in the first game of the NCAA Championship Series as UCLA defeated Michigan 5-0. Doubled in the ninth inning of the final game of the Championship Series. The Bruins went on to load the bases but could not score, losing in 10 innings to Michigan. Played at DP throughout the WCWS. Had a home run, a double and two RBI at UCLA's NCAA Regional. Connected on RBI singles in both of UCLA's wins at Super Regionals. Started every game for the Bruins at first base or DP with one start in the circle (Mar. 6 vs. Santa Clara). Had three RBIs at the Stacy Winsberg Memorial Tournament, including a two-run home run against Georgia on Feb. 5. Went 2-for-3 with two RBIs against Fresno State. RBIs were the final two runs of the game for UCLA against the Bulldogs. Pitched twice for the Bruins, starting against Santa Clara on Mar. 6 and pitching 1.2 innings in relief against Utah State on Mar. 17. Had a 3-for-3 day at Oregon State on Apr. 1. Homered for

UCLA's only run of the game at Oregon on Apr. 2 (G2 of DH). Hit .500 in the two weekend games against Washington, going 3-for-6 with a home run and a double. Both extra-base hits were in the Apr. 23 loss to UW, a solo home run in the fifth and a ground-rule double to lead off the seventh. The double bounced off the yellow piping atop the Easton Stadium fence, then back in to the outfield.

Summer 2004: Played ASA softball with the Hurricanes along with Bruin teammate Ashley Herrera. Team finished fourth at the ASA Women's Major Championship tournament.

2004 (Freshman) : Had the game-winning RBI in the NCAA Championship game. Pinch-hit with two outs in the bottom of the fifth inning and singled, scoring pinch runners Tara Henry and Amanda Simpson. That was just her second multi-RBI game of the season. GWRBI in the NCAA Championship Game was her only appearance of the post season. Rotated in and out of the designated player spot throughout the season. Started at DP in three of UCLA's final four games of the regular season. Had three doubles on the season, last at Stanford on May 9 off of Dana Sorensen. Hit a monstrous 300+ foot home run on Feb. 7 off of Washington's Tia Bollinger on the first day of the season. Only played defense in two games, starting at 1B at the UNLV Classic (Feb. 14 vs. Portland State and Wisconsin).

High School: Named an NFCA third-team All-American as a sophomore at Esperanza High School. Played club softball with the Worth Firecrackers. Team finished third at the 2003 ASA National Championship.

I have had articles about Kristen before, but it has been a while since one was used in the newsletter. Kristen is the daughter of Jeff Dedmon, a former Atlanta Braves relief pitcher. Jeff Dedmon was born on Friday, March 4, 1960, in Torrance, California. Dedmon was 23 years old when he broke into the big leagues on September 2, 1983, with the Atlanta Braves. My son, Gary, met Jeff while Jeff was in the minor league and Gary was the visitor "clubbie" for the Nashville Sounds. While they knew they had the same last name, neither knew enough about the family to make a connection.



Jeff 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.

Mrs. Evelyn Richardson

Homemaker

AIKEN — Mrs. Evelyn Ford Richardson, 95, of 107 New Bridge Road, died Thursday, Dec. 24, 1998, at Beverly Healthcare Center. The funeral will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at Redds Branch Baptist Church with the Revs. Mark S. Watford and Charles Still officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Mrs. Richardson, a lifelong resident of Aiken, was a homemaker and a member of Redds Branch Baptist Church.

Survivors include five daughters, Gladys Willis, **Ruby Dedmon**, Eleanor Duncan, Christine Seigler and Judy Stevenson, all of Aiken; two sisters, Irene Walker, Warrentonville, and Viola Fulmer, Aiken; and 13 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Redds Branch Baptist Church, 390 Redds Branch Road, Aiken, SC 29801. The family will receive friends from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday at George Funeral Home, Park Avenue.

Friends may call at the residence of Gladys Willis, 1003 Bradley Mill Road, Aiken.

Dorothy Jean Prescott

APPLING, Ga. - Entered into rest Wednesday October 26, 2005, at her residence, Dorothy Jean Prescott, 60, of Appling. Funeral services will be held at 4:00 PM Sunday October 30, 2005, at Starling Funeral Home, Harlem, Ga. With the Rev. Russell Davis officiating.



Interment will be in the South Harlem Memorial Gardens. Mrs. Prescott, a native of Edgefield, South Carolina, was a homemaker and a loving mother and granny.

Survivors include two daughters, Marianne McCall and Tina Shafer, both of Appling; one brother, Wayne Dorn, Troy, SC; four sisters, **Mary Dedmon**, Aiken, Elizabeth Prescott, North Augusta, Ann Carlick, and Earline Dorn; and four grandchildren, Stevie Sorensen, Richard A. Shafer, Jr., Sabrina Shafer, and Jacob Shafer.

Pallbearers will be Rick Shafer, Robert McCall, Richard A. Shafer, Jr., Jacob Shafer, Wayne Dorn, and Tommy Daily. Starling Funeral Home, Hwy. 78, Harlem, Ga. - Email condolence to the family at starling@familink.com.

The Augusta Chronicle October 30, 2005

These two obits (Evelyn and Dorothy) are obviously in-laws to the Dedmon family. I would like to know to whom the Dedmon daughters are married.

--Leroy Dedmon

William K. Dedman

William K. Dedman died 2/02/1897 at Topeka State Hospital and is buried at THS Cemetery in Row 3 Grave 64. The Topeka State Hospital operated as a hospital for the mentally ill between the years of 1879 and 1997. Prior to 1901 it was known as the Topeka Insane Asylum. Most of the people buried in the cemetery at the hospital are buried in unmarked graves; however, a dozen or so headstones are still standing.

I struggled as to whether I should publish this information or not. However, it is history and I found it on public domain. There is no intent to embarrass any of the descendents of William's family.

--Leroy



This page is dedicated to the "branches" of our tree that are not Dedmons. I will gladly print any information you send me as to your relatives. This includes in-laws, "outlaws" and other laws.... (Leroy)

Ed Wimpy, 65, Ringgold

James "Ed" Edward Wimpy of Ringgold died Tuesday, May 4, at a local hospital. He was 65. A lifelong resident of the Ringgold area, he was an employee of Shaw Industries for 15 years. He was a member of Ringgold First Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his father, **J.D. Wimpy**. Survivors include his mother, **Mary Peters Wimpy** of Ringgold; children, Brad Wimpy of East Ridge, Tenn., **Angela Templeton** of Fort Oglethorpe, Loretta Boren of East Ridge, Susie Ervin of Harrison, Tenn., Debbie King of Ringgold; 13 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren. Services: Friday, May 7, at 3 p.m. in the Wallis-Stewart Chapel of Wilson Funeral Home with Rev. Jack Swanson officiating. Burial: Anderson Cemetery. Visitation: Wednesday, May 5, after 5 p.m., all day Thursday, May 6, and until service time Friday at the funeral home. Arrangements by Wilson Funeral Home, Ringgold.

(Although this obit is a few years old it still contains valuable information for some of our researchers. The Wimpy family is related to my mother, Ruby Dickson Dedmon. My mother's aunt Alice Dickson married Joseph F. Wimpy. Ed Wimpy's father, J.D. (John David) was a son of Alice and Joe. So that would make Ed a second cousin to my mom and a third cousin to me. Also, Ed's mother, Mary Peters Wimpy is connected to the Black family which is related to both my mom and dad. Although this obit is a few years old it still contains valuable information for some of our researchers.)

Another possible relationship in this obit is that of Angela Kaye Wimpy Templeton. According to my records she is married to Carl Edward Templeton. However, as of the time of this writing I am not aware as to who Carl is. Maybe some of our readers will be able to pick up on this and "fill in" the blanks. My grandmother was Pearl Victoria Templeton.

Mrs. Julia George

The Book Shop co-owner

AIKEN — Mrs. Julia Ghormley George, 84, of 3525 Augustus Road, died Monday, Aug. 10, 1998, at Pepperhill Nursing Center. The funeral will be at 2 p.m. today at George Funeral Home, 211 Park Ave., with the Rev. Jack Hasty officiating. Burial will be in Millbrook Baptist Church Cemetery.

Mrs. George, a native of Madisonville, Tenn., was co-owner of The Book Shop. She was a member of First Baptist Church where she was a member of the Joy Sunday School Class and the Round Table Missions Circle. She was a member of the Garden Makers Garden Club, the Garden Club of S.C., and the Aiken Artist Guild.

Survivors include one brother, Robert Ghormley, Fort Meyers, Fla.; two sisters, Ann G. Siler, Waynesville, N.C., and Mary G. Humphries, Marietta, Ga.

Pallbearers will be Tom Walker, **Earl Dedmon**, Lewis Swingle, Tommy Walker and Billy Miller. Honorary pallbearers will be members of the Joy Sunday School Class.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, 120 Chesterfield St., NW, Aiken, SC 29801. The family will receive friends from 1 to 2 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Mr. Jones Whittle

Retired carpenter

AIKEN - Mr. Jones C. Whittle, 97, died Wednesday, July 7, 1999, at Mattie C. Hall Nursing Center. The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Central Baptist Church with the Revs. Mike Cato and Jerry Tindell officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Mr. Whittle, a native of Aiken, had retired as a carpenter. He was a member of Central Baptist Church.

Survivors include three sons, Hoyt Whittle, Columbia, Bennie Lee Whittle, Aiken, and Charles Whittle, Prichardville; five daughters, Mary Helen Plunkett, Jean Murrell and Barbara Bentley, all of Aiken, Gretchen Griggs, Columbia, and Betty Smalley, Neeses; and 30 grandchildren, 48 great-grandchildren and 21 great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Clay Plunkett, Jesse Nix, **Earl Dedmon**, Jason Clark, Shane Workman and Patrick Matte. Honorary pallbearers will be members of the Senior Citizens Men's Sunday School class.

Friends may call at the residence of Charles and Barbara Bentley, 118 Wisteria Drive. The family will receive friends from 7 to 8:30 p.m. today at George Funeral Home. The Augusta Chronicle July 9, 1999

I included these two obits because of Earl Dedmon's name listed as a pallbearer. Who knows it might lead to more information. --Leroy