

MADDUX FAMILY TRACES BACK TO OLD WALES HOUSE OF MADOG

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Adam Maddux acquired a 160-acre grant just after the Indian Removal in the section of Hamilton County that was later taken off for James County. He later acquired part interest in Dallas Island, but it was here he met his death. A son and three sons-in-law fought for the Union in the Civil War.

Adam Maddux, who was born in the vicinity of Cocke County, Tenn., in 1816, was the son of another Adam Maddux and his wife, Rachel.

The Maddox line is said to go back to the ancient house of Madog in the district of Brecon, Wales, along the river Usk. Alexander Maddux sailed to America on the Abraham of London in the latter part of 1635. He married Eleanor White in 1659. His will in Northampton, VA, lists sons Thomas, Alexander and Lazarus and daughters Elizabeth and Ann.

Lazarus Maddux died in Maryland in 1715, leaving sons Thomas, Lazarus, Daniel, Alexander and William and daughters Mary, Sarah, Eleanor and Elizabeth.

When Thomas Maddux died at Prince William County, VA, in 1746, he left sons Thomas, Matthew, Lazarus, Scofield, William and Nathaniel and daughters Easter, Sally, Fanny Garrison and Darkes Jones. It was this line that made its way to the vicinity of Cosby, Tenn., before Tennessee was a state.

The Madduxes were member of Big Pigeon Baptist Church. Rachel Maddux is mentioned in the church records in 1826 when she and Nancy Allen cited Agnes Fry for adultery. Fifty acres were surveyed for Adam Maddux (Sr.) in 1831 on the south side of Big Pigeon River near Ground Hog Creek.

He apparently died shortly afterward, and his widow, Rachel, made her way with her son, Adam, to McMinn County. She purchased 79 acres from Archibald Whitten in 1834. Rachel Maddux stayed with the Millsaps family on Walden's Ridge during the Civil War and she died in 1868.

In McMinn County, Adam Maddux married Mary Ann Campbell on Feb. 11, 1836. Her parents were John Campbell and Phoebe Cassidy, who were married in 1808.

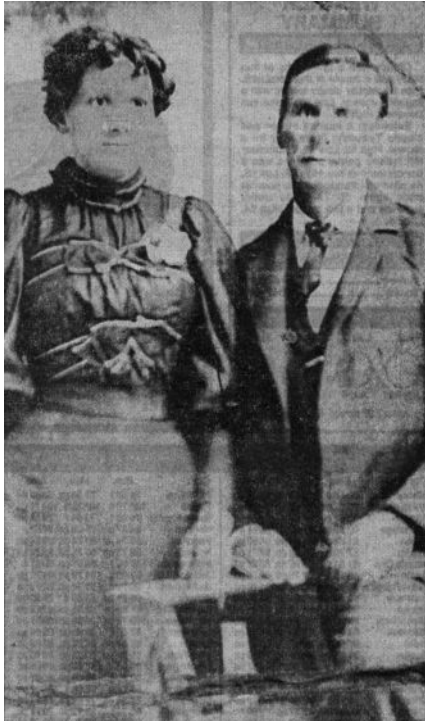
In Hamilton County, Adam Maddux continued to acquire land, including 160 acres from David Bell, 151 acres from Robert McRee, and 388 acres from Robert A. Hunter "on the road leading from Dallas to Athens, Tenn., via ferry."

It was just after the Civil War when Adam Maddux and William Murphy bought from William Crutchfield the mile-long Dallas Island. In 1867, Adam Maddux was on the island marking trees to be cut when he died, apparently from a heart attack.

He left a large family, including Phoebe Caroline who married Jasper Newton Millsaps, Amanda Jane who married Elisha Gann, Cynthia Avenline who married Thomas Daughtery, John Campbell who married Mary Elizabeth Moon, William Denny who married Harriet Sophia Moon, Samuel Anderson who married Nannie Eldridge, Nancy Murtiller who married Thomas Jonas Moon, Mary Adeline who died in 1871 after a fall from a horse, and Robert Hyselop who married Eliza Luina Dugger.

John Campbell, along with his brothers-in-law Millsaps, Gann and Daughtery, went to Kentucky to join the Union's Fifth Tennessee Cavalry. John Campbell Maddux was in the fighting around Atlanta and suffered a wound to the leg. Daughtery was killed at the battle of Resaca.

After the war, Daughtery's widow married a Confederate veteran, H. Frank Farris. He had stopped by her place for water while marching home from the war, and he promised he would return to marry her. They had two sons and four daughters together.



John Campbell Maddux occupied the old William Denny place, where he reared his 10 children and operated the Maddux School. The eldest son, James Adam, lost his leg when he was gathering corn and the team of mules bolted, causing the loaded wagon to go over his leg. He later became a school teacher. He married Martha Duggan.

Other children of John Campbell Maddux include Mary Elizabeth who married Francis Meredith Wolfe, Jennie who married Tom Dillard, William Robert, Cynthia Aveline, Charles Campbell who married Florence Powell, Samuel Thomas who was blind, Luther Martin who was in the Spanish-American War, George Washington who married Lizzie Fine, and Richard Jordan who married Lottie Green and then Mrs. Ida Melton.

After his first wife died in 1895, it was said that a newspaper advertisement was sent out as a prank by the mail carrier for a second wife for John Campbell Maddux. A young woman in Georgia answered the ad, but rejected him when she found he was too old and the picture she was shown was one of his sons. However, Maggie Statum of Webster County said all Georgia women were not like that, and she would accept him and did on May 23, 1897.

(Pictured: Maggie Statum answered an ad and agreed to take the older John Campbell Maddux. This is a picture of her and John C. Maddux).

John Campbell Maddux moved to a farm at Charleston, Tenn., and died there in 1924.

William Denny Maddux had Mary Jane who married James P. Howell, Jonas A. C. and Amanda L. who died young, Samuel Thomas and John Denny.

Samuel Anderson Maddux had Maude who married Charles Greeniee and then Lon Brock, Ruby F. who married James Epperson, Jessie who married G. O. French, Ora who married Noah Ford, Winfield Hancock and William Paul. This family moved to Kansas, but, due to the unpleasantness of the winter weather and the spring rattlesnakes, returned to Harrison and were at Charleston, Tenn., when Samuel Anderson Maddux in May of 1891 "left the vicinity of his home and was never seen again."

Robert Hyselop Maddux had Alice who married Horace G. Humphreys, Bobbie Gahagan who died young, Phonnie Aveline who married Dan hamill, and Kae Irene who married Robert Isaac Gentry. Horace Humphreys was county sheriff.

Another sheriff, Rex Richey, descends from the Adam Maddux line through his daughter, Cynthia Aveline.

Sheriff V. W. "Red" Maddox, is a son of James Adam maddux.

Agnes Maddux and Francis Davis Maddux of Spring City have conducted much research on the family.

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