

**TOWNHOUSE DEVELOPMENT PLANNED FOR HISTORIC
COOKEVILLE HOME SITE, PUTNAM CO., TN**

By Lindsay McReynolds

A historic home known as the "Maddux House" may be cleared to make way for 40 townhouses.

The Cookeville Planning Commission is considering a request by Jerry Gaw to approve a preliminary plat for "Maple Crossing" on about five acres at 835 S. Maple Ave.



(Pictured: An older photo of the Maddux house that was submitted by a reader to the Herald-Citizen.

Jerry C. Gaw Inc. and Bernhardt LLC bought the property on the corner of Maple Avenue and Neal Street back in 2017 for \$444,500.

The only other record on the state's real estate assessment data site is that it sold for \$1.75 million in 2014.

Cookeville Codes Director Jeff Littrell said the house has been in bad shape, and no one has lived in it in many years.

A few Herald-Citizen readers expressed concern about the house being torn down this week when they saw trees being removed on the property.

"While I'm all for progress as much as the next guy, and as much as I like the homes that Bernhardt has been building around town, I think it would be a shame to lose this gem," one reader said in an email to the Herald-Citizen.



It was the home of **Bob Lee Maddux**, a prominent businessman in Cookeville in the early 1900s, according to a story from the Herald-Citizen archives. He purchased property in 1940 at the corner of Spring Street and Washington Avenue for his son, Dave, to open a hardware store with former Putnam County Sheriff Sam Denton Poteet. Maddux Hardware closed in 2005.

The Maddux home was built in 1900, according to records reviewed Friday morning by Putnam Register of Deeds Harold Burris.

Planners do have some concerns about the project. City planner Kenneth Young said they want to see a five-foot sidewalk along Neal Street in front of the development, but no decision has been made yet about sidewalks along the South Maple side of the property.

Planners have also discussed the proposed size of alleys on the property and whether they'd be large enough to accommodate a city garbage truck, or if there would just be a dumpster on the property for residents of the townhomes.

Planners said a site for the potential dumpster wasn't listed on the preliminary plat.

Some planning commission members expressed concern about the back sides of the town homes facing the street.

"I've already heard enough questions and concerns, I think we ought to postpone it," said planning commission member Jim Cobb.

The property is zoned general commercial.

"This is CG. They could build a bunch of stuff here. CG's a wide open zone," said longtime planning director and incoming city manager James Mills.

The planning commission meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday at Cookeville City Hall on Broad Street.

A complete agenda is available at https://www.cookeville-tn.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_06242019-433.

*Carolyn Whitson commented: My father was born there.

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN: 21 June 2019

Robert Lee "Bob" Maddux Obt.

b. 26 June 1889, Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN – d. 9 December 1985, TN, md on the 29th of December 1914, Putnam Co., TN to **Lorelle Cornelia (Adcock) Maddux**, b. 4 August 1893, Sparta, White Co., TN – d. 17 April 1980, Putnam Co., TN, d/o **Beauregard G. Adcock** (1861-1936) & **Mary Lee Kendrick** (1863-1931). Robert Lee "Bob" Maddux, s/o **James Nelson Maddux** (1853-1900) & **Eudora "Dora" Jared** (1852-1925), both buried in Maddux Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

*See Beauregard G. Adcock Obt.

*See Lorelle (Adcock) Maddux Obt.

*See David Haywood Maddux Obt.

(**Source:** Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 987: Robert L. Maddux married 29 December 1914, Putnam Co., TN to Miss Lorelle Adcock).



Cookeville funeral services for Bob Lee Maddux, 96, were conducted from the Collegieside Church of Christ Wednesday December 11, 1985 at 2:00 with Bro. Walter Edwards officiating. Burial was in the Cookeville City Cemetery.

A retired realtor, Mr. Maddux died Monday December 9, 1985 at a local hospital.

He was born in Putnam County, the son of the late James and Dora Jared Maddux.

Survivors include a son, David H. Maddux of Cookeville, a daughter, Mrs. Ledora M. Dunlap, Chico, CA; 4 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

Elders and Deacons of College Church of Christ officiated.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville: 9 December 1985.

Source: Way Back When: Herald-Citizen, Cookeville: 10 December 1995 – (10 Years Ago) Services were held this week for well-known businessman and avid fox hunter Bob Lee Maddux.

One of the founders of Maddux and Proffitt on the Square, Maddux began his career as a merchant in 1914 when he became a partner in the Maddux and Massa Dry Good Store on the Square.

He was as well known for his humor and wit and for his love of fox hunting. He had written two books on the subject and string of magazine articles over the years. He was 96.

“It was Christmas Day in 1897 that I saw my first red fox bring pursued by hounds...(It) slipped swiftly and silently across a haul road, through the fence, over a bank and away. The hounds came into view, their great ears flapping backward and forward from their shoulders to the tips of their noses, and their tongues hanging down to their knees like aprons. The enthusiasm it imparted to me has never been extinguished, and that Christmas Day revealed to me the unsuspected intoxication of fox hunting.” **Robert “Bob” Lee Maddux**, late Putnam County Foxhunter from a book of his essays, ‘Hill Topping.’

Source: A History of Putnam County Tennessee by Walter S. McClain, pg. 148: Robert Lee Maddux, born in Buffalo Valley, June 26, 1889. Married Miss Lorelle Adcock, December 29, 1914. Mr. Maddux has been engaged in the mercantile business in Cookeville for several years. He is a Democrat, a Knight Templar and a Shriner. He is a member of the Church of Christ. Secretary and Treasurer Tennessee Fox Hunter’s Association. An extensive dealer in real-estate and a strong believer in Cookeville and Putnam County.

Source: Putnam County Herald: 23 November 1933 - Robert Lee Maddux was born in Buffalo Valley, TN June 26, 1889 and received his education at the Cookeville Collegiate Institute. He began his business career in 1905 with the W. D. Sloan Dry Goods Co. and later with the mercantile establishment of S Pincus. Mr Maddux entered business for himself in 1914 with the firm name of Williams, Elrod & Maddux. From 1917 to 1925 the firm was Maddux & Massa, when it was changed to Maddux & Proffitt.

He was married to Miss Lorelle Adcock of Cookeville on December 29, 1914.

Survivors include a son, David H. Maddux of Cookeville, a daughter, Mrs. Ledora M. Dunlap, Chico, CA; 4 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

Mr. Maddux deals extensively in real estate, believing strongly in Cookeville and Putnam county, and operates a large farm near Cookeville. He is a member of the Church of Christ and a Democrat.



The Robert Lee Maddux home is believed to have been built by Jeremiah "Uncle Miah" Whitson in 1850. Bob Lee bought the house in 1927 and remodeled it in 1928. The columns that are on the front presently were added later. He was an avid foxhunter and was very involved in the Fox Hunters association among other community organizations. He started Maddux, Proffitt, and Hutcheson Dry Goods, which stayed in business until recent years. Picture: *Images of America-Cookeville and Putnam County, TN*, pg. 87.

Lorelle Cornelia (Adcock) Maddux Obt.

b. 4 August 1893, Sparta, White Co., TN – d. 17 April 1980, Putnam Co., TN, md on the 29th of December 1914, Putnam Co., TN to **Robert Lee “Bob” Maddux**, b. 26 June 1889, Putnam Co., TN – d. 9 December 1985, TN, s/o **James Nelson Maddux** (1853-1900) & **Eudora “Dora” Jared** (1852-1925). Lorelle (Adcock) Maddux, d/o **Beauregard G. Adcock** (1861-1936) & **Mary Lee Kendrick** (1863-1931).

*See Robert Lee “Bob” Maddux Obt.

*See David Haywood Maddux Obt.

*See Margaret Alice Maddux Obt.

*See Beauregard G. Adcock Obt.

*See Mary Lee (Kendrick) Adcock Obt.

*See Milburn Kendrick Adcock Obt.

*See Harvey Thurman Whitson buried in Cookeville City Cemetery.

(Source: Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 987: Robert L. Maddux married 29 December 1914, Putnam Co., TN to Miss Lorelle Adcock).

Services for Mrs. Lorelle Adcock Maddux will be conducted from the Collegese Church of Christ Sunday April 20 at 2:00 with Dr. John Averitt officiating.

Burial will be in the Cookeville City Cemetery.

Mrs. Maddux died April 17 in Cookeville General Hospital. She was a native of Sparta, TN, and was the daughter of the late Beauregard G. and Mary Lee Kendrick Adcock.

Survivors include Mrs. Maddux’s husband Robert Lee Maddux; 1 son, Dave Maddux; a daughter, Mrs. Lennis Dunlap of Chico, CA; 4 grandchildren, Peter Dunlap, Margaret Alice, Maddux, David Carlen Maddux, and Robert Algood Maddux; and 4 great grandchildren.

Mrs. Maddux was a member of the Book Lovers Club for many years and of the Cookeville Sewing and Garden Club.

Hooper & Huddleston Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Herald, Cookeville, TN: 18 April 1980.

David Haywood “Dave” Maddux Obt.

b. 9 October 1915, Putnam Co., TN – d. 1 January 1993, Putnam Co., TN, md on the 21st of October 1940, Putnam Co., TN to **Margaret Alice (Carlen) Maddux**, b. 19 November 1917 – d. 15 May 1974, d/o **Alfred Algood Carlen** (1887-1975) & **Elizabeth Reams Cox** (1889-1980). He md 2nd on the 19th of April



MR. MADDUX

1975, Putnam Co., TN to **Sara Lorraine (Isom) Parks Maddux**, b. 6 September 1928, Williamson Co., TN – d. 7 October 2016, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, d/o, **James Ellis Isom & Ollie Geneva Eady**. David Haywood Maddux, s/o **Robert Lee “Bob” Maddux** (1889-1985) & **Lorelle Cornelia Adcock** (1893-1980). Sara Lorraine (Isom) Parks is buried in Triune Methodist Church Cemetery, Williamson Co., TN.

*See Alfred Algood Carlen buried in Cookeville City Cemetery.

*See Robert Lee “Bob” Maddux Obt.

*See Lorelle (Adcock) Maddux Obt.

*See Sara Lorraine (Isom) Parks Maddux Obt.

*See Margaret Alice (Carlen) Maddux Obt.

(Source: Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 427, docket, pg. 220:

David H. Maddux married 21 October 1940, Putnam Co., TN, age 25, address: Cookeville, TN to Margaret Alice Carlen, age 22, address: Cookeville, TN, name of parent, guardian or next of kin of female: Algood Carlen, Cookeville, TN).

(Source: Tennessee State Marriage record, Putnam Co., TN, pg. 191: Dave Haywood Maddux married 19 April 1975, Putnam Co., TN, age 59, address: 534 E. Broad St., Cookeville, TN to Sara Loraine Parks, age 46, address: 416 S. Maple Ave., Cookeville, TN, name of parent, guardian or next of kin of female: Geneva Eaily Isom, Rt. 2, College Grove, TN).

COOKEVILLE – David Haywood “Dave” Maddux, a prominent Cookeville businessman and former owner of Maddux Hardware, died Friday, January 1, 1993, at Cookeville General Hospital.

Funeral services for Mr. Maddux, 77, will be conducted today, Sunday, January 3, at 2 p.m., at the Collegese Church of Christ. Burial will be in Cookeville City Cemetery.

The son of the late Robert Lee and Lorelle Adcock Maddux, he owned and operated Maddux Hardware on the Courthouse Square for many years.

Mr. Maddux attended Tennessee Tech University and graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis. He was a veteran of World War II.

Mr. Maddux had served as president of Tennessee Hardware Association, a director at First Tennessee Bank, member of Cookeville General Hospital board and past president of Cookeville Development Corporation.

A native of Putnam County, he served as an elder at the Collegese Church of Christ since the church was first built.

Mr. Maddux’s family includes: his wife, Lorraine Parks Maddux; two sons, Robert Algood Maddux, of Greenwich, CT; and David Carlen Maddux, of St. Petersburg, FL; one daughter, Margaret Alice Maddux, of Nashville, TN; one step-daughter Teresa Parks Pinson of St. Anthony, ID; one step-son, J. D. Parks, of Cookeville; one sister, Lennis Ledora Dunlap, of Chico, CA; and 12 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Margaret Carlen Maddux.

Memorial contributions may be made to University Christian Student Center. Collegese Building Fund or American Cancer Society.

Active pallbearers will be J. D. Parks, John Maddux, Hill Carlen, Charles Cobb, Gary Rodgers, Bob Farris, John Pedigo and Herb Smith.

Honorary pallbearers are Ray Kinslow, James Murphy, Bernard Keyes, Glenn Davis, Morris Mabry, Bill Davidson, John Mason, Robert Waddell, Sid Maddux, Morrison Lowe, Jere Lowe, Jere Whitson, Billy Carlen, Robert Cox, Bob Lowe, Walter Whitson Carlen and Harvey Isom.

All elders and deacons of Collegese Church of Christ will also serve as honorary pallbearers.

Kelly Campbell, Walter Edwards and Harvey Arnold will officiate at the services.

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: 3 January 1993.

JAMES NELSON MADDUX

b. 14 February 1853, TN

d. 24 February 1900, TN

Wife: Eudora “Udora” Jared, md 25 May 1871, Putnam Co., TN

Father: Snowden Horton Maddux

Mother: Lucy Ann Lefwich

Buried: Maddux Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN

EUDORA "UDORA" (JARED) MADDUX OBT.

b. 26 December 1852, Putnam Co., TN
d. 17 February 1925, Putnam Co., TN
Husband: James Nelson Maddux, md 25 May 1871
Father: Josiah Jared (1815-1898)
Mother: Frances Woodbury Bennett (1833-1883)
Buried: Maddux Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN

DC #261, Dist. 11, Putnam Co., TN: age 72 yrs. , 1 mo. 20 days. Cause of Death: Sore finger contributory, pneumonia secondary. Attended by: Samuel Denton, M. D., Buffalo Valley, TN. True: Grady Maddux, Buffalo Valley, TN.

Mrs. Dora Maddux of Buffalo Valley, died Tuesday afternoon at the age of 72 years. She was taken ill some days ago with blood poisoning and later contracted pneumonia which brought a speedy death. She leaves a daughter, Mrs. Robert Oakley; and 8 sons, Solon, James, Samuel, Grady, Haywood, Snowden, Clarence, and Robert Lee.

Burial was made Wednesday at the family graveyard near the home with simple memorial services. The deceased was the widow of James Maddux who died about 20 years ago. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Courier, TN: 19 February 1925, front page.

Beauregard G. Adcock Obt.

b. 21 September 1861, DeKalb Co., TN – d. 4 February 1936, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, md on the 1st of January 1885, Van Buren, TN to **Mary Lee (Kendrick) Adcock**, b. 2 February 1863, Roane Co., TN – d. 26 March 1931, Nashville, Davidson Co., TN, d/o **Enoch Jackson Kendrick** (1837-1906) & **Elizabeth Cornelia Owings** (1841-1928). Beauregard Adcock was a Lawyer in Putnam Co., TN and Mary Lee (Kendrick) Adcock was a High School Teacher in Putnam Co., TN. Beauregard G. Adcock, s/o of **Capt. Perry Adcock** (1829-1908) (Confederate Army) & **Mary Wynns** (1842-1903), both buried in Old Bildad Cemetery, Keltonburg, DeKalb Co., TN.

*See Mary Lee (Kendrick) Adcock Obt.

*See William Lee Weir Obt.

(**Source:** Tennessee State Marriage record, Van Buren Co., TN, pg. 63: Beauregard G. Adcock married 1 January 1885, Van Burne, TN to Miss Lee Kendrick)

Children of Beauregard G. Adcock & Mary Lee Kendrick are: Mrs. David Campbell (Tula) Lee; Mrs. William Lee (Etolle) Weir, Mrs. Harvey Thurman (Bula) Whitson; Mrs. Robert Lee “Bob” (Lorelle) Maddux & Milburn Kendrick Adcock.

Sisters of Mary Lee Kendrick are: Mrs. J. B. Payne; Mrs. L. H. Montgomery, Miss Nan & Lummie Kendrick.

*See **Harvey Thurman Whitson Obt.** who md their daughter **Bula Adcock**, both buried in Cookeville City Cemetery.

*See Mary Lee (Kendrick) Adcock Obt.

*See James Haskell Adcock & Clarence Perry Adcock, both buried in Cookeville City Cemetery.

*See Milburn Kendrick Adcock Obt.

*See Lorelle Cornelia (Adcock) Maddux Obt.

*See William Lee Weir Obt.

*See Harvey Thurman Whitson Obt.

B. G. ADCOCK PROMINENT ATTORNEY DIES AT HIS DAUGHTER’S HOME HERE:

Was State Senator In 1893 From Ninth Senatorial District: Final Rites Yesterday.

B. G. Adcock, 74, for half a century an active practicing attorney, and a member of the State Senate of the General Assembly of 1893 from the Ninth Senatorial District, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. R. L. Maddux and Mr. Maddux, in Cookeville, after an illness of about a month.

Funeral services were conducted at the Maddux residence yesterday afternoon by Judge Harry Camp of Sparta, assisted by Elder Clarence Cooke, of Cookeville. He was buried in the Cookeville cemetery beside his wife, Mrs. Leigh Kendrick Adcock, who died five years ago.

Mr. Adcock was born and reared in DeKalb county. His father Capt. Perry Adcock, was a prominent pioneer citizen of that county and a Captain in the Confederate army.

Mr. Adcock attended Burritt College at Sparta, and studied law in Smithville, where as a young man, he began practicing more than a century ago.

In his young manhood, he was married to Miss Lee Kendrick, a school teacher of rare ability, who taught for many years in the schools of Sparta and Cookeville.

In 1892, Mr. Adcock was elected to the State Senate from the Ninth district and served one term.

In 1893 he moved from Smithville to Sparta where he was actively engaged in the practice of law until 1905, when he located in Cookeville. After practicing here for nineteen years, he moved to West Palm Beach, Florida, where he built up a large practice. He returned to Sparta in 1934 where he remained until about a month ago when he came to be with Mr. and Mrs. Maddux.

He is survived by one son, M. K. Adcock, of Chicago; four daughters, Mrs. W. L. Weir, of Oklahoma City, Mrs. David Lee, of Nashville, Mrs. Maddux, and Mrs. H. T. Whitson, of Cookeville; one sister, Mrs. Sterling Wall, of Murfreesboro; and five grandchildren, Jerry B. and Jean Whitson, Dave and Ledora Maddux, of Cookeville, and Lucy Randolph Lee, of Nashville.

He was a member of the Church of Christ.

The lawyers of the Cookeville Bar Association served as honorary pall bearers at his funeral.

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: Thursday, 6 February 1936.

(**Sources:** Tennessee Deaths and Burials Index, 1874–1955. FamilySearch, Salt Lake City, Utah, 2009, 2010. Index entries derived from digital copies of original and compiled records. Ancestry.com. *Tennessee, Deaths and Burials Index, 1874-1955* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011. Original data:

Name: **Beaueguard Adcock**. Gender: Male. Birth Date: abt 1862. Birth Place: Tennessee. Age: 74. Death Date: 4 Feb 1936. Death Place: Cookeville, Putnam, Tennessee. Father's Name: Perry Adcock. Mother's Name: Mary Mynn.

Name: **Lee Kindrick Adcock [Lee Kindrick Kindrick]**. Gender: Female. Birth Date: 2 Feb 1863. Birth Place: Roane Co, Tennessee. Age: 68. Death Date: 26 Mar 1931. Death Place: Nashville, Davidson, Tennessee. Father's Name: Enoch J Kindrick. Mother's Name: Eliza Owings.

Census Place: 1880 District 7, De Kalb Co., TN

Source: FHL Film 1255252 National Archives Film T9-1252 Page 170B

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
Perry ADCOCK	Self	M	M	W	50	TN
Occ:	Farming	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Mary ADCOCK	Wife	F	M	W	38	TN
Occ:	Keeps House	Fa: TN	Mo: TN			
Bureauguard ADCOCK	Son	M	S	W	19	TN

William ADCOCK	Son	Fa: TN	Mo: TN	M	S	W	16	TN
Caldonia ADCOCK	Dau	Fa: TN	Mo: TN	F	S	W	13	TN
Joseph ADCOCK	Son	Fa: TN	Mo: TN	M	S	W	10	TN
Mary J. GREEN	Other	Fa: TN	Mo: TN	F	S	W	18	TN
	Occ: Hired Out	Fa: TN	Mo: TN					

(1900 census, Sparta Town, White Co., TN: Dwl: 86 - **Beauregard Adcock** is head of household, 38 yrs. old, TN, b. September 1861, TN, Occupation, Lawyer, md 15 yrs. to **Lee**, 37 yrs. old, b. February 1863, TN, 5 children born, 5 children living. Children: Etoile M., 14 yrs. old, b. November 1885; Milburn K., 12 yrs. old, b. October 1887; (twins) Bula M., 10 yrs. old, b. November 1889; Lula, 10 yrs. old, b. November 1889 & Lorelle Adcock, 6 yrs. old, b. August 1893. All born in TN).

(1910 census 1st Civil Dist., Cookeville Town, Putnam Co., TN: Dwl: 90 – **Beauregard Adcock** is head of household, 48 yrs. old, TN, Occupation: Lawyer General Practice, md 25 yrs. to **Mary L.**, 44 yrs. old, TN, Occupation: Teacher High School, 5 children born, 5 children living. Children: Milburn K., 22 yrs. old, Occupation: Traveling sales Book House; **Bula**, 20 yrs. old; Lula, 20 yrs. old, Occupation: Teacher High School & Lorelle Adcock, 16 yrs. old. All born in TN).

Beauregard Adcock
 b. -----, TN
 d. 4 Feb 1936
 Age: 74y
 Father: Perry Adcock, TN
 Mother: Mary Wynn, TN
 City Cemetery Putnam Co., TN
 DC #4505, Putnam Co., TN

MADDUX & MASSA

Putnam County Herald, Cookeville, TN: 30 March 1922

<http://www.ajlambert.com>

One of the best known stores in Putnam County and the adjacent territory is that of Maddux & Massa, through whose initiative and enterprise the credit is due of establishing one of the best known stores in Northern Middle Tennessee. These gentlemen started in a modest manner until the business has developed into one of the best Cookeville possessess.

The store opened for business in March 1914, and these gentlemen have successfully demonstrated their executive ability coupled with the excellence of quality and popularity of prices, have enable them to compete successfully with both local and foreign firms in similar lines of trade.

Those gentlemen have built their business on the policy that a merit article is the article that gets the business. Nothing is left undone to give their clientele the very best. This store is housed in a splendid building, located on the Public Square and completely stocked with dry goods, ladies' ready to wear, millinery and shoes. The firm employs eight clerks, who are courteous and efficient.

Messrs. R. L. Maddux and Norman Massa are the owners and managers who direct the policy of the store. They have an established reputation for being hustlers and progressive.

Both of these young men are enthusiastic co-operators in any movement tending to further the development of this part of the state. Such a spirit makes towns grow into cities and the country a ideal place in which to live. They believe in buying as much as possible from any company that manufactures goods in this part of the state. As put forcibly by them. Putnam County products for Putnam County people means added

wealth for all our citizens. It is worth while to spend a short period in visiting Maddux & Massa and see the many beautiful creations made to adorn the gentler sex. It will not be necessary for you to make a purchase in order to be sure of a cordial welcome.

*Read more about the History of Putnam County, TN at: <http://www.ajlambert.com>

Howard Sutton Hutcheson Obt.

b. 31 July 1899, Putnam Co., TN – d. 6 April 1871, Putnam Co., TN, md on the 26th of June 1927, White Co., TN to **Nannie Jo (Bullock) Hutcheson**, b. 4 October 1904, Putnam Co., TN – d. 20 December 1980, TN, d/o **Joe Bullock & Eva Johnson**. Howard Sutton Hutcheson, s/o **Thomas A. Hutcheson** (1863-1952) & **Anna May Kuykendall** (1869-1953).

(Source: Tennessee State Marriage record, White Co., TN, pg. 479 – Howard Sutton Hutcheson married 26 June 1927, White Co., TN to Nannie Jo bullock).

Howard Sutton Hutcheson was born near Cookeville July 31, 1900, and is a graduate of T P I.

He began his mercantile career with the firm of Maddux & Massa, buying an interest in 1925, and has since been associated with the firm, **now Maddux & Proffitt**.

In 1927 he married Miss Nannie Jo Bullock of Cookeville.

Mr Hutcheson is a member of the Church of Christ, a Lion, a Democrat, a Modern Woodman, a member of the American Legion and the Cookeville Country Club.

Putnam County Herald November 23, 1933

MADDUX HARDWARE CLOSING

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Jill Thomas
Herald-Citizen Staff

The 65 year-old-Cookeville landmark, Maddux Hardware, will be closing its doors on June 30.

Not because the store was overwhelmed by superstores. It wasn't...quite.

Not because it wasn't making a profit. It was, almost.

It is closing down because nobody wanted it.

"When I bought the store five years ago I was ready for something new," said Chuck Smith, who bought Maddux Hardware in 2001 with his wife Vickie.

"I had tried retirement and I didn't like it. I was bored and wanted a challenge. Then I heard that maybe the owners of my favorite store, Maddux Hardware, were ready to sell. I came in and spoke to Charles Cobb who owned the store with his wife, Phyllis.

"I said, 'I heard that the store might be up for sale.'"

'You're darn tootin' it is,' he said.

Smith laughed.

'You're darn tootin' it is,' he repeated with a smile.

"That's why I can't understand why no one wants to buy it now.

"I know there are people out there like myself who love old hardware stores and don't need to make a huge profit to be happy.

"We've had it advertised for months. We were willing to break our backs to help anyone who wanted to take it over. But many people were afraid of the competition."

Today there are two Wal-Marts in driving distance, a full service Lowe's, a Tractor Supply, two Ace Hardware stores and a Sears all selling many of the same things that Maddux sells.

"We survived the first Wal-Mart and the Lowe's," Smith said.

"But those new stores make it scary for some people who otherwise might consider buying," Smith said.

"In the five years we've had the store we've been able to turn it around and actually make a profit. So many new people have moved here who love the old store with its wide stairways and wooden floors and have become loyal customers that we thought for sure someone would come forward eager to take it over," Smith said.

"We felt it would be a golden opportunity for a second career person, for someone around 48 or 50 years old, to enjoy who was tired of the rat race."

The Smiths were making a profit despite all the competition because Maddux offered things that superstores don't.

"Every machine we sell is serviced and gassed up and ready to go when we deliver it. No one has to take anything out of a box and put it together. If you buy a lawn mower, you can start mowing as soon as it's delivered," Smith said.

"We also have our own repair service here in the store," he said.

"There are some customers who come here with items they've bought at superstores and ask us to fix them," he said ruefully.

And the couple prides itself on the items it sells that the superstores don't carry -- high end kitchenware like All Clad, trendy kitchen gadgets, and especially items from memory lane like Radio Flyer wagons and Flexible Flyer sleds at Christmas, well buckets for drawing up water, loose nails sold by the pound or individually, dish pans for canners, pickle crocks, butter churns, made-in-USA mixing bowls, pink flamingos, Steinbach nut crackers, Badger Hair bristle shaving brushes, and Italian made walking canes, to name a few.

Why, if the store was beginning to be profitable, and if there were more and more people beginning to support it, are Vickie and Chuck Smith selling it?

"We're really ready to retire this time," Smith said.

"We're building a lake house. And the builder has made it clear we have to make some decisions this summer if it's going to be finished this fall," he said.

"We know this will be the end of era, but we have tried to honor the spirit of Dave Maddux in all our business dealings," Smith said.

In the beginning

According to a research paper by Lucinda Gibson, before there was Maddux Hardware, a Brown's Hotel was located on the corner of Hwy. 70 and Washington Ave.

In 1910 the hotel was torn down. In 1925 B.A. Mitchell built the Diamond Service Station on the corner of Spring and Washington for the fast growing automotive market.

By 1940 when Bob Lee Maddux bought the property for his son, Dave, and for former Putnam County Sheriff Sam Denton Poteet, Hwy. 70 had become the super highway of its day.

The two men formed the Poteet and Maddux Hardware Store.

According to Gibson's research, Poteet ran the store during World War II when Dave went into the Navy.

When he returned the heyday of Maddux Hardware began.

In the front of the store was an area with chairs where customers and friends could just come in and shoot the breeze.

"I don't think they would actually chew on tobacco and spit on the floor - but would they would chew on and spit out some good old stories," laughed Dave's son, Carlen.

The building's second floor was also used by the community in a variety of ways: as a skating rink in the 1930s, and a home for Cookeville's first commercial radio station, WHUB from 1941 to 1963.

"But at some point Dave and Sam Poteet broke ranks and around 1960 Poteet opened the Highland Hardware Store down the street," Chuck Smith said.

"The two stores continued to grow together, but stores develop their own characters and Poteet's was more of a nuts and bolts store and Maddux became a homeowner, female friendly store.

"And that made the difference," Smith said.

In the early 1960s, Phyllis Cobb, a schoolmate of Carlen Maddux started working in the store after she graduated from high school. While Carlen and Dave's other son, Bob, moved to Florida and New York State, respectively, Phyllis Cobb stayed on as sales clerk. In 1977 she and her husband, Charles, became partners with Dave Maddux.

Twenty years later the couple became the sole owners of the store after Maddux died in 1993.

When Chuck and Vickie Smith bought the store five years ago, the Cobbs stayed active and helped the Smiths work retail for the first time. Both the Cobbs and Smiths wanted to continue the legacy of Dave Maddux.

"I only met him once or twice when I first moved here," Chuck Smith said.

"Yet even then he had a way about him. He simply would do his best for you.

Carlen Maddux remembered just how far his dad would go for customers.

"I don't think too many store owners do this anymore. But dad would get emergency calls sometimes in the middle of the night and if he had the part he would go to the store and get it," he said.

Chuck Smith wasn't surprised that Maddux would do something like that.

"Even now I think his spirit permeates this place."

Smith walked over to an old thermostat about three or four inches square that was high up on a wall. Around the base of the gauge was a yellowed piece of paper with a typewritten message on it.

"For the present let's try leaving this on 70 degrees. Call me if it needs changing, Dave."

"Dave Maddux put that up years ago and no one has had the heart to take it down," Smith said.

"We all just carefully work around it when we adjust the temperature. We wanted as many memorials of Dave as we could get," he said.

Vickie and Chuck are proud that they've made the store a profit making venture once again, but they know that anyone who did come in would have to face a discouraging challenge - that just a few dollars can make a big difference to many customers.

"We've had customers come in, get an explanation and demonstration on how to run a weed eater or other tool, and then go buy it at a superstore where they could get it for \$10 less.

"And the big box stores appeal to younger buyers. They don't know what service is so they don't miss it," he said.

"Our biggest fans are those who have moved here from different parts of the country. They'll come in and be delighted with how similar this is to stores they remember from their youth.

"Locals often drive right by on their way to Wal-Mart," Smith said.

Still despite the competition, the customer base was growing and the store had a history of re-inventing itself. In the late 1960s and early 1970s things were really getting tough for Dave Maddux.

"He was considering selling because things were getting so bad," Carlen said.

"Then he tied in with True Value and that pretty much saved the store."

Chuck Smith agreed.

"You have to reinvent a store like this every five years or so in order to get renewed interest," he said.

Through it all, though, many area residents and area businesses have really supported the store, Smith said.

"Averitt Express, Russell Stover, Research Electronics -- these were just a few of the businesses that gave us their business," Chuck said.

"They've been very good to us."

Closing down

After five years of work, Chuck and Vickie estimate that they have over \$200,000 of inventory in the store.

"We were hoping to sell the store for \$250,000 depending on terms and including inventory. That's exactly what we paid for it five years ago," he said.

"But we'll start selling the inventory at 25 percent off on May 16 and then add more sale prices as the closing gets near. And we'll start opening at 9 a.m. (instead of 7:30 a.m.)

"That will allow some time each morning for our staff to prepare each day for the inventory reduction sales.

"The store will close in good standing. It is not broke. It is not bankrupt. It is not failing. We, along with all the previous owners, protected the store's integrity and good name," Smith said.

"Maddux Hardware has been and still is a reflection of her founders Dave Maddux and Bob Poteet."

As for the future, the Maddux Estate owns the building, but the family doesn't know yet what will happen.

"We've known for about six months that this day may come," Carlen said.

"But we haven't given too much thought to the future yet.

"The one thing that makes the most sense would be to convert the building into law offices. But its too early for us to say what we're going to do.

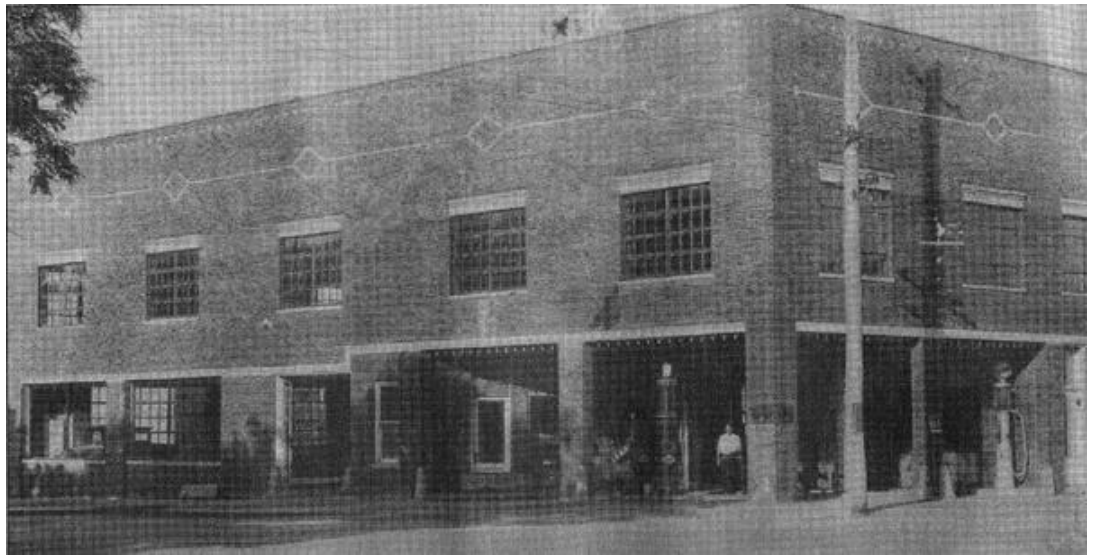
"I guess it's going to be an empty store front until can get something figured out."



High Octane Advertising
Vickie and Chuck Smith stand in by their 1952 Chevrolet half ton pick-up that is still used to made some deliveries for the store. "It's the only kind of advertising I've had that pays for it's self," Chuck said.

Photo by H-C Shawn Sidwell

The building was the Diamond Service Station in the 1920's.



A sale at Maddux Hardware in its heyday pictured.

Sadness, but no savior for Maddux

Jill Thomas
Herald-Citizen
Staff

Maddux Hardware has had its closing sign out for ten days.

And from the time the closing was announced the store has been flooded with customers.

"It's been like a sudden death with no time to mourn," said Vickie Smith, co-owner of the vintage hardware store on Cookeville's town square.

"Monday was like seven days in one. People were crowding the store all day," she said.

The closing date is now tentatively set for June 16, the day after a silent auction to sell off some of the older memorabilia from the store (old signs, an old metal fan, a railroad hand truck, an original flexible flyer sled, popcorn machine, bubble gum machine, children's bench, wash tubs and ladders with original price tags, old vacuum cleaners, an old bow maker, etc.).

The store still has two weeks to sell off the rest of the regular merchandise at a 25 percent discount.

If need be the sale can be extended for an additional month according to the "Going Out of Business" license the Smith's bought from the city.

While the kitchen items and specialty items (like the Radio Flyer tricycles) flew off the shelves in the first days of the sale, there is still plenty of traditional hardware merchandise available.

Hopes of a last minute sale of the entire business that has been a fixture in Cookeville for 65 years are waning, but offers that were too low early on have now been replaced by a few offers that seem to have potential.

"We had four inquiries a couple of weeks ago, but no one made an offer, and the financial restrictions that True Value requires of its affiliates would be a challenge to anyone who doesn't have business experience," Smith said.

For the last week the staff at Maddux has been overrun with two kinds of customers: those out for a good buy and those wanting to support the store owners.

"We've had incredible support from friends who realize that at a 25 percent discount we're losing money with every sale," Smith said.

"The hardest thing is when people are pulling at you asking, 'When are you going to start charging less?' They don't realize we still have to pay the bills."

Maddux employees have found themselves touched by the loyalty of some of the regular customers.

"Everybody has had a day that's been especially difficult emotionally," said Smith with tears in her eyes. "I've had it everyday," she said.

"For my daughter (Andie) it came when the owner of Spring Street Foodtown (Leo Depriest) came into the store to buy some things and then insisted on paying full price for them. He wouldn't take the discount."

"I couldn't help crying a little," Andie said.

"It's hard not to feel guilty about this," said Smith.

"Chuck and I feel guilty about putting good people out of work. We feel a huge guilt about being the ones to stop a 65-year-old tradition. We feel guilty that we haven't been able to get a buyer for the store."

The Smiths are not only losing money on their inventory, but their store lease runs through October, 2006.

"Yes, we're responsible for paying the monthly lease for more than a year," she said.

Yet selling the store isn't an option for the Smiths unless the prospective buyer has a good chance of making a success of the store.

"We've had some offers that were almost insulting and we've had some from people who were naive about the costs of running a successful store. We won't sell unless everything looks good for the store and for the new owner," she said.

Everyone at Maddux is going to take a break this weekend to catch their collective breath after ten days of unprecedented crowds, Smith said.

The store will close Thursday for Memorial Day Weekend and open again on Tuesday at 9 a.m. when the sale and the silent auction will continue until everything is sold.

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GENEALOGY RESEARCH

By Audrey J. Lambert

Robert Lee "Bob" Maddux – s/o James Nelson Maddux & Eudora Jared

b. 26 June 1889, Buffalo Valley, TN -

d. 9 December 1985 - md 29 December 1914, **Lorelle C. Adcock** –

b. 4 August 1893 – d. 17 April 1980

Robert Lee Maddux had been engaged in the mercantile business in Cookeville, TN for several years.

Both Buried: +Cookeville City Cemetery, Cookeville, TN

Many families, took their credit obligations very seriously. Bob Lee Maddux recalls walking from his home in Buffalo Valley to a store one & one-half miles away to trade eggs for coffee, sugar, & soda. When he came up a few eggs short, his mother ordered him back that night with more produce from the hen house. Pg. 67, Putnam Co., TN 1860-1870 by Mary Jean DeLozier.

...David Haywood Maddux – b. 9 October 1915 md Margaret Alice Carlen – b. 19 November 1917 –
d. 15 May 1974: Buried: Cookeville City Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

1880 Census – 11th Civil Dist. Putnam Co., Tennessee

James N. Maddux W M 27 Farmer TN VA VA (*s/o Snowden Horton & Lucy Ann (Leftwich) Maddux*).

Udora Maddux W F 27 Keeping House TN TN TN (*d/o Josiah Jared & Frances Woodbury Bennett*).

Solon Maddux W M Son 6 TN TN TN (*md Daisy Dean Jared, d/o Christopher Columbus Jared & Montecello Lemiza "Sis" Braswell*)

Maude Maddux W F Dau.5 TN TN TN

Leona Maddux W F Dau.1 TN TN TN

1900 Census – 11th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN

Dwl: 71 Family: 71

Eudora Maddux Head W F December 1850 49 Widow (11 children born, 9 children living) Farmer TN TN TN

Solon Maddux Son W M July 1873 26 Single Farmer TN TN TN

James Maddux Son W M October 1880 19 Single Farm Laborer TN TN TN

Earnest H. Maddux Son W M December 1882 17 Single Clerk TN TN TN

Sam Maddux Son W M February 1885 15 Single Farm Laborer TN TN TN

Snoden D. Maddux Son W M June 1887 12 Single Farm Laborer TN TN TN

Robert L. Maddux Son W M June 1889 10 Single Farm Laborer TN TN TN

Willie M. Maddux Son W M February 1892 8 Single TN TN TN

Henry G. Maddux Son W M March 1894 6 Single TN TN TN

Clarence J. Maddux Son W M February 1896 4 Single TN TN TN

1910 Census – 11th Civil Dist., Putnam Co., TN

Dwl: 158 Family: 158

Udora Maddux Head F W 57 Widow (11 children born, 2 children living) Farmer General Farm TN TN TN

Willie M. Dau F W 18 Single TN TN TN

Henry G. Son M W 16 Single Farm Laborer TN TN TN

Clarence J. Son M W 14 Single Student TN TN TN

Fannie Webb F W 49 Single Cook TN TN TN

Beck Webb M W 55 Servant TN TN TN

1910 Census – 1st Civil Dist., Cookeville Town, Jefferson St., Putnam Co., TN

Robert L. Maddux Boarder M W 20 Single Salesman Drygoods Store TN TN TN

Oakley D. Massa Boarder M W 27 Single Salesman Drygoods Store TN TN TN

Source: Putnam County History 1850-1970 by Mary Jean DeLozier: Pp. 121 & 122:

Some leading dry goods stores in Cookeville around the turn of the century were the companies of Samuel Pincus, C. C. Fowler, Whitson Brothers, Fishel Brothers, W. D. Sloan, Gillem & Gillem, P. M. Smith, and C. S. Jenkins. Somewhat later Alexander P. Barnes took over Whitson's Dry Goods, and in 1911 J. Claude and Charles K. Darwin went into business with Jenkins to form Jenkins & Darwin Brothers. McDearman & Williams Company (later McDearman, Elrod & Williams) opened a large brick store on the square in 1913, and **Bob Lee Maddux and Norman Massa formed Maddux & Massa (later Maddux & Proffitt, Department Store), also on the square, in 1914.**

1920 Census – 1st Civil Dist., Cookeville Town, Walnut St., Putnam Co., TN

Dwl: 264 Family: 320

Frank Richmond Head M W 64 Married Assistant Supervisor TN TN TN

Jose Richmond Wife F W 42 Married TN TN TN

Robert L. Maddux Head M W 31 Merchant Drygoods TN TN TN (*Robert Lee "Bob" Maddux*)

Lorelle Maddux Wife F W 26 Single TN TN TN

David Maddux M W Son 4 3/12 Single TN TN TN

Eudora Maddux F W Dau ?/12 Single TN TN TN

Dora Lafever F W Maid 16 Single TN TN TN

1930 Census – 1st Civil Dist., Cookeville & ? Road, Putnam Co., TN

Dwl: 173 Family: 174 Line: 31

Robert L. Maddux Head M W 40 Merchant Drygoods TN TN TN

Lorelle Maddux Wife F W 35 TN TN TN

Dave Maddux Son M W 15 TN TN TN

Eudora Maddux Dau F W 10 TN TN TN

Sam Denton Poteet – b. 26 July 1899 – d. 19 December 1963 md Berilla Holladay – b. 20 March 1903 – d. 1 June 1986: Both Buried: Cookeville City Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

Samuel "Sam" Hughes Poteet – b. 1859 – d. 1931 md **Love Hyder** – b. 1870 – d. 1938
Both Buried: Algood Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN

James "Jim" Dewey Poteet – b. 1906 – d. 1979 – Pvt. U. S. Army WWII
Buried: Algood Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN

John Hershel Poteet – b. 1892 – d. 1946

Hazel Qualls Poteet – b. 1909

Emal Speck Poteet – b. 1894 – d. 1943

(All Buried next to each other at: Algood Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN)

Fred F. Dryer – b. 17 September 1897 – d. 9 December 1953

Galena (Poteet) Dryer – b. 28 November 1920 – d. 7 January 1921

Roy Filmore Dryer – b. 28 November 1920 – d. 7 January 1921

(All Buried next to each other at: Algood Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN)

1900 Census – 19th Civil Dist., Algood, Putnam Co., TN

Dwl: 188 Family: 192 Line: 92

Samuel Poteete Head M W April 1862 38 M (12 yrs. married) Farmer TN TN TN (*Samuel Hughes Poteet*)

Lous Poteete Wife F W November 1870 29 (6 children born, 5 children living) TN TN TN (*Love Hyder*)

Hattie Poteete Dau. F W October 1889 10 Single At School TN TN TN

John H. Poteete Son M W November 1891 8 Single At School TN TN TN (*John Hershel Poteet*)

Sophie Poteete Dau. F W December 1893 6 Single TN TN TN

Galena Poteete Dau. F W February 1896 Single TN TN TN

Denton Poteete Son M W July 1899 10/12 Single TN TN TN (*Samuel "Sam" Denton Poteet*)

William Durant Servant B M May 1879 21 Single Farm Laborer TN TN TN

V. H. Qualls Boarder W M August 1875 24 Single Farm Laborer TN TN TN

1910 Census – 19th Civil Dist., Algood, Putnam Co., TN

Dwl: 2 Family: 2

Samuel H. Poteet Head M W 48 M1 21 Farmer General Farm TN TN TN

Love L. Poteet Wife F W 40 M1 21 (8 children born, 7 children living) TN TN TN

Hattie D. Poteet Dau. F W 20 Single School Teacher Public School TN TN TN

Herchel J. Poteet Son M W 18 Single School Teacher Public School TN TN TN (*Herchel John Poteet*)

Sophie A. Poteet Dau. F W 16 Single TN TN TN

Galena A. Poteet Dau. F W 14 Single TN TN TN (*Galena Poteet md Fred F. Dryer*)

Samuel D. Poteet Son M W 10 Single TN TN TN

Lou A. Poteet Dau. F W 7 Single TN TN TN

Jim D. Poteet Son M W 4 Single TN TN TN (*James Dewey Poteet*)

1920 Census – 19th Civil Dist., Algood, Putnam Co., TN

Dwl: 281 Family: 285 Line: 15

Sam H. Poteet Head M W 56 Married Farmer General Farm TN TN TN

Love L. Poteet Wife F W 49 Married TN TN TN

Sam Denton Poteet Son M W 20 Single Farmer General Farm TN TN TN

Lou Anna Poteet Dau. F W 16 Single TN TN TN

Jim Dewey Poteet Son M W 14 Single TN TN TN

Fred F. Dryer Brother-in-Law M W 21 Md TN Switzerland (Father Speaks German) TN Salesman Drygoods

Galena Dryer Dau. F W 22 Married TN TN TN

Helena Dryer Granddaughter F W 2 8/12 Single TN TN TN

1930 Census – 19th Civil Dist., Algood, Putnam Co., TN

Dwl: 8 Family: 8 Line: 31

Sam D. Poteet Head M W Owns Home – Value 3000 30 Married (22 yrs. old 1st marriage) TN NC TN

Secretary & Treasurer, Hardware Store (*States mother born in NC but other census has her born in TN*)

Barilla Poteet Wife F W 27 Married (19 yrs. old 1st marriage) TN TN TN

Robert Huston Poteet Son M W Single 7 TN TN TN

Darris Marie Poteet Dau. F W Single 4 10/12 TN TN TN

Sam Poteet Son M W Single 3 8/12 TN TN TN

John Poteet Son M W Single 10/12 TN TN TN

1930 Census – 19th Civil Dist., Algood Town, Putnam Co., TN

Dwl: 89 Family: 91 Line: 93

Sam Poteet Head M W Owns Home 66 Married (26 yrs. old 1st marriage) Farmer General Farm TN TN TN

Love Poteet Wife F W 60 Married (20 yrs. old 1st marriage) TN TN TN

Source: Herald Citizen Newspaper, Cookeville, TN, 20 March 1972:

“Considerable damage” was done to Maddux Hardware by fire this week. A motorist on the Courthouse square looked up and saw curtains in the store’s upstairs section burning and called the fire department.

Firemen kept the blaze contained to one section of the store, but it and stock was badly damaged.

Investigators think the fire started in a fluorescent light fixture.

MADDUX SERVICES WEDNESDAY

One of Putnam County’s best known citizens, Robert Bob Lee Maddux, died yesterday at Cookeville General Hospital. He was 96.

Funeral services are set for Wednesday, December 11, at 2 p.m. at the Collegeside Church of Christ with Brother Walter Edwards officiating. Burial will be in Cookeville City Cemetery.

Maddux was one of the founders of the store that is now Maddux & Proffitt on the Courthouse square, one of the oldest businesses in Cookeville. He and a partner opened Maddux and Massa dry goods in 1914.



He was well known across the state and elsewhere for his knowledge and love of fox hunting, and he wrote magazine articles and two books on the subject. He was active in the county, state, and national fox hunting associations.

He was a man of good humor and sharp wit, and warmly funny stories about him are told throughout this area.

One such story, a favorite with many of his friends, involves a fox hound he had. Someone from another state wrote to Maddux inquiring about buying a good fox hound, the story goes. Maddux, it is said dictated a letter to a secretary in which he described in detail the excellent qualities of a dog he had. But when the secretary read the letter back to him, he decided not to sell the dog. "Tear that letter up and throw it away – I've been wanting a dog like that all my life," he reportedly said.

He was known as a Bible scholar, teaching Bible and Sunday school classes at the old Broad Street Church of Christ here from 1920 to 1953 and at the Collegieside Church of Christ until just a few year ago.

He was a farmer and a real estate developer.

During World War II, he served on the Rationing Board here, helping handle the government rationing of tires, shoes, and other items.

A native of Putnam County, he was the son of the late James N. and Dora Jared Maddux.

His family includes one son, David H. Maddux of Cookeville; one daughter, Mrs. Ledora M. Dunlap of Chico, CA; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Elders and deacons of Collegieside Church of Christ will serve as pallbearers.

The family will receive friends at Hooper & Huddleston Funeral Home from 2 to 5 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. today.

Memorial contributions may be made to the University Christian Student Center in care of Collegieside Church of Christ.

Hooper & Huddleston Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Verla (Bilbrey) Mason Obt.

b. 12 May 1923, Overton Co., TN – d. 16 April 2005, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, md **Waymon Lee Mason**, b. 9 July 1922 – d. 26 January 1989, Putnam Co., TN, (TEC 5 US Army WWII), Purple Heart), s/o **Marsh Turney Mason** (1893-1955) & **Della May Bartlett** (1896-1977). Verla (Bilbrey) Mason, d/o **Dillard Carson Bilbrey** (1887-1933) & **Mary Elizabeth "Polly" Cunningham** (1886-1979), both buried in Shady Grove Community Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

*See Marsh Turney Mason buried in Smyrna Cemetery.

*See Waymon Lee Mason buried in Smyrna Cemetery.

COOKEVILLE – Funeral services for Verla Ella Mason, 81, of Cookeville will be held at 11 a.m. on Tues., April 19, from the Cookeville Chapel of Hooper-Huddleson & Horner Funeral Home. Burial will be in Smyrna Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 5-8 today, Mon., April 18; and from 10 a.m. until time of services on Tuesday, at the funeral home.

Mrs. Mason died Sat., April 16, 2005, in NHC Healthcare of Cookeville.

She was born May 12, 1923, in Overton County to the late Dillard and Polly Cunningham Bilbrey.

Mrs. Mason worked at McCords for many years, then she and her husband, Waymon Mason, owned and operated Maddux Hardware until his death in 1989. She and her late husband were avid glassware collectors and Mrs. Mason enjoyed playing Rooka the Bangham Community Center. She was also a member of Smyrna Church of Christ.

Her family includes a daughter and son-in-law, Peggy and Leslie "Buddy" King Jr. of Cookeville; a brother, Beecher Bilbrey of Rickman; three sisters, Vauda Brown of Rickman, Otha Bilbrey and Betty Downey, both of Anderson, IN; two grandchildren, Kristi King Burkhardt of Knoxville, and Leslie King III of Naples, FL; a great-grandson, Mason Joseph Burkhardt; longtime special friends, Lorelle Farley and Junita Loftis Schroeder; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a sister, Bertha Reynolds.

Pallbearers will be Beecher, Perry, and Raymond Brown, Terry Downey, Allen Bilbrey, Dewight Stamps and John Parrish.

Honorary pallbearers will be previous owners and employees of Maddux Hardware.

Bro. Carl Sims will officiate at the services.

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Sallie Majorie Whitson Obt.

COOKEVILLE -- Funeral services for Sallie Majorie Whitson, 96, of Cookeville, will be held at 10 a.m. on Sat., Aug. 12, from the chapel of Whitson Funeral Home. Burial will be in Salem Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 6-9 p.m. today, Fri., Aug. 11, at the funeral home.

Mrs. Whitson died on Wed., Aug. 9, 2000, at NHC.

She was born on March 27, 1904, in Putnam County to the late **J.T. and Minnie Ferguson Whitson. Mrs. Whitson was a salesperson for 42 years at Maddux and Proffitt.** She was a member of Salem Methodist Church and **Daughters of the American Revolution.**

Her family includes three grandsons and two granddaughters-in-law, Jack and Jan Whitley of Franklin, and Don and Tina Whitley, and Alan Whitley, all of Nashville; three granddaughters, Shannon Whitley of Franklin, Christina Whitley, and Stephanie Whitley of Nashville; a special cousin, Virgil Benson of Cookeville; a nephew, Tommy Burkett of St. Louis, Mo.; a niece, Ruth Doss of North Carolina; and a sister-in-law, Dimple Williams of Cookeville.

Pallbearers will be family and friends of Mrs. Whitson.

Bro. Gary Lee will officiate at the services.

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Renovations



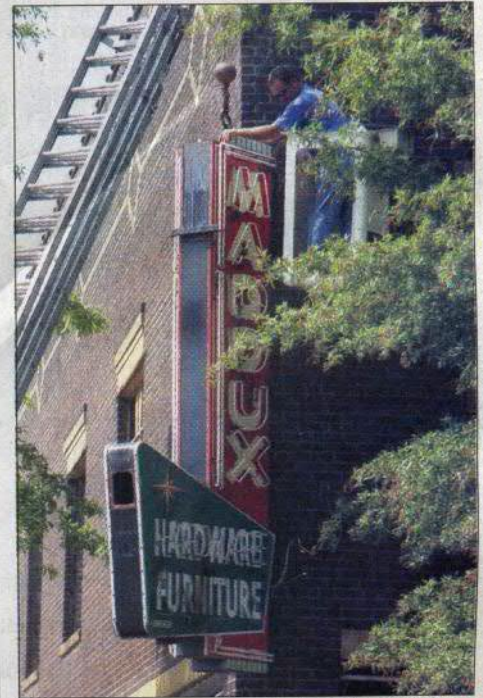
Herald-Citizen Photo/Ty Kernea

Workers use a crane to remove a vent during the ongoing renovations of the old Maddux Hardware building on Cookeville's Courthouse Square Wednesday.

Sign Renovation

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SIGN OF THE TIMES



Herald-Citizen Photo/Ty Kernea

William Norris of L&W Services, Signs and Designs helps remove the historic Maddux Hardware store sign Thursday. The sign will be refurbished and reinstalled on the historic building undergoing renovations on the Cookeville Courthouse square.

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Love Set. In fact the love of your life will be these new lush colors, sensational new styles and breath-takingly lovely fabrics, all completing the **Betty Rose** picture for Spring. Remember it's the inside story that makes the outside smart.

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- Style 3801**—Traveler 3-piece suit—a perfect ensemble in Flight Shetland. Sizes 10 to 20. Colors: Nude, Dawn Blue and Rose.

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Morgan Mayberry Obt.

Funeral services for Morgan (nmn) Mayberry, age 89 of Jackson Co, will be held Friday October 25 at 11am at the Cookeville Chapel of Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home. Bro. Raymond Hensley and Bro. Travis Irwin will officiate. Military honors will be provided by the Veterans Honor Guard. Interment will follow at Morgan-Pippin Cemetery.

Mr. Mayberry died Tuesday October 22, 2013 at Athens (TN) Regional Medical Center.



A native of Jackson Co. TN, he was born December 3, 1923 to the late Davis (Dave) Argo and Dona Etta Fox Mayberry. He was preceded in death by his wife of 62 years, Dorothy Sue Montgomery Mayberry (who died September 22, 2008); a son, Ray Douglas Mayberry; and a sister, Mildred Mayberry Pippin, as well as two infant daughters, Doris and Willene Mayberry.

Mr. Mayberry was an Elder of Liberty Church of Christ in Jackson County. He was a Veteran of World War II, having served in the U.S. Army in the South Pacific Theatre. **He was a farmer and a former employee of Maddux Hardware in Cookeville until his retirement.**

He is survived by a son, Robert Mayberry and wife Jan Mayberry of Riceville, TN; three grandchildren, Vincent Mayberry and wife Terri Grubb Mayberry, Juleah Mayberry Parrish, and Sarah Mayberry Holmes and husband Jake Holmes; six great-grandchildren, Kayleigh, Trevor, twins Zachary and Lauren Mayberry, Sophie and Finnley Holmes; and by several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Vince Mayberry, Jake Holmes, Art Montgomery, Robert Crabtree, Jim Dee and Bobby Summers will serve as pallbearers. Barry Allison will serve as an honorary pallbearer.

Mr. Mayberry's family suggests memorial contributions be made to the American Cancer Society-Cookeville, 753A Humble Dr., Cookeville, TN 38501 or to the Alzheimer's Tennessee Inc., Cumberland Office, 1459 Interstate Dr. Ste 211, Cookeville, TN 38501.

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Pauline Bradford Wilhite Obt.

b. 2 March 1921, Putnam Co., TN – d. 26 July 2008, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN, d/o **William Esker Wilhite** (1895-1930) & **Valeria Pierce** (1897-1991), both buried in Bradford Family Graveyard, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN.

COOKEVILLE – Funeral services for Pauline Bradford Wilhite, 87, of Cookeville, will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, July 29, from the chapel of Whitson Funeral Home. Burial will be in Bradford Family Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 5-9 p.m. today, Monday, July 28, and from 7 a.m. until time of services on Tuesday at the funeral home.



Ms. Wilhite died Saturday, July 26, 2008, in Cookeville Regional Medical Center.

She was born March 2, 1921, in Putnam County to the late William Esker and Valeria Pierce Wilhite.

Ms. Wilhite was a certified dental assistant and trained in the office of Dr. J. P. Terry. She furthered her education by correspondence from the University of North Carolina School of Dentistry with a A Average.

Ms. Wilhite was a member of the American Dental Assistant Association, Tennessee Dental and 5th District Dental Assistant Society. She helped organize the 4th District Dental Assistant Society and served as secretary and treasurer.

She enjoyed writing papers and giving them to her local society. She took first place on competitive pages given at the Tennessee State Dental Convention held in Nashville.

Mrs. Wilhite was a dental assistant to Dr. J. P. Terry for 26 years and two years to Dr. James L. Smith. **She worked 16 years at Maddox & Proffitt Department Store as a clerk with two of those years as a bookkeeper.**

Her work in community service included volunteer work for the Boy Scouts of America, SME and the United Way. She was a recipient of the Long Rifle Award. She was a coworker in Health Services United Way and for many years she was an active member of the Democratic Women's Club and a member of the Cookeville VFW Auxiliary.

Ms. Wilhite was foremost an active member of Salem United Methodist Church since the age of 12. She was a Sunday School teacher for 25 years, teaching juniors, high school youth and ladies classes. She was superintendent of SS class and a member of the administrative board, along with other positions in the church. She was a charter member of the Salem U.M.W. since 1949.

On Mother's Day, Salem Church honored her as their Spiritual Mother.

Ms. Wilhite loved home, family and friends. Her life could be summed up in one word – service.

In 2004, she wrote her first song "Trinity," now being used as a church song at Salem.

Her family includes a sister, Margaret W. Spurlock of Cookeville; nieces and spouses, Linda and Dennis McBroom and Betsy and Bruce Riley, all of Cookeville, and Martha and Joe Fell of PA, and great-nieces and nephews, Rachel, Anna, Josh, Eddie and Chuck.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Harold "Sonny" Wilhite.

Pallbearers will be Dennis McBroom, Josh and Eddie McDaniel, Joe Fell, Bobby Smith and Gene Jolicoeur.

Honorary pallbearers will be U.M.W. and Ladies Sunday School Class of Salem United Methodist Church.

Bros. Rick Cross, Guinn Nolen and Lynn Bullock will officiate at the services.

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