

One Maddux Family's Journey

Alexander Mattock arrived in America in October 1635 on the "Abraham of London". He was born in Wales in 1613 and died in North Hampton County, Virginia in 1659. There were fifty-one passengers on the "Abraham of London" Alexander's presence on that ship is documented in "The Original List of People of Quality" by John Camden Hotten (1874). He was twenty-two years old at the time of the voyage.

Records tell us that Alexander's descendants migrated to Somerset County, Maryland and then back to Virginia before coming to Tennessee and other areas. We do not know the reason for this migration, probably in search of more land that had not been worn out by so much tobacco farming.

Alexander's great-great grandson, William Maddux, also of Virginia, served in the Continental Army as a sergeant. William's son, Craven, was the first of our ancestors to move to Tennessee. Craven most assuredly came to Tennessee by horseback or wagon. We don't know why he left Bedford County, Virginia, but he

settled on land in Buffalo Valley, Tennessee, which at the time was part of Jackson County. He was a farmer and also helped survey the boundaries for Putnam County. Evidence of his grist mill can still be seen in a creek on the Shanks Farm. Craven and his wife, Betsy Davis, have monuments in the Maddux Cemetery on the same farm.

Craven had ten children one of which was Thomas Jefferson Maddux who was born in 1814. He settled in the Rock Springs community near Buffalo Valley. He and his wife, Elizabeth Garrett, had fourteen children. Thomas and Elizabeth are buried in another family cemetery located on what is now the Medley Farm.

Robert Fain Maddux, Thomas's eleventh child and my great grandfather, married Martha Stanton and made their home a few miles away in the Martin Creek community near Granville. They built a beautiful southern home which now is known as the Dr. Freeman Home. Robert or Bob, as he was called, is credited, along with two others, with capturing the bandits of the last stagecoach robbery in October 1882.

Martha Stanton and Bob Maddux had three children, one of which was Thomas Jefferson Maddux. He married Maggie Burton of Granville and they also made their home on Martin Creek. They had eight children one of which was Ralph, whose daughters still own the Martin Creek property today.

Alexander Maddox who came to America in 1635 had many descendents. This is only one of many Journey Stories that could be written.

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