

The following article is taken from *The Heritage of Abbeville County, South Carolina*, page 106, published in 1995 by Don Mill, Inc., PO Box 34 Waryesville, NC 28786, and released in January, 1996. You will find the Ivans/Evans family of Charles County, Maryland, of special interest (bold added).

MADDOX FAMILY

Families from Charles County, Maryland, arrived in Abbeville, South Carolina, after the Revolutionary War. Beginning about 1830 these families moved from Abbeville to Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, where they intermarried—Baker, Brazzel, Brock, Brownlee, Clearman, Davis, Dodson, Freeman, Hughes, Ivans/Evans, Kirkland, Maddox, McCord, Nash, Norris, Norwood, Posey, Pyles, Reed, Sharp, Watkins, Williamson, and Winn.

Benjamin Maddox of Abbeville is believed to be the grandson of Cornelius and Mary (Smallwood) Maddox of Charles County, Maryland, and the son of Benjamin Maddox (1693-1770). Benjamin's 1770 Maryland will was witnessed by John Posey, Sr., Prior Posey, William Posey, and John Elgin. Daughter Mary married Humphrey Posey.

In Maryland during the Revolution serving under Captain Walter Hanson was one Benjamin Maddox. However, serving under Captain Francis Martin were Noah, Samuel, William, Ignatius, and Benjamin Maddox; Prior, Humphrey, Walter, and Rhody Posey; and Samuel, David, and Ignatius Luckett. Benjamin Maddox was a 1782 witness to the will of first cousin Prior Posey and the 1784 will of Humphrey Posey.

Benjamin Maddox (c. 1735-1811) appears with a large family in Abbeville census records 1790, 1800, and 1810.

When Benjamin Maddox (Jr.?) died in 1811, his widow was Elizabeth. In 1811 Benjamin and Elizabeth Maddox sold 165 acres on a branch of Saluda River with neighbors Niblet, Thomas Williamson, Sr., Thomas Williamson, Jr., and Samuel Nabors. Witnesses were Thomas Spectin, William Maddox, and William Arnold. When resold in 1812, witnesses included John Pyles and Samuel Cunningham. J.P. (Laurens Deed records of Miss Sarah Nash).

Elizabeth () Maddox Long's 1831 will recorded Laurens District named her children—John Maddox, William Maddox, Sally Gwin, Polly Simpson, Elizabeth Davis, nancy *[sic]* Long, Reubin Long, and Daniel Long.

Possible sons or nephews of Benjamin Maddox of South Carolina follow:

Henry Maddox (1761-1806) married (about 1783) Janet Luckett, daughter of Ignatius and Margaret Luckett. Janet was the widow of Prior Posey, son of Humphrey and Mary Maddox) Posey. "Hendley Maddox of Bert" appears in 1790 Charles County, Maryland, with all the Posey step-children except for Ignatius Posey, a single male who was living next door to Benjamin and Walter Maddox in Abbeville. Prior Posey's children were Ignatius, Lanty, Margaret perhaps married Janet's executor William Norris. Marsha married Robert V. Posey, Prior, David P. married

Peachy Taylor Powell, and Herbert Posey. Henley Maddox moved to Abbeville before 1800 and his 1806 will executors were Edmund Gaines and Edward McCraw and witnesses were John Finley, James Watkins, and Archibald Cameron. Janet Maddox appears on the same 1810 census page with Benjamin Posey, Elizabeth Maddox, and Benjamin Maddox, Sr. Henley Maddox's children were Catherine Nolen "Cathy" (1785-1859 AL) married James Freeman and moved to Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, about 181, *[sic]* Augustine (c. 1787-1833 SC) married Lettice Robertson, Richard (1790-1855 SC) married Margaret Robertson, and Samuel Luckett Maddox (1792|1857 SC) married and had a family. Henley and Janet Maddox were buried at Turkey Creek Baptist Church.

Walter Maddox was a single male in 1790 Abbeville living next to Benjamin Maddox.

Benjamin Maddox (Jr.) was an 1811 legatee of Thomas and Janet Donaldson. Other legatees were James, William, Thomas, and Reuben Donaldson, and George Spruell, Robert Webb, Thornton Davis, and Benjamin Milten. Benjamin appears 1800 Abbeville and 1810 Laurens.

Charles Maddox appears in 1800 Abbeville.

John Maddox appears in the margin of 1800 Abbeville as a sojourner with Benjamin, Sr. John's 1810 estate was administered by widow Elizabeth, George Reeves, James Gaines,

and William McCraw and inventoried by Henry and Benjamin Johnson. Buyers included Elizabeth, Lawson, Augustus, [sic] and Chandler Maddox and Edward Ware and William Long. John's widow Elizabeth married William Norwood in 1817. John's plantation was rented to John Gaines in 1820 and 1821.

William Maddox (1776 MD-1867 AL) and wife Sarah lived in Laurens District and moved to Alabama about 1831. William's Tuscaloosa estate names his children: Benjamin, Rhoda, Anna, Lucinda, and Thursa (perhaps by a first wife) and Allison, Elizabeth, and Samuel. Eldest son Benjamin married a Riley in SC and about 1830 married Nancy Williamson, daughter of Thomas and Rachel (Kinsman) Williamson. The Williamsons attended Turkey Creek Baptist Church in 1786, lived in Laurens District, and later moved to Tuscaloosa and Fayette counties, Alabama.

Chandler Maddox (1780 MD-after 1872 AL) married Peggy Spencer. Chandler appears 1810 Abbeville. Chandler and William Maddox served in 1812 with Capt. William Ware's SC Militia. Chandler, Benjamin, and Lawson Maddox were in 1820 Elbert County, Georgia. Chandler was in 1840 Gwinnett County, Georgia, and 1850 Tuscaloosa County, Alabama. Lanty Maddox was in 1810 Abbeville. Lanty, Charles, Richard, and William Maddox were in 1820 Wilkes County, Georgia.

Henry Maddox 1785-1839 appears 1830 Abbeville. Henry's death citation was published in 1839 at Upper Long Cane Church. Henry's widow Mary "Polly" appears 1850 Abbeville. Children were Basil

married Lucinda Campbell, Henry married Matilda M., Fanny married Jabez Richey, Jesse, Robert, and William W. married Jane and with housekeeper (sister?) Mary Maddox moved to Fayette County, Alabama.

Lawson Maddox was born 1784 SC and married Bearshaba. Moved to Fayette County, Alabama, about 1836. Children included John, William B. Riley, Kindred, and Robert.

Thomas Maddox died 1850 Abbeville with his estate administered by Cloe Maddox, Francis Colbert, and John Colbert. Buyers at estate sale were Cloe, William, Lesson, Lanty, Benjamin, Jr., and Chandler Maddox.

Another Maddox died in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, in 1847. Mark Maddox lived in Georgia in the 1800s and in Monroe County, Mississippi, in the 1820s and in Tuscaloosa by 1840, age 60-70. Mark's estate was appraised by the son of James and Catherine (Maddox) Freeman.

Mrs. Mary Copeland of Greenwood, SC, suggests that Benjamin Maddox lived in the vicinity where the four counties of Abbeville, Laurens, Greenville, and Anderson join. As late as 1940 traveling the road from Ware Shoals "crossed the old Maddox covered bridge and on the left of the road going toward Honea Path was the old Williamson home. This was near a crossroad one

way going to Abbeville and the other to Highway 25." Submitted by: Joyce G. Odom, 3414 White Oak Court, Fairfax, Virginia 22030.

Typographical and spelling errors are probably not the fault of either the author or editor. The text was scanned in by Rose-Marie Williams who did not proofread very carefully! And scanned in illegally, I might add, but I wanted to see how my scanner worked and knew you'd be delighted to see this!

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