

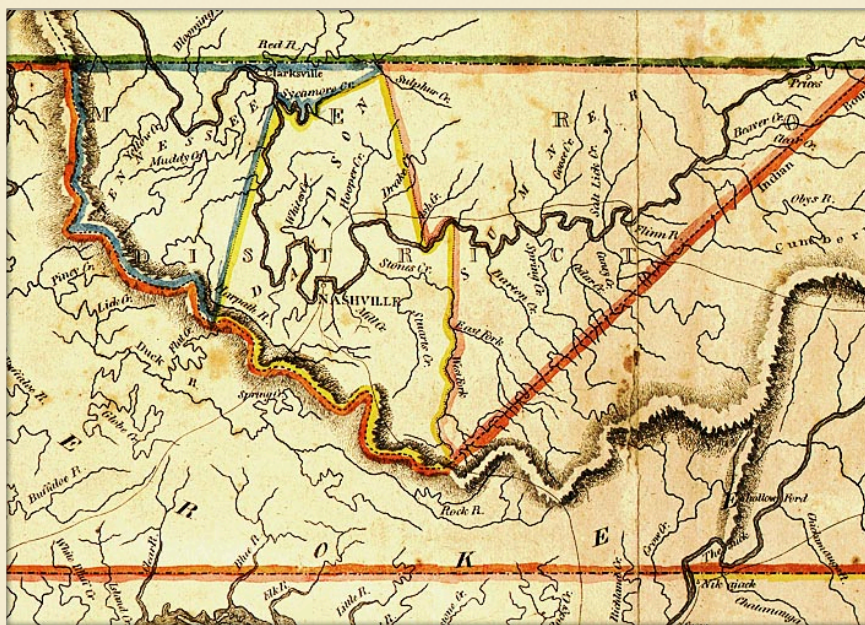
Fall of 1796

Open House

Early Lees of Goochland

Following the Land

Cumberland Bound



Abraham Maury



I traveled with Benjamin Lee, his nephew Braxton Lee and our friend Chapman White to Tennessee in the fall of 1796. I settled south of Nashville in present day Williamson county. My tract was 640 acres and I set aside 100 acres to establish the city of Franklin and Harpeth Academy. Later Maury County (pronounced "murry") was named for me.

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Cumberland Bound

In the later part of the 18th century there was much talk about a land in Tennessee called the Cumberland. To many this name was associated with paradise. John Donelson had led a large group there. In the fall of 1796, a group from Fluvanna County, VA decided the time was right to make this journey. Included in this group was Benjamin Lee and his three nephews, Braxton Lee, John Lee III and Lewis Henry Lee and their families. Chapman White had married Sally Lee, the only daughter of Benjamin and Mary Lee, in 1789. Sally died in Va and Chapman came with his new wife Martha Maury, sister of Abram Maury. Chapman's mother Susannah came along with others of the White and Maury families. We do not know exactly how many were in this entourage but they arrived in Nashville before Christmas in 1796. Benjamin immediately bought 640 acres on the Cumberland River where Braxton, John and Lewis Henry Lee settled. Benjamin and Mary settled south of Nashville alongside Chapman White. Abram Maury purchased 640 acres next to Benjamin and Chapman. Major Abram Maury later served alongside Andrew Jackson in the War of 1812.



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