

LONG AGO

IN

MADISON COUNTY

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One day long ago the Hinds family left the Tennessee hills. They rode south in a covered wagon pulled by oxen. Pa held the reins to guide the oxen along an old Indian trail. It was a long and bumpy ride.

At night, they camped in the woods. Ma cooked over a campfire. They were all very hungry and tired.

Daniel and Milly heard strange noises in the woods. But they were not afraid. Pa and Ma would care for them.

The trip would take many days. Pa wanted rich, new land to farm. He would build a cabin there. Then the Hinds family would have a new home. They would be pioneers in Madison County.

This story is based on the family of Levi Hinds, who settled near Berry Mountain about two miles north of Maysville. When the Federal Government put Madison County lands on sale on August 7, 1809, Hinds made the first purchase.

Allie Norris Kenney draws on her years of experience as a teacher of first grade to tell an appealing and adventurous story in words readable by a young child. She describes the life of early settlers, how they made soap and candles, and helped each other.

The drawings by Sarah Huff Fisk enhance the book's appeal by continuing the adventurous tone and adding details that picture for a child many facets of life in pioneer days.

The first edition of *Long Ago in Madison County* was published by the Madison County School System as a social studies textbook for use in primary grades.

This book will help children compare the life of long ago with their own life today.

