

The Story of Madison County: A Scavenger Hunt

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Can you picture Madison County throughout its history? Let's see how good you are at finding different features on the maps after reading its story.

1. First, familiarize yourself with where exactly Madison County is. Find a highway map from the late 1900s (1970s or 1980s) and find Madison County.

Which town is the County Seat? _____

2. The Broad River is a major waterway through Madison County. Find the first map in the late 1700s that shows the Broad River. What is the date of that map?

3. Think about the date when the Buncombe Turnpike was established, connecting Asheville to Warm Springs through Madison. What is the date of the first map showing that major road? What is the number of that road?

4. Madison was incorporated as a county in 1857. Find a map in that time period showing Madison County. What river besides the Broad do you see there?

5. Railroads opened up Madison County for transport of goods. Find the railroad map from 1861 and name three towns along the railroad line between Asheville and Warm Springs.

6. Madison County underwent a lot of population changes between the 1920s and 1930s. Find a map of the county in the 1930s and name the three biggest towns.

7. In the second half of the 20th century, Madison turned away from farming and towards tourism and travel. Name three major roads that ran through Madison County in the 1960s.

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Which town is the County Seat? Marshall

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3. Think about the date when the Buncombe Turnpike was established, connecting Asheville to Warm Springs through Madison. What is the date of the first map showing that major road? What is the number of that road? **1828; 36**

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Marshall, Alexander, Million Springs, Lapland

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Madison, Mars Hill, Hot Springs

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19, 23, 25, 209, 213

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