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Originally from Statesville, North Carolina moved to Nashville in 1980.
Married to Karen Dugmore; two sons Dan and Adam.

1982-83 Interned for Gene Watson's Publishing Company.

1983-88 Mel Tillis Enterprises. Started out in tape room and advanced to songplugger within the first year.
In 1987 became general manager of publishing company. Also signed as a writer to company.

1989-92 Morgan Music Group. Worked as songplugger and managed publishing company.

1992-00 Forerunner Music Group. In 1995 became VP of publishing company. It was here he worked with Allen Reynolds & Jim Rooney both great producers. While there he signed Tony Arata, Shawn Camp, Herb McCullough, and Tim O'Brien. Also signed as a writer to company

2000-Present – formed Matt Lindsey Music, first two writers signed to company were Tony Arata (The Dance) & Pete Wasner (Don't Let Our Love Start Slipping Away) Company also represents Independent Song Plugging for Clients; Allen Reynolds (NSAI Hall of Fame), Bob Morrison (Ascap writer of year 4 Times), Randy Goodrum (NSAI Hall of Fame), Lee Roy Parnell, & Right Bank Music.

As a songplugger he pitched songs recorded by Garth Brooks, Dixie Chicks, Collin Raye, Brooks and Dunn, Tracy Byrd, Patty Loveless, Trisha Yearwood, George Strait, Clay Walker, Rod Stewart, David Lee Roth, Tanya Tucker, George Jones, Don Williams, Martina McBride, Suzy Bogguss, Mark Chestnutt, Confederate Railroad, Ty England, Emmylou Harris, Wade Hayes, Willie Nelson, Waylon Jennings, Hal Ketchum, Reba McEntire, Randy Travis, Wynonna, Lee Roy Parnell, Alabama, Alison Krauss, Kathy Mattea, Delbert McClinton, Gary Allan, Dwight Yoakam, Hank Williams Jr., Keith Stegall, Ricky Skaggs, Eddy Raven, Oak Ridge Boys, Mel McDaniel, Jennifer Warnes, John Anderson, Dawson's Creek, and All My Children, to name a few.

Writers he has worked with over the years included: Tony Arata, Pete Wasner, Shawn Camp, Pat Alger, Tim O'Brien, Allen Reynolds, Herb McCullough, Randy Goodrum, Steve Wariner, Buddy Cannon, Iris Dement, Bob Corbin, Dave Hanner, Dennis Morgan, Steve Davis, Tommy Collins, Mel Tillis, Pam Tillis, Frank Myers, Danny Dill, Pamela Brown Hayes, Kathy Louvin, Ron Hellard, Charles John Quarto, Cindy Walker, Ray Sawyer, and Mel Tillis Jr.

Matt's songs have been recorded by Gene Watson, Ricky Skaggs, Perfect Stranger, Moe Bandy, Matt King, Ricky Van Shelton, and The Girls Next Door.

Co-produced with Mark Miller (engineer for Allen Reynolds) an album on Tony Arata "Way Back When" featuring guest Garth Brooks, Patty Loveless & Lee Roy Parnell

Currently in production on new album co-producing with Tony Arata.