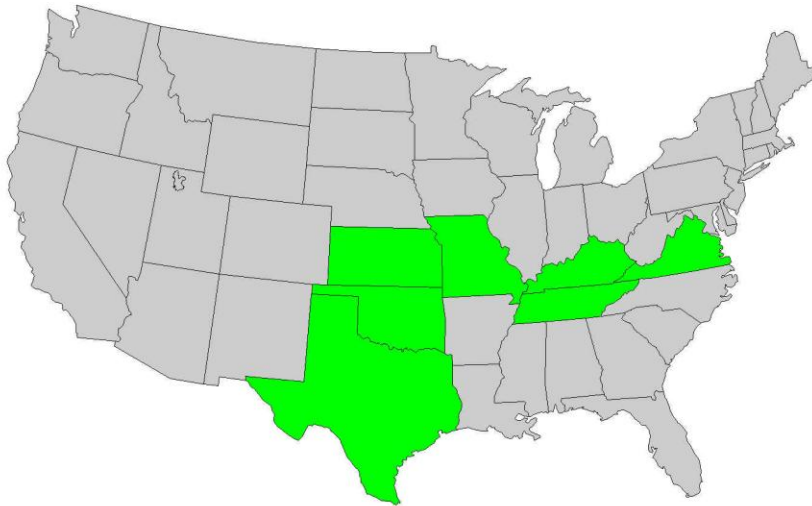


**The  
Descendants  
of  
Matthew Gleaves**

*The Glaves/Gleaves Family in America*



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## *FORWARD*

This is the Third Edition of the history of the Glaves/Gleaves Family in America. It is the first to be published in book form. It primarily deals with the story of the families of three brothers, the sons of Matthew and Esther, who each left their mark on the frontiers of a new nation. It traces their descendants through as many as twelve generations.

When first released in 2003 this document was just over 300 pages. The fledgling Gleaves Family Association was only then beginning to uncover the wealth of information that exists about this Family. Since that time many others have come forward to add to the body of knowledge contained here. Today, the document is more than twice that size.

This work is by no means the sum total of information on our Gleaves Family. There is much more information and many more documents posted online at [www.gleavesfamily.com](http://www.gleavesfamily.com). It would be impossible to include all 1,300 documents and the information contained there in any single publication. This work should be seen as a starting point for research on individual family members.

There are far too many contributors to this work to mention all of them here in this limited space. Throughout the document, many of them are referenced for their valuable additions and corrections. We are fortunate to have more than a dozen researchers from many of the family lines willing to help others explore their ancestors.

Special thanks go to three who have spent countless hours working to make the knowledge they and others have gained available to all. Hilda Hagar Barnes has published her extensively documented *Gleaves Families in Middle Tennessee* which serves as the definitive source for these families and much of the information contained in this work. Frances Gleaves Nichols has worked to compile a wealth of information on the Family as well as documenting the final resting places for many of them. Finally, Alice Sampelle Hix has done extensive work on several lines. She also serves as our webmaster, and is responsible for making much of the information that has been uncovered available to all.

As you will see, there are many unanswered questions that still remain about the family history. One question deals with the several variants of the family name. Today, *GLEAVES* is by far the most prevalent. Within this document, whenever the family surname appears in *ITALICIZED-SMALL CAPITAL LETTERS*, it is as the spelling appears in the referenced document. Whether it is *GLAVES*, *GLEAVES*, *GLAVE* or *GLEAVE*, it is apparent, we are all one family.

There is much more to be added to this family history. I'm sure there are numerous mistakes contained in this research. I only ask that as others expand upon this work, they pass on to me corrections/additions to this manuscript.

A special thank you to all the friends I have made along the way in developing this project. Enjoy,



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