

# WILLS & COURT RECORDS ETC. RELATED TO GLEAVES FAMILIES

## WILLS/INVENTORIES

### 1772 - Robert Turk<sup>1</sup> Will<sup>2</sup>

1772

(no book number shown)

Augusta County, Virginia

(the following is abstract of the full will):

Robert Turk of Augusta and Colony of Virginia.....FIRST, I give....to THOMAS TURK my dear and beloved son ALL my real and personal estate lands, tenements and valuables to him and his heirs forever allowing him to be my sole heir and executor and administrator<sup>3</sup> to my son James Turk GLEAVES one English shilling to be paid by my heir and Exec. In 12 months after my death if demanded and I do ....disallow and revoke ....In witness whereof .....set my seal this 24<sup>th</sup> day of Sept. 1772.

Signed in presence of Charles Turk/Teas?, Thomas Turk. and Elizabeth Gleaves.

(Proven in Court Nov. 17, 1771. two of witnesses Charles Teas and Thomas Turk, Sr.)

### 1805 - Matthew Gleaves<sup>3</sup> Estate Will

Book 3 & 4 – page 14 Davidson County, Tennessee

written 11/27/1803.

Proven in Court Jan. 1805

I leave to my **brother**, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>, all my horses and cattle and all the little debts that is due me in the neighbourhood and that \$60 that is in my father's hands I allow it to be divided equally between my brothers and sisters that LIVE IN VIRGINIA. Also I leave to my sister-in-law, wife of Thomas Gleaves, my Negro boy GREEN. If he is not redeemed she may keep him during her life and then to remain to her children afterwards only. I allow **Brother**, ABSALOM \$85 out of his price in good property. Also I allow that land in Kentucky to be sold and the price to be divided equally between my mother and father, sisters and brothers. I allow my **cousin**, MATHEW Gleaves<sup>4</sup> \$20 out of the price of it also I allow Betsy Smith ten dollars of the price of my big steed(?) paid by Thomas Gleaves. I do renounce and disdain all other wills by me made.

### Inventory<sup>5</sup>

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14 head of cattle; 2 horses; 1 bed-furniture; saddle & bags; bridle bits & whip; 1 chest; a certificate for 2 months service as Pvt. In Capt. F. Robertson's Company; a silver watch; knife & tomhoch; 1 Bible; 1 hoe; 1 axe; 1 set of plow irons; 2 clevices with pizen? For single trees; 1 pair of chains and hames; 1 razor.

Date: April 1805. Probate Court, Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee

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<sup>1</sup> Father of Thomas Turk, Sr. & grandfather of Elizabeth (Turk) Gleaves.

<sup>2</sup> copy furnished to HHB by Terrell Curtis, now deceased, in 1979:

<sup>3</sup> (note: there is no period after 'executor and admin.' ....and James Turk Gleaves is referred to as son....and probably should be grandson).

ASH: James Turk Gleaves is confusing as he would have been a great grandson and he was not born until 1788.

<sup>4</sup> Matthew Gleaves<sup>3</sup>: He was born Nov. 9, 1772 in Virginia. Son of William (Benjamin) Gleaves (ca 1748-1820) and Elizabeth Turk (1752-1840)

<sup>5</sup> Copied by Hilda H. Barnes in 1978.

**1809 - Thomas Turk<sup>6</sup> Will<sup>7</sup>**

Augusta County, Virginia  
Written Aug. 3, 1808  
proved in Court

In Augusta County, July 20, 1809.

First: all just debts to be paid after necessary expense of burial.

SECOND: I give to my beloved wife **MARY** during her natural life or widowhood all my slaves and stock of every kind....for her use and disposal during her life or widowhood....also the tract of land whereas I now live together with all the lands adjoining and between said tract & the mountain, to wit, the tract including the Oa\_\_\_? Bank also my tract of land adjoining the lands of Grover Clemmons and Widow Barrier, George Hagle? And Jacob Koiner....

All furniture & implements of husbandry or farming utensil....nevertheless it is my will personal estate shall be legally appraised.

THIRDLY:...that my wife's mother, Easther Woolman shall have a decent support out of my estate during her natural life or widowhood.

FOURTHLY: I give to my grandson, Thomas Turk McCullough, 200 lbs. to be paid by exec. when he arrives at the age of 21. I also give to my grandson Thomas Turk REAH 100 lbs. To be paid when he arrives at the age of 21....should either grandson not arrive at age 21, the sums devised to them to be equally divided between my daughters, ESTHER JOHNSTON, BETSY COGER, REBECCA ANDERSON & my son JAMES TURK.

FIFTHLY: I give to my wife MARY my Negro boy Harry and Negro girl Charlotte and increase

SIXTHLY: at the death or marriage of my beloved wife, Mary, I give and bequeath to my son JAMES TURK the tract of land whereon I now live together with all the lands adjoining thereto on the east side of the South River, ....**excepting one acre of ground including the graveyard which except...? Ever being transferred; and to enjoin it upon my son James aforesaid** to have the said acre of ground kept well inclosed by a strong pailing.

SEVENTHLY: at the death or marriage of my wife Mary...it is my will that the whole of my estate not before particularly divided as well real as personal shall be sold by my executors...and the money arising from such sale to be equally divided between my children, to wit: Esther Johnson, Betsey Coger, Rebecca Anderson and James.

EIGHTHLY: I give to my daughter, JANE ALLEN, ONE DOLLAR, to my daughter, BETTY GLAVE, one dollar and to my son THOMAS TURK one dollar to them and their heirs forever.

LASTLY: appoints my worthy friends, Andrew Ramsey, William Patrick and Robert Porter Field, Executors of my last will.....my hand and seal this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of Aug. in the year of our Lord 1808.

**Signed: Thomas Turk (seal) and his mark**

**1811 - Michael Gleaves<sub>1</sub> Estate**

Will

Will Book 3 & 4, page 155 Davidson County, Tennessee  
Written Feb. 13, 1811,  
Recorded Sept. 20, 1811.  
Abstract

I, Michael Gleaves, of Davidson County, having arrived to old age being in firm health.....after being decently buried I wish my estate divided in the following manner.

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<sup>6</sup> father of Elizabeth (Turk) Gleaves

<sup>7</sup> abstract furnished to HHB in 1979 by cousin Terrell Curtis.

Item 1<sup>st</sup>. I wish my dear beloved wife, Rachel Gleaves, to have full and peaceable possession of the Tract of land on which I now live during her natural life and after death I give it to my son,

**Thomas Glaves<sup>2</sup>**<sup>8</sup>

Item 2<sup>nd</sup>. I give and bequeath to my son, **John Glaves**, 640 acres of land lying in Wilson County on the waters of Cedar Lick Creek.

Item 3<sup>rd</sup>. I give and bequeath to my son, **William Gleaves**, 640 acres of land lying in Wilson County on Spencers Creek.

Item 4<sup>th</sup>. all the lands I have on Duck River in the Countys of Maury & Bedford I give and bequeath to my son **Matthew Gleaves<sub>4</sub>**.

Item 5<sup>th</sup>. I give and bequeath 340 acres of land lying in Davidson County on the waters of Whites Creek and 100 acres adjoining Zach. Stu...? In Davidson County to my son, **Michael Glave<sub>2</sub>**

Item 6<sup>th</sup>. I allow each of my single sons that is John Glaves, Michael Glaves<sub>2</sub> and Thomas Glaves<sub>2</sub>, as long as they continue living with mother each of them to keep 1 horse of their own and no more.

Item 7<sup>th</sup>. To my daughter **Isabella Glaves** the gray diameede(?) filley and a Negro girl named Priscilla.

Item 8<sup>th</sup>. My sons John Glaves, Michael Glaves<sub>2</sub>, Thomas Glaves<sub>2</sub> and William Glaves are to pay my daughter Isabella Gleaves each \$200 when her mother may think she should have it.

Item 9<sup>th</sup>. I wish all my stock of cattle to be collected next July and sold upon a credit of not more than 2 yrs nor less than 1 except 10 cows and 2 or 3 steers I give 1 Negro girl named Jenna to my son, Matthew Gleaves<sub>4</sub>. the balance of my Negro slaves to remain in possession of my wife during her life to be under the direction of my Executors Ezekiel B. McCoy, John Davis and William Gleaves.

Witness: William P. Robinson & Jenny Robinson. /s/ Michael Gleaves (seal)

Since I assigned the above.....find I had forgotten to make provisions for my **daughters** after the death of my wife I wish my Negroes to be sold except negro boy named Jack which I give to my son Michael Glaves<sub>2</sub> Also a Negro boy named Jesse which I intend for my son Thomas Glaves<sub>2</sub> when it may be convenient for my wife and my above named 2 sons Michael and Thomas Glaves<sub>2</sub> shall think it convenient to separate them, also a little yellow slave named Cynthia which I give to **my granddaughter, Rachel Turner** – also a small girl 5 yrs. old Ceila by name after the death of my wife my son John Gleaves is to have her and her increase. I give and bequeath to my **daughter Elizabeth Turner** \$200 dollars in cash to be left in the hands of my executors to be paid to her for her benefit and her children and if she should die before she receives it my executors are to be bound to let her children have \$200 when they are in want of it.....money arising from sale of my horses and cattle next fall.....to be equally divided between all my children except one which is Elizabeth Turner. The Truxton colt now a year old I give to my son, Thomas Glaves<sub>2</sub>. My blacksmith tools I give to my son John Glaves. This is my last Will and Testament....13<sup>th</sup> day of Feb. 1811. signed: Michael Glaves (seal).....Duly proven in open court....upon the oath of William P. Robinson and Jenny Robinson.

### Inventory

Will book 3-6, page 158  
Davidson County, Tennessee  
Sept. 21, 1811

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<sup>8</sup> HHB: He should not be confused with Thomas H. Gleaves<sub>1</sub>, born 1771 died before 1849 – the .son of William B. Gleaves & Elizaabeth Turk)

1 black mare; 1 yellow filly; 1 brown mare and colt; 1 bay mare; 1 yearling brown horse colt and 3-year old horse; 1 gray mare; 1 white mare; 1 bay mare and mule colt; 1 sorrel horse; 1 bay horse; 1 black 2-year old bay 3 year old filley; 6 cows; 5 steers; 3 two-year old heifers; 1 calf; 60 head of sheep; a large quantity of hogs; 2 mens saddles; 2 square tables; 4 feather beds and beddings; 4 bedsteads; 1 cupboard; 1 chest of drawers; 1 desk; 1 chest; 1 case of bottles; cupboard furniture; 1 set of shoe tolls; 1 waggon; 2 whisky barrels; 2 hilling hoes; 2 chopping axes; 2 beading planes; 2 mattocks; 2 augers; 1 powder keg; 2 hogsheads; 5 barrels; 6 salt barrels; 2 shovel plows; 2 small broken plows; 1 large bar share plow; 1 paid doubletrees; 3 pair of hames; 2 pair of chains; 1 log chain; 1 colter plow; 3 short bars of iron; 1 grindstone; 3 grass scythes; 3 clevices; 2 blind bridles; 4 stacks of Timothy hay; 1 stack of rye; a quantity of sheaf oats, 1 loom, 6 bunds of hemp; a quantity of cotton; 1 big kittle; 2 bake ovens; 2 pots; 1 skillet; 1 small kittle; 2 sides of tanned leather; 2 deer skins; some pieces of leather; 19 head of geese; 6 bee hives. /s/ Executors McCoy & William Gleaves.

## 1820 - William Gleaves<sup>9</sup> Will

Wythe County, Virginia.

March 30, 1820

Recorded in Book 2, Page 297

I, William Gleaves make my Will

I allow my affectionate **wife ELIZABETH** to live in the house where we now reside during her life & be well supported from the proceeds of the plantation.....I devise to my wife to dispose of as she thinks proper my 2 negroe women, namely LETT and WINNY. I also give to my wife all the balance of my Negroes during her natural life, but she may dispose of them provid she disposes of them as I shall hereafter direct. I also devise to her to dispose of as she thinks proper 1/3 part of all the money that may be on hand and also 1/3 part of all the money that may be due on bonds also one horse saddle & bridle hir choice of all my horses and two beds & furniture hir choice and appearval (approval) I bequeath to my wife Elizabeth the balance of my household and kitchen furniture during hir natural life, and when it is please heaven to call hir hence the property given hir except such as is at hir disproval shall be devided as hereafter directed.

To **my daughter NANCY GLEAVES**, I devise my negroe girl Patt & hir 4 children (to wit) Levina, Dicy, Eliza & Harden with the increase of the females also one mare called Trap and his increase & his saddle & bridle, two beds and all their furniture, ten head of cattle (to wit) five cows, 5 head of young cattle, ten head of sheep, though she is not to receive the cattle & sheep during hir single life & not to keep more than 2 head of horses at one time.

To my **son, JAMES T. GLEAVES**, I bequeath the land whereon I now live with the lands adjoining (to wit) The survey which lies on the south side also Hobbs old place with survey adjoining it, also 150 acres of land which Capt. James Newell Snr. Is to make me a title to, also the tract of land called Wm. Turner's place and also the crab orchard tract of land by him paying to **my daughters** (to wit): **ELIZABETH RAMSEY, MARGARET TURK, ESTHER FINDLEY, SALLY ALLEN & NANCY GLEAVES, 25 POUND EACH AND HE IS TO SUPPORT HIS MOTHER DURING LIFE ALSO HIS SISTER Nancy Gleaves** during hir single life, hir not being allowed to keep more than 4 negroes at one time at his expence. I also allow him 4 horses his choice of the horses that may be on the place accept (except) those that I have already disposed of & shall hereafter dispose of. I also allow him 1 wagon and gears & all farming utensils with what plank there may be on hand or anything that may have been purchased for the use of the farm. I also devise to my **son JAMES T. GLEAVES** 2 negroes namely Sampson & Rachel, one good bed and furniture, 10 head of cattle (to wit) five cows & 5 young cattle, 10 head of sheep and all my hogs.

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<sup>9</sup> William B.

To my **Son, THOMAS GLEAVES<sub>1</sub>**, I bequeath my negroe boy Plim  
To my **daughter, POLLY PORTER**, I bequeath the sum of \$100 for hir use arising from the proceeds of the sale.

To my **daughter in law, MARGARET GLEAVES, FORMERLY** wife to William Gleaves, **dec'd**, I devise the sum of \$100 for the use of hir children – (to wit) Thomas H. Gleaves, Polly Gleaves & Eliza Gleaves.

To my **daughter, ELIZABETH RAMSEY**, I bequeath the sum of \$33.33.

To my **son, ABSALOM GLEAVES**, I bequeath my Negro girl Sharlotte with hir increase.

To my **daughter MARGARET TURK**, I bequeath my negroe girl Kissey

To my **daughter, ESTHER FINDLEY**, I bequeath my negroe Malinda.

To my **daughter, SALLY ALLEN**, I bequeath my negroe girl Sarah.

I allow to my **son JAMES T. GLEAVES** at the death of his Mother my 2 negroe men, namely Peter & David for his use.

I allow all my personal property not otherwise disposed of to be sold.....and the money arising therefrom together with the money on hand & the proceeds of the bonds due to be equally divided between THOMAS GLEAVES, ABSALOM GLEAVES, MARGARET TURK, ESTHER FINDLEY, SALLY ALLEN, JAMES T. GLEAVES & NANCY GLEAVES.

I wish all the grain & forage on hand or in groth not to be disposed of at the sale but to go to the support of the family

To my Wife Elizabeth in lieu of the horse before mentioned, I bequeath my Yellow mare called Jenny with hir increase.

I appoint my sons, THOMAS, ABSALOM & JAMES T. GLEAVES my executors.

Signed Sealed & Delivered as my last Will                      /s/ William Gleaves (seal)

Teste: William Hendley, Jr.    March the 30<sup>th</sup> 1820

Robert Jones

Robert Henley

At a court held for the County of Wythe this Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> day of June 1820.

(proved by the oaths of the 3 subscribing witnesses). On motion of James T. Gleaves, one of the Executors.....who entered into bond with Joseph Kent and James Ward his securitys in the sum of \$17,000.00.....Certificate is granted him for obtaining a probate of the said Will in due form, Liberty being reserved to the other Exec. Name in the said Will to join in the probate when they shall think fit.

(Note: that son, Matthew<sub>3</sub> not named in this Will - His Will<sup>10</sup> of 1803 found in Davidson County, Tennessee)

### 1822 - John Gleaves Will

Testator; John Gleaves  
WILL BOOK 1822-1824, page 193  
Wilson County, Tennessee:  
Will written 12/22/1822  
recorded 4/19/1823.

Named:

Wife: Mary S. Gleaves

Sons: William Gleaves and John Gleaves

Daughters: Sally; Caroline and Malvina Gleaves

Witnesses: Samuel Davis; B. Williams and J. S. McClain.

<sup>10</sup> copy furnished to Hilda Barnes by Terrell Curtis in 1979

Other references this testator:

Will Book 5 (1827-1830) page 122.

Will Book 6: pages 33, 184, 359, 411 and 112.

### **1830 - Elizabeth (Turk) Gleaves<sup>11</sup> Will**

Sept 7, 1830

Wythe County, Virginia

I, Elizabeth Gleaves,..make this my last Will and Testament...

Daughter, Margaret Turk my negroe woman Winnie; Son, James T. Gleaves my negroe Woman Lett; my daughter, Nancy Gleaves, my beaureau; my daughter-in-law Malvina Gleaves my china press; Exec. to sell my negroe girl Maria...all stock and household furniture except what I have specifically devised....all money to be equally divided between ALL my children: Thomas Gleaves; Polly Porter; Elizabeth Ramsey; Absalom Gleaves; Margaret Turk; Esther Finley; James T. Gleaves; Sally Allen and Nancy Gleaves; with the exception of 2 pieces of gold which I give my daughter Polly Porter and Nancy Gleaves. Wear apparel to be kept in family.....appoints son, James T. my executor.....

/s/ Elizabeth Gleaves (by x). Witness: George Fisher and Joseph Sanders.

Her will probated at Court on 8/14/1840.

### **1833 - Thomas Gleaves<sup>2</sup> Estate**

#### Settlement

Will Book<sup>13</sup> 10 (1832-1836) – Davidson County, Tennessee, page 166

Recorded 6/10/1833

See Book 14, Page 490

Undersigned commissioners apptd. to settle with Dickinson W. McKay & Mary D.

Gleaves....on Estate of Thomas Gleaves<sup>2</sup>, deceased....on examination we find the administrator by record of sales is chargable with sum of \$525.53, the net proceeds of perishable property belonging to estate of said Gleaves, there being no notes or accounts in favour of the estate except the above ...came to hand since the death of Thomas Gleaves for hire sale of corn and hogs, \$231.92, making in all \$757.45. The admin. has produced legal vouchers to the amt. of \$735.08 and one gr. cents together with amt. of expenses of family \$195.00, we do also allow said admin. \$50 as a compensation for his services....making in all \$980.88 ¼ leaving a difference in favour of the admin. \$222.63 ¼.

Date: March 23, 1833. John A. Walker and William Wisenor, commissioners apptd. by Court.....now make report of having made settlement which is received and confirmed by the court and ordered to be recorded.

#### 1834 - Negroes divided

Will Book 10 (1832-1836) – Davidson County, Tennessee, page 292

Recorded 3/5/1834.

The Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for Davidson County, empowering us to divide the Negroes Slaves belonging to Estate of Thomas Gleaves: Mariah – valued at \$400; Jes - \$550; Elizabeth - \$400; Duncan - \$100; Harriett - \$250; Prissa - \$250; Rhoda - \$200. Making \$2150.00 and \$49.64 now in the hands of D. McKay altogether amounting to \$2199.64....out of which we allot to Mrs. Mary Gleaves – Mariah and Harriet at \$650 together with \$49.64 – all together \$699.64. upon condition that she relinquish her claim to the balance of the Negroes to

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<sup>11</sup> widow of William Benjamin Gleaves

<sup>12</sup> HHB: This is son of Michael Gleaves,

<sup>13</sup> HHB: This Will Book has no index. I scanned through it page by page.

her 2 sons, William A.; and Henry A. Gleaves, whose valuation amt. to \$1500.00 which we accordingly allotted to them jointly, all of which is respectfully reported.

Feb. 5, 1834.

(William H. Hamblin; William P. Connell; W. Wisenor, commissioners)

#### 1834 - Settlement

recorded 3/5/1834.

We have this day examined vouchers of Thomas Gleaves, Dec'd . (it being an additional settlement and make the following report):

Amt. due D. McKay, Admr. on a previous settlement -	\$222.63 ¼
Interest on the same of 8 months	8.90 ½
Amt. paid as per vouchers	<u>172.82 ¼</u>
Money rec'd belonging to said estate	404.36
Sale of Negro Susan	312
Negro hire	112
Land rent	<u>30</u>
	454

Leaving bal. in favor of estate of \$49.64

2/5/1834. William H. Hamblin, W. Wisenor makes report.

#### **1834 - Michael Gleaves<sup>2</sup><sup>14</sup> Estate**

##### Michael Gleaves<sub>2</sub> Inventory

Will Book 10 (1832-1836) – Davidson County, Tennessee, page 133

##### Sale.

Will Book 10 (1832-1836) – Davidson County, Tennessee, page 324

S. Gleaves purchased a high percentage of the items sold.

M. H. Gleaves – some purchases.

##### Support request for one year for Sarah Gleaves

Will Book 10 (1832-1836) – Davidson County, Tennessee, page 333.

widow of Michael Gleaves.

Recorded 5/31/1834.

##### Personal Estate Divided.

Will Book 10 (1832-1836) – Davidson County, Tennessee, page 394

Recorded Dec. 29, 1834.

Commissioners who were appointed:

James Marshall;

Joseph L. Ewing;

Randal M. Ewing;

James McGavock;

and Duke W. Sumner.

This is their report:

(Will Book 10, pages 394-395, 396)

The estimated value of said real estate at the sum of \$3459 – increased to \$4253.00 including advancements made to Michael Gleaves in intestates lifetime – making the shares of the several distributees worth the sum of \$607.57. (11 negroes):

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<sup>14</sup> son of Michael & Rachel Gleaves; deceased 1834; Wife: Sarah/Sally Dean

- The Negro boys Jack and Sterling valued at \$560 were allotted to Mrs. Gleaves the widow
- The Negro Alfred valued at \$555.00 was allotted to Sophia T. Young, formerly Sophia T. Gleaves.
- The Negro girl Charlotte and boy Alexander valued \$690 were allotted to J. E. Gleaves;
- Henry and George valued at \$480 was allotted to Jas. W. Gleaves.
- Maria and Tom valued at \$454 were allotted to William D. Gleaves;
- Milly and Rhoda to Sally Gleaves valued at \$700
- while the property advanced to Michael Gleaves was valued at \$814

it being agreed that those who have received property more than their 1 legal share was worth – should contribute to the amount they have received over and above their distributive portion in the equalization of the estate among the several distributive. Therefore it is ordered that J. E. Gleaves pay Mrs. Gleaves the balance due her \$47.57 – The balance due Sophia T. Young, formerly Sophia T. Gleaves which is \$52.57 shall be paid J. E. Gleaves and Sally Gleaves - John E. Gleaves paying \$34.93 and Sally Gleaves the balance due. William D. Gleaves of \$153.57 of which M. H. Gleaves is to pay \$78.93 and the remainder which is \$74.64 is to be discharged by Sally Gleaves thus making the shares or portions of the several claimants equal.

#### Real Estate Divided

Will Book 10, page 395ff  
Recorded Dec. 29, 1834

Commissioners are the same as those listed for the Personal Estate.

We have divided said land into 6 distinct lots or parcels as nearly equal in point both of quantity and value as well could be partitioned in apportioning and appropriating the same among the several heirs of the estate.

- LOT No. 1 – To John E. Gleaves – containing 48 acres & 25 poles. Lines mentioned: w. corner of widow's dower; W. Louis corner; William Nicholson line
- LOT No. 2 - To Sally Gleaves – containing 36 acres  
Stake in road near a schoolhouse; center of creek; widow's dower corner; Richard Hyde tract.
- LOT No. 3 - To Sophia T. Young, the wife of William C. Young  
Refers to lots 2 and 3, widow's dower (Number of acres is not mentioned)
- LOT No. 4 - not listed (probably an error by the copier)
- LOT No. 5 - To James M. Gleaves – containing 26 acres and 102 poles
- LOT No. 6 – to Mary A. D. Gleaves, wife of Michael H. Gleaves  
and the daughter of Michael Gleaves, dec'd.

(William D. Gleaves is not accounted for. Perhaps he received Lot No. 4)

#### **1834 - Absalom Gleaves<sup>15</sup> Estate**

##### Will

Will Book 10, page 394,  
Davidson County, Tennessee  
October sessions 1834.

A paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Absalom Gleaves, dec'd. was produced in court for probate and proved thus....Hugh Hays and James H. Cook, subscribing witnesses to said paper writing.....paper writing admitted to record as such will of the said Absalom, dec'd.....and **Catherine Gleaves** widow and relict of the said Absalom, dec'd ....in open court dissents from the provisions of said will and claims her dower and distributive

<sup>15</sup> Son of William (Benjamin) Gleaves and Elizabeth Turk



share according to Law which is ordered to be entered of record....and upon application of Samuel Steele it is ordered that he have Letters of Administration with the will annexed.....He has given bond in the sum of \$8,000....with William Stewart, James H. Cook and Hugh Hays his securities.

1834 - Inventory

Book 10, page 397

14 negroes; 1 young Jack, half claimed by B. Perry – by one of the heirs; 2 jennies; 2 mules; 14 head of horses, a stock of cattle, number unknown; a stock of sheep do<sup>16</sup>; a stock of hogs – do; corn, fodder, oats and wheat, rye, hemp, potatoes, cotton, one wheat fan, one cutting knife, 1 cross cut saw, 1 ship saw, 1 set of blacksmith tools, 1 waggon and gearing, 6 plows, hoes, number unknown; 1 shovel; augers; chisels; 5 axes, 6 pair traces; collars; a number of barrels & tubs; turkeys, chickens and geese; 1 still & tubs; 1 set of wagon keels; 1 handsaw & hammers; leather I? tan for shoes; 1 grindstone; 1 log chain; 1 frow; 4 mill peeks; 1 set of harrow teeth; 3 scythes & cradles; 1 cryer scythe; oil stone; baskets and bee gums; 8 bedsteads and 1 spade; 1 warping bars and spol; frames; 5 beds and clothing; 3 beaureaus; 1 chest; 1 clock, 1 cupboard; kitchen cupboard; 5 tables; 1 candle stand; 1 bottle case, 2 pr. Fire dogs, 2 looking glasses; 4 candlesticks; 1 tin box; cupboard ware; a number of books; 1 saddle; 2 pr. Saddle setting chairs; 1 saddle; 2 weaving looms; 3 slays; 1 pr. Harness; 3 ovens; 3 skillets; 4 pots, shovel; tongs; 1 pr. Steelyards; 2 trays; 1 pf. Scales; 1 coffee mill; 2 pot racks; 1 mortar a number pieces of iron; 2 reap hooks; iron wedge & clevis; if found pork and bacon for sustenance of family & c. ; 1 smoothing iron; 2 bars of iron; some flax; 1 rifle gun and account – remants ? – some order not accepted; 2 shares of Turnpike stock; a quantity of brick; 1 note on John Wright due 25 Dec. 1833 for \$25; a credit of \$20 y’ of May 1834 doubtful. 2 –Note on George Finley due 1/29/1812 with a credit bad. A total of 28 notes:

Reuben W. Hay	\$5.00	due 1/1/1829 - desperate
James Dobson	3.00	2/29/1833 – desperate
James Dobson	50.00	12/25/1833 – desperate
James Seabourn	4.25	7/27/1823 credit by .91 13/ decr. Bad
John Smith	20.00	3/8/1823
J. C. Priestley	44.35	5/1/1830 desperate...bad. Interest from date due
Lemuel R. Cutchen & Thos Drennon	\$55.00	– due 10/7/1832
David & Henry Castleman	34.68 ¾	- due 11/10/1834
		Credit by \$26 on 1/10/1834.
William & Wiltshire Bandy	9.00	due 12/25/1834
Proven acct. on estate of George Smith	\$4.00	
A.D. & Thomas Gleaves	5.06 ¼	due 11/24/1833
Receipt on Anderson Loyd for \$23.25		due 6/25/1828:
		Credit by \$16 to collect & Return bal. on
George F. Hamilton receipt from 8/1828	\$6.50	
Note on John Tennison	\$3.50	due 9/8/1819 – desperate
B. N. DeJarnett for \$16.00		due Jan. 30, 1833 – very desperate
J. S. Pucketts receipt for collection of note of H. Rutland for \$95.00		due 12/25/1833.
Samuel Johnson	\$35.00	due 5/1/1811 – bad
John & Henry Castleman	\$47.81 ¼	due 11/10/1822 (credit \$22 5/10/1834)
John Baker	9.00	12/25/1834
Herbert Towns	59.00	due 25” decr. 1834...proven acct. on
Wood Jones for	\$3.00	
B. N. DeJarnett	5.00	due 60 days after date...desperate...bad

<sup>16</sup> do: means ‘ditto’

J. B. Puckett receipt for collection assigned by Joe Earhart for \$10 due /1/1834.  
Credit, 81 ½ cents 5/3/1834.  
B. H. DeJarnett for \$45.00 due 25<sup>th</sup>. Decr. 1832 with a credit of \$27. desperate.  
B. N. DeJarnett \$11.00 due 1/29/1832 to be pd. in work with a credit of \$4.00 –  
desperate...bad  
J. B. Pucketts – receipt for collection of a note on Seth Thornton for \$6.00 Due  
4/12/1833.  
(signed: Samuel Steele, Admr.)

### 1835 Sale

Book 10, page 414  
recorded 3/12/1835:  
Fills more than 4 typewritten pages  
total \$3117.87.

The list includes name of purchaser, what they purchased and amt. paid for it.

### Relatives listed are:

Thomas Gleaves;  
Guy T. Gleaves;  
Burrel Perry;  
John Gleaves;  
Geo. F. Hamilton;  
Mrs. Gleaves;  
Beal (Burl?) Perry, Jr.  
Robert Hill;  
Jas C. Hamilton;  
Jas. A. Harkreader;  
Richard D. Curd  
John G. Gleaves  
A. D. Gleaves;  
James R. Gleaves.

An acct. of the sale of estate of Absolom Gleaves, dec'd was returned into court by Samuel Steele, his administrator and ordered to be recorded.

(The widow purchased 57 items)

### 1835 - Division.

Book 10 page 417  
Recorded 3/16/1835:  
Negroes – laid off in lots and drawing for them that the Negroes were drawn by the different legatees & their guardians in the following manner:

1. Lot: Saul, Sena & John  
Valued \$925.00  
by George F. Hamilton  
(this lot to pay \$20.00)
2. Lot: Charlotte, Sampson, Granville  
valued \$875.00  
to Burrel Perry, Jnr.  
(This lot to receive \$30.00)
3. Lot: Alexander, West, Ann  
valued \$950.00  
to James T. Gleaves  
(This lot to pay \$45.00)

4. Lot: Joe, Wash  
Valued \$875.00  
to Catherine Gleaves  
(This lot to receive \$30.00)
5. Lot: Richard, Mary, Noah  
Valued \$900.00.  
to Guy T. Gleaves  
(This lot to receive \$5.00)

We the undersigned legatees have this day rec'd of Samuel Steele, admin. of Absalom Gleaves, dec'd the within named hereafter that the estate if not able to pay we bind ourselves to refund back to

John Cook (mark);  
Moses T. Brooks;  
Burrel Perry, Jnr;  
Geo. F. Hamilton;  
Catherine Gleaves (by mark) & guardian of James Gleaves;  
James R. Gleaves (guardian of Guy T. Gleaves)

1835 - Absalom Gleaves – Partition (of land)

Will book 10, page 483  
Davidson County,  
Recorded 7/4/1835:

At a court of pleas and quarter Sessions held for said County on the 3rd Monday in January 1835

The petition of Catherine Gleaves, widow of Absalom Gleaves.....and his heirs at law and legatees to wit:

George F. Hamilton and his wife, Sally W., late Sally W. Gleaves;  
Burwell Perry (Burrell) and his wife, Teresa E., late Teresa Gleaves.  
Guy T. Gleaves and James T. Gleaves an infant under 21 yrs. of age, who appears in court by his Guardian, the aforementioned Catherine Gleaves

Absalom Gleaves having executed a last Will and Testament which has been duly proved and recorded with the exception of a tract of land lying in Wilson County, specifically devised to your petitioner the aforesaid Guy T. Gleaves.....Catherine, Absalom's widow, her legal dower first and to the other petitioners his only children share and share alike the whole of said real estate. Deeds:

Thomas Gleaves to Absalom Gleaves –335 acres - dated 12/13/1805 –Deed Book F, page 296  
9/19/1818 –Deed Book M, pages 438, 439 – 52 acres deeded by Charles Wright  
12/12/1831 –Deed Book U, page 413 – 50 acres deeded by Hollis Wright.  
1/30/1832 –Deed Book W, pages 561-562 – 119 acres – deeded by James W. Hoggatt  
8/28/1832 – unregistered - 1 acre 119 poles – deed of Charles Wright

'be in one contiguous and adjoining body of about 558 acres and 28 poles....Catherine, being 1/3 of all of said lands for life as dower, has not been as yet assigned and laid off to her.....1/26/1835, Ephraim H. Foster, esquire, in open court presented the petition of Catherine Gleaves, widow, and George F. Hamilton and Sally W. his wife....Burrell Perry and his wife, Teresa, Guy T. Gleaves and James T. Gleaves an infant by his guardian the said Catherine Gleaves – all heirs at law of Absalom Gleaves. ....Absalom died possessed of a considerable real estate lying and being in said Davidson County out of which said petitioner, Catherine, is entitled to have her dower laid off and the said other petitioners are entitled to have the balance divided between them in equal proportion.....Commissioners apptd. to lay off

dowers and make said partition...they are: William Creel, Moses T. Brooks, Eli Cherry, Edward H. East, William Stewart.

1. Widows dower: 235 acres and 10 poles<sup>17</sup>
2. Lot No. 1 – drawn for James T. Gleaves – containing 80 acres
3. Lot No. 2 – allotted to Burrel Perry and his wife, Teresa (formerly Gleaves) 102 ½ acres.
4. Lot No. 3 – allotted to George F. Hamilton and his wife, Sally (nee Sally Gleaves) 124 acres.
5. Lot No. 4 - allotted to Guy T. Gleaves – containing 118 ½ acres (with the plot Annexed to it.)

(This writer researched and wrote The History of New Hope Baptist Church. One James T. Gleaves and W. E. Hagar donated the land on which the church was re-built beginning in 1871. No record of James T. Gleaves having been a member of the church – but others of his Uncle's family were charter members. He is of the right age, etc. to have been one of the donors of the property. Also, Absalom's property appears to have been nearby or joined where the church is located).

#### Settlement.

Will Book 10 (1832-1836) – Davidson County, Tennessee, page 623  
Sam'l Steele, Administrator.  
11/7/1835

These amts. were either paid to or paid by following familiar names:

Shelton Pride - \$55.37 ½  
George Hager - .87 ½  
Jas. R. Gleaves – 40.12½  
Jas. R. Gleaves - \$2.50  
D. Chandler - \$15.00;  
A. D. Gleaves - \$10.31 ½;  
G. T. Gleaves - \$415.00  
Geo. F. Hamilton - \$10.00.

#### 1836 - settlement

Will Book 10, page 623.  
5/4/1836.

Payment of Various accounts (only amts. & names are furnished).

Family appears to have rec'd:

G. T. Gleaves	\$415.00
J. T. Gleaves	480.00 (by his guardian)
Catherine Gleaves	525.00
B. Perry	341.00
Geo. F. Hamilton	10.00
Sam'l Steel (admin.)	71.25

#### **1835 - Rachel Gleaves Estate**

Will Book 10 (1832-1836) – Davidson County, Tennessee. page 607

#### Sale

Held 11/21/1835  
Recorded 4/30/1836.

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<sup>17</sup> The dimensions of each lot, as well as a plat, is shown in Book 10, pages 483-484

Property belonging to Rachel Gleaves, dec'd

The Negroes belonging to the estate of Michael Gleaves<sup>1</sup> hired out on 9<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1835 as follows:

William Gleaves ....<sup>2</sup>

J. T. Dismukes ...<sup>1</sup>;

J. J. Hinton - 6

(names and amts. are listed)

The highest was \$138.00 a year

/s/ William Gleaves, Admin.

Some purchasers<sup>18</sup> at this sale:

William Gleaves;

M. H. Gleaves;

Timothy Dodson;

Jas. ? Hall;

James Hill;

John Yandell;

Stockley Donelson;

John Beasley;

Richard A. Turner;

Severn Donelson

Nat Carmell/Cartmell;

J. L. Hadley

#### 1840 - William Gleaves<sup>19</sup> Will

Will Book 12, page 15

Davidson County, Tennessee

Written April 8, 1840;

recorded May 25, 1840.

(His father's will of 1811 indicates William is married at that time.)

'Obituaries of Early Newspapers': 'William D. Gleaves<sup>20</sup>, youngest son of the late Michael Gleaves died in Franklin, Robertson County, Texas on July 29, 1840'

I, William Gleaves, of Davidson County, State of Tenn.....I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Mary, all the Negroes I am now possessed of to wit: Sam, age about 50; Ruth, age about 20; Howard, age about 14; Matilda, age about 15, 100 acres of the tract of land on which I live including the dwelling house, my gray horse and choice of my brood mares, 3 cows and sufficient of hogs and provender for 1 year.

I give to my **Grandchildren** William W. Smith, Mary Elizabeth Smith, George Smith each \$500 on their coming of the age of 21, or marrying and should either die before that time the survivor or survivors to have it, the same to be paid by Michael H. Gleaves and my son-in-law, Richard A. Turner equally.

Finally I wish all my just debts to be paid and the residue of my land to be equally divided between my son, MICHAEL H. GLEAVES and ANN TURNER<sup>21</sup>- my daughter, and at

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<sup>18</sup> M. H. Gleaves and William Gleaves purchased many items

<sup>19</sup> believed to be William D. Gleaves, son of Michael Gleaves<sup>1</sup>

<sup>20</sup> Corroborating evidence: He IS the youngest son of Michael Gleaves....and Michael Gleaves, his father, pre-deceased William). Question: If he died in Texas, shouldn't the Will have been probated in Texas?

FGN: not if he is still a resident of Tennessee

<sup>21</sup> Martha Ann Gleaves

the death of my wife<sup>22</sup>, the hundred acres of land and Negroes divised above to be equally divided between my son, Michael H. and Daughter, Ann Turner, share and share alike.

And in order to secure the payment as divised to my grandchildren, should my son, Michael and son-in-law R. A. Turner wish to sell the land herein willed, they shall give bond and security to the guardian of my grandchildren.....for the payment of the legacy to each as heirs.....if all grandchildren should die before age 21 or die without issue...the bequeath above is revoked and remain with my son and daughter....

Michael H. and Richard A. Turner appointed Executors.

Made this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 1840.

/s/ William Gleaves(seal)

Witnesses: John T. Dismukes and John L. Hadley

#### **1841 - William P. Gleaves<sup>23</sup> Will**

Will Book 10, page 232 (1839-1842)

Signed June 3, 1841

Recorded 11/13, 1841.

Davidson County,

(page 312: Executor's report)

I, William P. Gleaves, give to my brother, John T. Gleaves.....stepfather, Cyrus Stewart; Sisters: Sarah F. Anderson<sup>24</sup> and M. M/N? Dismukes (Malvina)<sup>25</sup>.

Witnesses: J. H. Davis and Ervin Eagan.

(no mention of his mother<sup>26</sup> or sister, Carolina.)

#### **1844 - James M. Gleaves Will<sup>27</sup>**

Will Book 13, page 65-66

Davidson County, Tennessee

Date: July 27, 1844.

Refers to: James M. Gleaves

Michael H. Gleaves was administrator.

Appears James M. Gleaves had been the Admin. of the estate of William D. Gleaves

#### **1846 - Thomas Gleaves<sup>28</sup> Estate**

##### Will

Will Book 14, Page 490-493

Davidson County, Tennessee

Written Dec. 5, 1846

proved April 1849.

The settlement of his estate is recorded on pages 552-553 in the same Will Book

Other references:

Will Book 16, page 483

and Will Book 17, pages 314 – 317.

First, I hereby give and bequeath to my son, William B. Gleaves the sum of \$20 to him his heirs assigns forever.

2<sup>nd</sup>: I give and bequeath to my son, JAMES R. GLEAVES, my Negro girl Ellen, to

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<sup>22</sup> Mary (Polly) Wilson

<sup>23</sup> son of John Gleaves and Mary S. (Polly) Robinson

<sup>24</sup> Sarah/Sally Gleaves wife of James Edmund Anderson

<sup>25</sup> Malvina N. Gleaves wife of John D. Dismukes

<sup>26</sup> Tabitha P. Moore Gleaves

<sup>27</sup> not copied

<sup>28</sup> Thomas is son of William (Benjamin) Gleaves and Elizabeth Turk

him and his heirs and his assigns forever.

3<sup>rd</sup>: I hereby give and bequeath to my son, JOHN G. GLEAVES, my Negro boy Moses, to him and his heirs and assigns forever

4<sup>th</sup>: to my daughter, ELIZABETH HILL<sup>29</sup>, my Negro woman Chainey and her 2 children now in her possession, also 1 bed and furniture to her assigns.

5<sup>th</sup>: ...bequeath unto FELIX R. and BENJAMIN F. GLEAVES....my Negro woman Jane and all her future increases to be held in trust by them for the benefit and support of my daughter, EMALINE WRIGHT<sup>30</sup> and her family during her natural life and at her death to be conveyed to her children then living, or their issues of such as may be dead and such issue to take as the parent would have done if living. But if Emaline Wright should die without children or the issue of such children, then in that case Jane and all her future issue should go and belong to my children then living or the Issue of such as may be dead and such issue to take as the parents would have done if Living excepting my son, WILLIAM B. GLEAVES whom I have heretofore given all that I intend giving him.

6<sup>th</sup>: .unto my daughter NANCY ANN CHERRY<sup>31</sup> my Negroes John and Elizabeth and

7<sup>th</sup>: ....unto my son, AMERICAS D. GLEAVES my Negro boy Philip, 2 cows, 10 head of sheep and 2 beds, headboards and future to him and his assigns....

8<sup>th</sup>: ...to my son FELIX R. GLEAVES my Negro man Benjamin and Negro girl Theresa and her future increases and I also give and bequeath unto him the tract of land ON WHICH HE NOW LIVES beginning at a rock John B. Gleaves n.w. Corner in Stewart's E. boundary line...E. with John G. Gleaves line to a rock..Etc. center of the spring down the branch....is what I intend to convey to the said Felix R. Gleaves. I also give to Felix R. Gleaves ALL that part of the Baker Tract as it is called lying E. of the following lines that is, beginning at a corner stone in the middle of dry fork standing on Wilshire Bandy's line. I give to the said Felix R. Gleaves his assigns and heirs forever a right-of-way for a wagon from said Spring to the said part of the Baker tract of land above given him. I also give to him 1 bed, bedstead and furniture and 1 shotgun. ....

9<sup>th</sup><sup>32</sup>: ...to my son, BENJAMIN F. GLEAVES, negro man, Minor and negro woman Margaret and their increases. I also give to him all the balance of my land on which I now live and all the Balance of the Baker tract of land NOT above given to F.R. Gleaves. Also 2 beds and bedsteads and furniture and all my household and kitchen Furniture of which I may die possessed. One wheat fan and cutting box, 1 rifle gun, 10 head of cattle – to be of his choice of any that I may have at the time of my death, 10 head of sheep, my collin(?) wheels, spinning machine reel and all the fixtures of said room(?) and machine, also a very old Negro woman named Milley. To have and to hold said Negroes and increases and lands and other property....his assigns....

10<sup>th</sup>: I give and bequeath to FELIX R. and BENJAMIN F. GLEAVES in joint tenancy my cedar tract of land near Seaborn's Ferry containing about 6 acres, my 4-horse wagon and gun? And 4 horses, said horses to be the choice out of any of my stock at the time of my death. Each 3 acres and 3 plows with their fixtures to be their choice out of my stock; all of the crop of every kind; all of the corn, fodder & grain and all the stock of hogs and the provisions on hand at the time of my death and the soap?; and one 2-horse wagon, 1 cross-cut saw, 2 mattock; 6 hoes, blacksmith tools, 1 paid ?; 1 log chain, 1 fifth chain; 1 pair stretchers, 1 iron wedges. To have and to hold....in equal proportions, their heirs and assigns forever.

11<sup>th</sup>: I give to all my children the use in common of my still and tubs and not to be sold.

12<sup>th</sup>: I herewith authorize my executors...to sell my Negro man Lewis publicly or privately and to sell all the residue of my personal property not herein disposed of, either for cash or on

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<sup>29</sup> Elizabeth Gleaves wife of Robert S. Hill

<sup>30</sup> Emeline Gleaves wife of James Wright

<sup>31</sup> Nancy Ann Gleaves wife of Pierce W. Cherry

<sup>32</sup> Items 9 & 10 sees him assigning all the household furniture, livestock, crops, etc. with nothing to a wife

such times they deem best..balance to be equally divided among all my children, Excepting William B. Gleaves.

13<sup>th</sup>: It is my will that executors shall either sell my Negro man Henry at public or private sale .. if they shall choose to do so they may take the said Henry as and for their own property by becoming responsible to my estate for the sum of \$200. In either case the proceeds to be held by them until the suit is decided in which I am bound with others as security for William B. Gleaves and in case any liability shall arise against my estate in consequence of said security, the said proceeds to be applied to the payments of my property to the same and the balance, if any, to be applied to the payment of slave and my co-securities in said liability. But if said suit shall be settled...and no liability arise, then the said proceeds to be held by my exec. And applied to the payments of my liabilities that may arise from any suit that may be brought hereafter against my estate whatever left shall be equally divided among all my children, always excepting William B. Gleaves.

14<sup>th</sup>: ...it is my will that my Negroes shall remain on the farm until the 25<sup>th</sup> of Dec. next after my death for the purpose of making, gathering and taking care of the crop.

15<sup>th</sup>: ...I hereby direct that if any of my children, or any person interested under my will or estate, shall attempt to set aside this will or contest the title to any property devised or interfere or try to thwart my intentions as herein prepared in any way whatsoever, or shall throw any obstacles in the way of it being carried into effect according to the ? intent and meaning, such person shall forfeit all claim to any property devised in this will and the same shall revert to my estate and go to the rest of my heirs.

16<sup>th</sup><sup>33</sup>: ...Whereas Matthew Gleaves by his Will dated Nov. 27, 1803 and recorded in the clerk's office, Davidson County, Tennessee dated 4/3/1805, devised to **Sally Gleaves**, my wife, during her lifetime and then to Sessian her children afterwards, a Negro boy Green, if he has not redeemed and \$85 of the price to be paid to Absolum Gleaves. And whereas the said Negro boy has been redeemed 25 Dec. 1803 at \$200, \$85 of which had been paid by me to Absolum Gleaves, the balance is now and has been every since in my hands ready for distribution whenever the court should settle to permit the loan and the demand was made but no demand has been made and there being a question as to the rightful owner of said money; whether it belongs to the children of my wife or otherwise, I leave to the decision of the courts of Justice. Whenever demand shall be made of my exec. For the same. It is ready for distribution when it is legally demanded.

17<sup>th</sup>: .....I have given to FELIX R. and BENJAMIN F. GLEAVES more than the rest of my children in consideration of their trouble and kindness in\_\_\_\_? and in taking care of me in my old age.

18<sup>th</sup>: ....I hereby nominate and appoint my 2 sons FELIX R. and BENJAMIN F. GLEAVES my sole exec.....Dec. 5, 1846...../s/ Thomas Gleaves (seal)

Acknowledged in presence of:

James T. Gleaves

Sarah S. Gleaves

J. H. Armstrong

John Crudup 12/14/1846

James Hardy 12/18/1846

1852 - Thomas Gleaves<sub>1</sub> Executor's statement

Will Book 15, page 233

Davidson County, Tennessee

recorded 3/19/1852

Felix R. and B. F. Gleaves

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<sup>33</sup> Item 16 verifies his wife, Sally Gleaves, is deceased



Mentions that Negro boy Henry, bought by B. F. Gleaves and Negro boy Lewis sold to J. P. Gleaves. \$859.03<sup>34</sup>  
Bal. Due estate: \$174.46.

**1853 - Robert Hughes Gleaves<sup>35</sup> Will<sup>36</sup>**

Will Book 16, page 116  
Davidson County, Tennessee  
Testator; Robert H. Gleaves  
Will written 3/20/1853,  
recorded 10/19/1853.

**Wife:** Mary T. Gleaves

**sons:** James T. Gleaves;  
Robert G. Gleaves

**Daughters:** Ann R. Gleaves

**Executors:**

Mary T. Gleaves, wife  
and Edmund F. Gleaves<sup>37</sup>

**Witnesses:** Felix R. Gleaves;  
John H. Cook  
John R. Gleaves<sup>38</sup>

/s/ Robert H. Gleaves

**1854 - Michael H. Gleaves<sup>39</sup> Estate**

Will Book 16, page 432  
Davidson County, Tennessee  
recorded Dec. 14, 1854

Widow's Support:

John L. Hadley, Paul Dismukes, J. M. Bonderant, commissioners

Inventory

recorded 12/15/1854.

9 negroes;

\$665.35 outstanding notes and money in bank.

In the sale of items M. A. Gleaves<sup>40</sup> bought many, many items.  
(L. K. Hughes; W. A. Turner, James Cook – Commissioners?)

**1855 - John G. Gleaves, dec'd. Widow's Support**

Will Book 16, page 483  
Davidson County, Tennessee  
recorded 2/27/1855

to Elizabeth Gleaves, Widow of John G. Gleaves

...given under our hands this 5<sup>th</sup> day of Oct. 1854.

Commissioners apptd by court: T. F. Dodson, Moses T. Brooks, Eleazor Hamilton.

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<sup>34</sup> for both, I presume, etc

<sup>35</sup> He is son of James R. Gleaves and Elizabeth (Liza) Wood.

<sup>36</sup> abstract only

<sup>37</sup> Brother of Robert Hughes Gleaves

<sup>38</sup> Brother of Robert Hughes Gleaves

<sup>39</sup> son of William Gleaves and Ann Wilson

<sup>40</sup> Wife Mary Ann (D) Gleaves

### 1857 - William B. Gleaves Will

WPA records of Dyer County, Tennessee<sup>41</sup> Vol. A, page 80:  
written 9/25/1857

Probated Oct. term of court 1857.

WIFE: Louisa P. Gleaves.

(These appear to be daughters:

Susan Miller<sup>42</sup>, wife of Franklin Miller,

Sarah Ann Davis<sup>43</sup>, wife of Nathaniel Davis

and Mary Manies<sup>44</sup>, wife of Seminiel/Nathaniel? Manies, he lately deceased).

He mentions 'my female children who are entitled to distributive share and sort of infers there are male heirs, but they are not named.

Exec: Charles C. Moss;

Witnesses: G. M. Sanders and F. F. Ferguson.

### 1866 - James R. Gleaves<sup>45</sup> Will

Will Book 20, page 215

Davidson County, Tennessee

recorded May 15, 1866

I, James R. Gleaves, of Davidson County, State of Tennessee, do make and establish this my last will and testament.....

First: it is my will that my wife<sup>46</sup> shall hold all of my property during her life for her support and after her death go to my children as I shall now direct.

2<sup>nd</sup> .....give and bequeath unto my grandson, James M. Gleaves<sup>47</sup> .....\$50.00.....

3<sup>RD</sup> .....unto my children, namely: Missouri Jane Gleaves; Sarah Catharine Louisiana Gleaves, Caladonia Indiana Gleaves, all of my land and all other of my effects not herein disposed of to them and their assigns forever.

4<sup>th</sup> .....It is my will and I hereby direct that should any one of my above-named daughters die leaving no heir, then it is my will that all of the above property given to the 3 daughters shall go to the two survivors, and if two of them should die leaving no heirs, then it is my will that the survivor become heir of all the above property given to my 3 daughters .

I hereby nominate and appoint B. F. Gleaves<sup>48</sup> my sole executor of this my last will and testament. Witness my hand this 26<sup>th</sup> day of Nov. 1865. /s/ James R. Gleaves.

(Note: He died Dec. 9, 1865. He had deeded land to his sons and was trying to care for his 3 unmarried daughters – ages 20, 25 and 31. Three other daughters<sup>49</sup> were already married and received nothing. This is what happened to the land: All 3 of the unmarried girls married within about 10 yrs. after his death - in 1873; 1874 and 1876

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<sup>41</sup> HHB: reply to FGN questioning this reference:

This was a special (Works Project Admin. ) project in the 1930s. All are at the State Library and Archives; they are bound - by Counties. There are many typos in them. Probably lots of people who were working on the project were not people who could interpret handwritings, etc. WPA was something similar to "Welfare"....it saved many starving families. It was sometimes referred to as "We Piddle Around". My father didn't think much of it, but I can now see that it was a necessity. At least the people may have "piddled around" but at least they had to get up and go to work, which is something "welfare" doesn't require. The WPA actually built Berry Field - which is now the Nashville Airport.

<sup>42</sup> Susan Gleaves wife of Franklin Miller

<sup>43</sup> Sarah Gleaves wife of Nathaniel Davis

<sup>44</sup> Mary Gleaves wife of Leminel Manies

<sup>45</sup> son of Thomas Gleaves<sup>1</sup>, above & Sally Smith Gleaves

<sup>46</sup> Elizabeth 'Liza' Wood

<sup>47</sup> James Monroe Gleaves

<sup>48</sup> Brother Benjamin Frank Gleaves

<sup>49</sup> HHB: one of whom was my great-great-grandmother.

Sarah Catharine Louisiana Gleaves married at age 28 to Dirk R. Humble in 1873. She died in 1874 (no children)?

Missouri Jane Gleaves then married her deceased sister's husband (Dirk R. Humble) in 1876....She died 1902.. (no children)? That left only Caldonia Indiana (Indy) Gleaves. She married Francis M. 'Doc' Clements Sept. 1874. He and 'Miss Indy' had a daughter, ADA CLEMENTS, born (unknown). She is said to have married a Mr. Henry. She died before 1933. children : Unknown

The Gist of it is that 'Doc' Clement may have become the sole owner of this property. (If not their daughter Ada). Doc later married Ida Osment. 'Doc' was an old Civil War Veteran...born 1847, died Feb. 10, 1940. He was living on the Gleaves property at the time of his death. He was well-acquainted with Mr. Jim T. Gleaves, another Civil War Veteran who lived to be 100 and died in 1945. The Gleaves Cemetery is best known by the name of Clements Cemetery<sup>50</sup> – called by this name because he had lived there since 1874.

### 1866 - Catharine Gleaves<sup>51</sup> Will

Will Book 20, page 376  
Davidson County, Tennessee  
Written June 20, 1866  
recorded Sept. 17, 1866

I, Catharine Gleaves, of County of Davidson, State of Tenn.....

Item 1: It is my will that my funeral expenses and just debts be paid first out of money that may come into the hands of my executor.

Item 2: I give and bequeath to my beloved son, JAMES T. GLEAVES, a certain tract of land or parcel of land in the County of Davidson, District 4, known as the Bandy Tract, containing by estimation 40 acres and bounded as follows<sup>52</sup>:

Also all my household and kitchen furniture, loom and stock of cattle.

Item 3: I give and bequeath to my beloved nephew, JAMES A. GLEAVES, my grey mare.

Item 4: I give and bequeath to my beloved son, GUY T. GLEAVES, my daughter TENNESSEE PERRY and each of my grandchildren, children of my deceased daughter, SARAH HAMILTON: viz: Margaret Pope<sup>53</sup>; Sarah Johnston<sup>54</sup> and Mary Bass<sup>55</sup>, \$1.00 each as their portion of my estate.

Lastly I appoint and constitute my son, James T. Gleaves as executor of this my last Will and Testament. Given under my hand this June 20, 1866, in the presence of John T. Gleaves and T. H. Gleaves<sup>56</sup>. /s/ Catharine Gleaves (by mark)

### 1867 - Richard F. Gleaves<sup>57</sup> Will

Will Book 21, page 75  
Will signed July 21, 1864  
Recorded Nov. 29, 1867.

I, Richard F. Gleaves, sound of mind.....but of feeble health<sup>58</sup> ...

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<sup>50</sup> HHB: But the correct name is GLEAVES CEMETERY

<sup>51</sup> Widow of Absalom Gleaves

<sup>52</sup> not copied – but the names mentioned with boundaries are W. H. Wright; James T. Gleaves & Cowgill line

<sup>53</sup> Amanda Margaret Hamilton

<sup>54</sup> Sarah E. Hamilton

<sup>55</sup> Mary C. Hamilton

<sup>56</sup> Thomas H. Gleaves<sub>3</sub>

<sup>57</sup> Richard Franklin Gleaves, son of John G. Gleaves and Elizabeth W. Curd Gleaves and Grandson of Thomas<sub>1</sub> and Sally Smith Gleaves

<sup>58</sup> but he was only 35!!

Item 1: I will and direct that my Executor shall pay all my just debts and funeral expenses out of the proceeds of my personal property and that the residue of said proceeds, if there be any, shall be equally divided between my mother<sup>59</sup> and brothers and sisters as soon after my death as practicable.

Item 2: ....all of my personal property, whatever kind it may be, be publicly sold to the highest bidder.....

Item 3 thru 5: ....that my brother JOHN B. GLEAVES<sup>60</sup>, shall have the privilege of purchasing my undivided interest in the 124 ½ acre tract of land known as the Moore place bought by me from F. R. GLEAVES – of which I have heretofore sold to my said brother, JOHN B. GLEAVES.....[this goes on to state he has to pay interest, etc. – allows 3 yrs – and if not paid....should be sold by executors and distributed to his mother and brothers and sisters.]

Item 6....Nominates William H. Thaxton, Executor. /s/ July 21, 1864

Witnesses: B. F. Gleaves; M. G. Binkley; Thomas B. Page.

IN SAME BOOK: Inventory of Personal property  
page 461, dated 4/6/1870.

This includes note to Felix Gleaves (\$281.76) and one to B. F. Gleaves - \$166.

Executor's settlement is on page 480

..mentions 2 notes: Charles E. Gleaves - \$35 and T. H. Gleaves \$19.50....Also cash paid by Thomas Gleaves.

## 1870 - John E. Gleaves<sup>61</sup> Estate

### Will

Will Book 21, page 619,  
Davidson County, Tennessee  
Recorded Dec. 22, 1870.

W. G. Massey Administrator.

Pages & Pages of receipts, etc.

Some of the receipts (or payments) are:

W. A. Gleaves<sup>62</sup> - check \$4800  
B. F. Gleaves - note \$125  
2 notes: Mary A. D. Gleaves - \$125 and \$493  
M. W. Gleaves (note in part) – 431.97  
Geo. W. Gleaves \$200  
T. H. Gleaves<sup>63</sup> - rent bond - \$400  
Income on gas, light stock 172.50

Name of Cockrills named several times.

ALL pages total.....**\$154,672.90**

Additional amounts coming in raises total to **\$155,689.32.**

Page 630 (same book): Total debits ....\$155,689.33

Total credits.... 148,238.92

Bal. Due estate..... 7,450.40 (Oct. 10, 1870)

### 1870-1873 additional settlement

Will Book 22, page 509

Recorded Nov. 14, 1873.

William A. Massey, Adm. First settlement made Oct. 10, 1870.

<sup>59</sup> Elizabeth W. Curd

<sup>60</sup> John Bell Gleaves

<sup>61</sup> John Ewing Gleaves, son of Michael Gleaves<sub>2</sub> and Sarah Dean Gleaves

<sup>62</sup> William A. Gleaves son of John T. Gleaves, Dr. & Tabitha P. Moore

<sup>63</sup> Thomas H. Gleaves<sub>3</sub> son of John G. Gleaves and Elizabeth W. Curd

Actions in Chancery Court on a note and in Circuit Court on bond. Subsequently by the advice of my attorney and guardian of minor children of J. E. GLEAVES.....

Some names mentioned: R. T. Gleaves; B. F. Gleaves.

**on four pages in this large book**.....listings of receipts and disbursements....

Gross receipts : \$38,164.09 Disbursements - \$21,866.37. Bal. Due Estate: \$16,297.72.

**1874 - James Wright Will**

(wife: Emaline Wright<sup>64</sup>, married 1/22/1839)

Will Book 23, page: 251-252.

Recorded Aug. 3, 1874

....Give to my wife Emaline Wright all household and kitchen furniture and smoke house contents and buggy and harness...2 of best work horses; 1 wagon and gear; 2 cows and calves; 2 sows and pigs; 5 pork hogs; 10 head of sheep; 100 barrels for corn; 2 weeding hoes; 1 grubbing hoe and chopping ax and spade; 2 plows and all the poultry during her lifetime for her own use and benefit.....furthermore, I request my wife Emaline Wright at her death to give all of her household and kitchen furniture to Maria Ferrel, the girl she raised, now Maria Benson, and all the goods and chattels of my estate after my wife's death I give to my 3 children<sup>65</sup> to be equally divided between them to wit, My son, William W. Wright; my 2 daughters, Lucy Ann Baker and Nancy E. Fulkes.....Further I give \$1200 to the children **of my daughter**, MARY HURT, SHE BEING DEAD.....**My son**, CHARLES WRIGHT, now being dead, received his part of my estate in money during his lifetime.

**1887 - John T. Gleaves (Dr.)<sup>66</sup> Estate<sup>67</sup>**

Will

Will Book 26, page 208/209?

Davidson County, Tennessee

Excerpts:

To my wife<sup>68</sup>, TABITHA P. GLEAVES...all my household & kitchen furniture. To my son, WILLIAM A. GLEAVES, the sum of \$300. Tabitha to receive ¼ remainder of the estate. Daughter, MARY E. VIVRETTE, and her heirs - to receive ¼ remainder of the estate both real and personal.....son, William A. Gleaves.....Daughter, ADA B. ADAMS, appoints Benjamin F. Gleaves, esq., a farmer residing near the Hermitage in Davidson Co....to carry out provisions of my last will and testament.

Settlement

Will Book 25, page 292

The 5<sup>th</sup> settlement by the Admin.

Statement of all uncollected claims:.....\$22,832.41

W. M. Gleaves – execution – insolvent...left the state... 200.00

“ “ 24.90

“ “ 266.83

Bal. \$554.00

W. H. Jenkins...note balance...insolvent...left these parts 148.23

(1 ½ pages of names like the above)

<sup>64</sup> born 1805, died 1881, is daughter of Thomas Gleaves<sub>1</sub> and Sally Smith Gleaves

<sup>65</sup> NOTE: 'William Harper Wright of Stones River, Tennessee' by Mildred S. Wright (1980) proves the above-named children were from his first marriage- name not shown. Emaline appears to have had no children

<sup>66</sup> Grandson of Michael<sub>1</sub>. He practiced in the Green Hills Area of Davidson & Wilson Counties

<sup>67</sup> I failed to copy dates – but it was in 1887-1888

<sup>68</sup> He and Tabitha Moore married in Wilson County, Tennessee on 1/2/1848

Also refer to Will Book 31, page 544 – which may be a connection.

**1890 - Noah Gleaves<sup>69</sup> Will**

Will book 31, page 516  
Davidson County, Tennessee  
Distribution of property on 9/1/1891<sup>70</sup>.

This was the sale of lot 58, Sycamore St. and other property sold by Lewis Winter, Exec. (final settlement).

The relationship of the recipients are not mentioned.

Note : 2 named 'James' -or 2 notes  
Dora Moore Gleaves.....\$44.75  
A. W. (or C. W.) Gleaves..... 44.15  
James Gleaves..... 44.75  
Rebecca Gleaves..... 44.75  
James Gleaves..... 44.75

**1894 - Rebecca J. Gleaves Will**

Will Book 32, page 312  
Davidson County, Tennessee  
Written Oct. 21, 1891  
probated April Term of court 1894.

Names mentioned:

Husband: Felix R. Gleaves<sup>71</sup>  
daughter: Fannie Gleaves

Witnessed by A. L. Fuqua and A. Sperry.

**1908 - W. C. Gleaves<sup>72</sup> Will**

Will Book 37, page 192  
Written 10/3/1908,  
recorded Sept. 11, 1909  
(A reference is Minute Book 11, page 630...may be Court Minutes):

Named in Will:

Wife: Delilah Gleaves  
Son: W. E. Gleaves to receive remainder of Land.  
Daughter: Massie Telford<sup>73</sup>: to receive 30 acres on south side of farm . At her death farm to be equally divided between her 2 children, ANNIE & DELBERT....but they must give unto the heirs of KATIE GLEAVES HURT \$50 each, making the amt. of \$100 to be divided among the Hurt heirs.

Others: James Sanders & William Sanders, grandchildren.

Witness: Jas. T. Gleaves and B. F. Hurt  
/s/ W. C. Gleaves.

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<sup>69</sup> HHB: Name of NOAH not found in any census – but not all census records copied  
ASH: 1880 Census for Davidson County, District 75 shows Noah Gleaves (age:48, black, laborer), Margaret Gleaves (age: 41, black, wife, keeping house), Andrew (age: 24, black, son, laborer), Alex (age: 19, black, son, laborer), Dora (age: 13, black, daughter), James (age: 11, black, son), Bettie Robertson (age:81, black, mother-in-law) in one household. Also in 1880 census in Nashville, District 46 there is an entry for Louis Winter, black.

<sup>70</sup> He died Oct. 26, 1890

<sup>71</sup> son of Thomas Gleaves & Sally Smith; the 1880 census shows a Felix R. Gleaves born 1815 with wife, Rebecca, born 1834, living in 4<sup>th</sup> district of Davidson Co – no children listed.

<sup>72</sup> W. C. GLEAVES same as William Carrel 'DICK' Gleaves, son of James R. Gleaves & Liza Wood

<sup>73</sup> HHB: her name is incorrect....it should be Malissa Telford

(no Exec. Named)

**1913 - Frank D. Gleaves<sup>74</sup> Will**

Will Book 38, page 181.

Written 5/8/1903,

Recorded May 9, 1913.

Named in Will:

**Wife, Olivia Gleaves**

and Mattie B. Cartwright, niece, to receive \$1,000.00.

Witnesses: W. W. Wilkerson and C. B. Harwood.

/s/ Frank D. Gleaves.

*Identity*<sup>75</sup>:

- He may be the son of James A. Gleaves (born 1849), (eldest son of James T. Gleaves) and grandson of Absalom Gleaves & Catherine.
- **Marriage record** of James A. Gleaves (age 34, born ca 1848) to Mary A. Gleaves (age 26, born 1856) in Davidson County, on 5/18/1882.
- **Census record of 1900:**  
4<sup>th</sup> District of Davidson Co:  
James A. Gleaves born 8/1849;  
wife: May C.? born 5/1859 Children: 2 with 1 surviving (both **married 18 yrs** – since 1882)  
**Frank D.** Gleaves born 7/1883, single
- **Census of 1910:**  
James A. Gleaves born 1850;  
Mary E. - born 1860; married 30 yrs.. Wife has had 3 children with 2 surviving.  
Children:  
Frank D. –1884;  
Jas. A.<sup>76</sup> –1901.
- **Census of 1920 (#11) :**  
**Frank D. Gleaves, born 7/1883.** Frank D. Gleaves (age 36, born ca 1884) is recorded with:  
His mother, Eliza M. Gleaves, age 60 (born 1860)  
and his brother James A/W? Gleaves age 19, (born 1901)  
Mother: Mary E. vs Eliza M??

**1913 - Charity A. Gleaves<sup>77</sup> Will**

Will Book 40, page 312

Written 2/4/1913;

Recorded Dec. 9, 1920.

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<sup>74</sup> ASH: Frank Dean Gleaves, son of Michael H. Gleaves & Mary Ann Dean Gleaves

<sup>75</sup> This is NOT the correct family

<sup>76</sup> GLEAVES: James Albert

<sup>77</sup> Charity Gleaves is John Bell Gleaves' unmarried cousin, who helped him raise his children after the death of his wife in 1876. CHARITY is listed as daughter of Thomas W. & Sarah W. Gleaves in the 1860 census. She is then 4 yrs. of age. She is listed as a 'cousin' age 22 in the family of John B. Gleaves in 1880

'bury me in Gleaves Graveyard<sup>78</sup>, on farm of late 'BUD' Gleaves<sup>79</sup> and now owned by Joe Gleaves<sup>80</sup>, with the members of family of late John Bell Gleaves'. Carrie and Blanche Gleaves named as Exec. Wit: Lee Baker and B. G. Rogers  
Named in Will: Carrie Gleaves and Blanche Gleaves<sup>81</sup> (kinship not stated)

**1926 - Ruth S. Gleaves Will**

Will Book 43, page 354.

Written 7/4/1903

Probated Dec. 22, 1926.

'All I have....to my daughter, Kate and appoint her executor without bond'.

Witnesses: J. U. Rust; Emma J. Rust.

/s/ Ruth S. Gleaves

**1929 - Andrew W. Gleaves<sup>82</sup> Will**

Will Book 46, page 160,

written 1/6/1915;

Recorded 10/3/1929

The only person named in his will is his wife, Blanche Gleaves. She is Exec.

Wit: Mayme Ryan and Walter Stokes (unidentified)

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<sup>78</sup> ASH: John G. Gleaves Cemetery. Both Joe Harvey and John Bell Gleaves are buried here. However, Charity is not listed here.

<sup>79</sup> ASH: It has not been determined who Bud Gleaves was

<sup>80</sup> ASH: Joe Harvey Gleaves (1858-1934)

<sup>81</sup> Carrie and Blanche Gleaves, unmarried, daughters of John Bell Gleaves (1839-1909)

<sup>82</sup> ASH: The 1920 Census shows an Andrew Gleaves (age:64 and black) with a wife named Blanche (age: 62 and black) living in Nashville Ward 14, District 53 on Filmore and working as a janitor at City Hall



**PROBATE, COUNTY AND CHANCERY COURT MINUTES**

**PROBATE COURT**

**1877 – Probate Court – Minutes of the Court:**

Book Q, page 562:

Court appoints James C. Gleaves, Admin. of the Estate of William A. Gleaves gave bond in the amt. of \$12,000.00.

Court appoints William E. Eastman guardian of Willie Addie Gleaves, a minor.

**1881-1884 – Probate Court – Minutes of the Court:**

Book T, page 91

BEN F. GLEAVES<sup>83</sup>

John B. Gleaves appointed Admin. of estate  
(exact date not recorded)

Bond - \$1000.

Securities:

Ruth S. Gleaves,  
Andrew C. Gleaves;  
S. J. Gleaves;  
Summie? Gleaves;  
& Mary Gleaves.

**1884 – Probate Court – Minutes of the Court:**

BOOK T, page 133

Date: April 15, 1884

CHARLES Ed Gleaves, citizen of Davidson County,  
vs JOHN B. GLEAVES,  
THOMAS H. Gleaves,  
W. H. THAXTON

& wife C. E. Thaxton of same County and State...defendants.

Complainant ...show that he and defendant, his brothers and sister & brother-in-law are joint owners....from their **mother**, ELIZABETH GLEAVES....a tract of land lying in 4<sup>th</sup> Civil District of Davidson County, containing 60 acres....the same being dower of complainant's and defendant's mother allotted to her on the death of their FATHER, JOHN G. GLEAVES<sup>84</sup>....by commissioners at Jan. Term. 1855.

The Mother of complainants and defendants died on NOV. 13, 1881, intestate.....leaving the parties named above as complainant & \_\_\_\_\_? as her sole heirs at law. They are all over 21

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<sup>83</sup> HHB: Benj. F. died 1880-1900.

<sup>83</sup> The only Felix alive in 1884 is Felix M. Gleaves born ca 1841, son of Michael H. Gleaves<sub>3</sub> & Mary A. D. Gleaves. He has a sister, Clementia H. Gleaves; a bro. Michael Henry<sub>5</sub>; and a bro. Frank Dean Gleaves

<sup>83</sup> Michael Henry Gleaves<sub>5</sub>

<sup>83</sup> Clementia H. Gleaves

<sup>83</sup> James T. Gleaves

<sup>83</sup> Fannie E. Toone

<sup>83</sup> Michael Gleaves Jr

<sup>83</sup> furnished by Lois Gleaves of Miami, Oklahoma

(Ruth Wilson Gleaves –born ca 1831 believed to be his widow  
Sarah Jane, Andrew C. ; Samuella; and Mary were his children.  
as well as Kate (born Dec.1861)

<sup>84</sup> John G. Gleaves, born 1/16/1801, died 6/14/1854 – son of Thomas Gleaves<sub>1</sub> and Sally Smith

yrs. of age.....this is all the land the dec'd (their mother) owned at time of her death; that it is a very small tract and lies in such shape it would....?....a great measure destroy its value, and work great injury to the interests of all parties concerned if it were allotted to the parties in kind, that it will bring a far better price if sold in a body, than it would be worth to cut up into small lots.....Complainant would further show there were originally 7 heirs<sup>85</sup> to the land, 3 having died, viz: George W. Gleaves, Rich'd Gleaves, Martha A. Wilson who died previous to complainant mother, he having purchased all their interest on said dower.....etc ...etc

#### **1884 – Minutes of the Probate Court**

Book U, page 267

March 1, 1884:

FELIX GLEAVES<sup>86</sup>

vs M. H. Gleaves, et al:

Petition of Felix Gleaves, a citizen of Davidson County, Tennessee against MIKE H GLEAVES<sub>5</sub>, a NON-resident of Tennessee and C. H. Gleaves a resident of Davidson County, a brother and sister of petitioner....mentions that he's owner of undivided land 4/6? interest of a small farm in 22<sup>nd</sup> district (40 acres) mentions Dickerson Pike – Petitioner owes Frank D. Gleaves about \$616.00.

Book U, page 323:

Felix Gleaves vs M. H.<sup>87</sup> and C. H. Gleaves<sup>88</sup>

Since M. H. Gleaves has heretofore transferred his right to the 1/6 interest in the proceeds of said land to his sister, Miss C. H. Gleaves.....before John Wood, Notary Public for Anderson County, Texas. 1884

#### **1887 -- Widow's Support**

JAMES GLEAVES,<sup>89</sup> dec'd

Fannie Gleaves,<sup>90</sup> widow of James Gleaves... January term of court 1887 (no identif.)

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<sup>85</sup> original 7 heirs were: George W. Gleaves; Thomas H. Gleaves; Richard Franklin Gleaves; Catherine E. Gleaves (Thaxton); John Bell Gleaves; Martha Gleaves (Wilson) ; Charles Edward Gleaves. (deceased ones: Martha; Richard; George W.)

<sup>86</sup> The only Felix alive in 1884 is Felix M. Gleaves born ca 1841, son of Michael H. Gleaves<sub>3</sub> & Mary A. D. Gleaves. He has a sister, Clementia H. Gleaves; a brother Michael Henry<sub>5</sub> ; and a brother Frank Dean Gleaves

<sup>87</sup> Michael Henry Gleaves<sub>5</sub>

<sup>88</sup> Clementia H. Gleaves

<sup>89</sup> James T. Gleaves

<sup>90</sup> Fannie E. Toone

## DAVIDSON COUNTY COURT MINUTES

### Minute Book - 1814-1816

Aug. 1814

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ordered that **THOMAS GLEAVES** oversee the keeping in repair the road from Stuart's Ferry on Stones River to the Wilson County line with hands of Edmond Cooper; Richard H. \_\_\_?, or those that may occupy his farm; those living on John Donelson's plantation, where David \_\_\_? lived; William Stuarts, Frederick Pickleys; those living where Robert M. \_\_\_? and Daniel \_\_\_? lived; Thomas Gleaves; Absalom Gleaves, Joseph N. \_\_\_?; Elijah Dodson and Charlie Wright.

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ordered that **Matthew Gleaves<sub>4</sub>** oversee the keeping of road...at mouth of Mansers Creek on S. side of the river to where it intersects with the road from Neely's Bend to the Clover Bottom, with the hands of Alexander Donelson, Thomas McGuggans, Thomas Gleaves, James Young and Matthew Gleaves<sub>4</sub>.

### Minute Book - 7/1812-1/1814

Page 420

Michael Gleaves, plaintiff vs McDaniell V. Blair, Defendant  
Pertains to a DEBT...\$127.50.

Page 421

Michael Gleaves vs John Stump.  
relates to a debt:  
(about 1 ½ handwritten pages covering these 2 cases)

### Minute Book A - 1833-1834

October session 1833

Page 154

Order to sell T. Gleaves, Negro.  
Thomas Gleaves, decd....ordered that said admin. sell Negro slave, SUSAN belonging to estate for cash and at public auction...in order to pay the debts from the said estate and having done so, make report to ensuing court.

April session 1834

Page 332

Set apart to Sarah Gleaves, widow and relict of Michael Gleaves 1 year support.  
Sarah Gleaves, widow (complainant) vs William C. Young & other heirs of Michael Gleaves Dec'd (defendant).  
Michael Gleaves died seized and possessed of tract of land lying in Davidson County, on Whites Creek containing 320 acres... heirs of lawful age

October session 1834

Page 111

upon petition and affidavit of MICHAEL H. GLEAVES & William C. Young, administrators of the estate of MICHAEL GLEAVES<sub>2</sub>, DEC'D  
ordered the admin. sell Negroes Brisher, Daniel and Melissa  
for payment of just debts....and giving purchasers credit until Jan. 1 next.....

Charles Scott, ESQ. Presented the petition of Michael H. Gleaves, and his wife, Mary, A. D. Gleaves, William C. Young and his wife, Sophia T. Young; James M. Gleaves, a minor by his guardian, William B. Ewing, and John E. Gleaves, Sally Gleaves, Infant and William D. Gleaves, minors by their guardian, Sally Gleaves, HEIRS<sup>91</sup> at law of Michael Gleaves, dec'd  
commissioners appointed to divide said land.....and personal estate  
Commissioners made report Nov. 7, 1834. personal and real estate  
Also see page 198..

### **Minute Book A - 1835**

Page 111

RE Absalom Gleaves

A paper writing purporting to be last Will and Testament of Absalom Gleaves, dec'd was produced in open court for probate.....Hugh Hays and James H. Cook the subscribing witnesses.....Catherine Gleaves, widow and relict of the said Absalom here dissents from the provision of the Will and claims her dower & distributive share according to law.....upon application of Samuel Steele...ordered that he have Letters of Administration with the Will annexed granted to him on the estate of Absalom, dec. He having given bond in the sum of \$8,000 with James H. Cook, William Stewart and Hugh Hayes his securities. ....

Page 106

Court appointed Catherine Gleaves guardian of James A. Gleaves, a minor Orphan....gave bond - \$4,000.

### January session 1835

Page 203

A division of the Negro slaves belonging to the estate of Absalom Gleaves between his distributees made by commissioners.....and a receipt from Burrell Perry, Junr; George F. Hamilton; Catherine Gleaves, gdn. of James Gleaves; James R. Gleaves, gdn. of Guy T. Gleaves and Catherine Gleaves to Samuel Steele Admin. of said Absalom Gleaves, dec. was proved in open court.....

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Jan. 26, 1835:

Ephraim H. Foster, ESQ in open court presented petition of Catherine Gleaves, widow. George F. Hamilton and Sally W. his wife, late Sally W. Gleaves; Burwell Perry and his wife Teresa, late Teresa Gleaves, Guy T. Gleaves and James T. Gleaves, an infant by his gdn, the said Catherine Gleaves, all heirs at law of Absalom Gleaves, dec'd late of said county.....that the said Absalom Gleaves died seized and possessed of a considerable real estate lying & being in said Davidson County out of which said Petitioner Catherine is entitled to have her dower laid off.....other petitioners entitled to have the balance divided between them in equal portions.....commissioners appointed to lay off the land....

Page 204

William A. and Henry Gleaves

Court appoints John Pirtle, William H. Hamblin and Martin Pierce, or any 2 of them, commissioners to settle with William Connell, Gdn. of William A. Gleaves and Henry A. Gleaves, minor orphans and having so done make report.....

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<sup>91</sup> NOTE: all but 2 of their 6 children were minors in 1834

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Report made 1835 – Re William A. & Henry Gleaves

Page 338

April 27, 1835 M. Gleaves.<sup>92</sup>

William Creel, William Stewart, Eli Cherry, Edward H. East and Moses T. Brooks, 5 of the Commissioners appointed to partition real estate of MICHAEL GLEAVES. ....make report ....real estate.

### July Sessions 1835

Page 407

A. GLEAVES

An additional inventory of the estate of Absalom Gleaves was returned into court by Samuel Steele, his Admin.

### **Minute Book E – 1850-1853**

Page 549

Sept. 5, 1853:

GDN. for Andrew and Sarah Jane Gleaves.

The Court appoints B. F. Gleaves, guardian to Andrew C. Gleaves and Sarah Jane Gleaves, minors. Whereupon the said B. F. Gleaves gave two bondsmen the sum of \$1000 each with A. D. Gleaves and Felix R. Gleaves his securities for the faithful discharge of his said guardianship.

### **Minute Book F - 1854**

page 337

Dec. 9, 1854:

Elizabeth W. Gleaves, guardian to Martha Ann & Charles Edward Gleaves.

Securities: George W. Gleaves & Guy T. Gleaves – securities – in amt. of \$6000.

John Crudup, Gdn. to Catharine E. Gleaves (a minor).

Guy T. Gleaves and J.T. Gleaves Securities - \$6000.

Guy T. Gleaves, gdn. to John B. Gleaves, a minor.

John Crudup and J. T. Gleaves, securities - \$6000.

### **1857 – Dyer County, Tennessee**

Oct. term of 1857<sup>93</sup>:

WILLIAM B. GLEAVES<sup>94</sup>

written 9/25/1857

He only listed his wife, Louisa, and 3 of his girls: Susan Miller, Sarah Ann Davis and Mary Manies, children by his first wife, Harriett. NO BOYS were listed. He talked about other children, but gave no names.

### **Minute Book I - 1865**

page 583

Oct. 7, 1865:

Court appointed Commissioners to set aside 1 year support to family of JOHN E. GLEAVES,

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<sup>92</sup> Michael Gleaves Jr

<sup>93</sup> furnished by Lois Gleaves of Miami, Oklahoma

<sup>94</sup> Refer to Willim B. Gleaves (1798 – ca 1857/58)....son of Thomas & Sarah Smith Gleaves

commissioners: M. Burns Turner; Turner S. Foster; Jas. H. Kendrick.

**Minute Book I - 1866**

page 725

Will of James R. Gleaves probated

3 subscribing witnesses: Daniel S. Tucker, Charles Stevens, B. T. Gleaves.

**CHANCERY COURT – Davidson County, Tennessee**

**1854** - Edmund F. Gleaves, et al vs William C. Scott, et al<sup>95</sup>

Book D, page 114

Oct. 30, 1854

The said William O. Scott and wife have agreed to give up to the said Marina A. Gleaves, wife of Edmund F. Gleaves and to the said Mary Coppage all of her dower interest, etc. (relationships not shown)

**1859** - B. F. GLEAVES vs G. W. Gleaves

Minute Book H, page 257

(Nov.1859-June 1860) (date not copied)

E. E. Buchanan holds note on G. W. Gleaves which was given in part pay for the store house and lot in McWhirtersville<sup>96</sup> and which was secured by lien on the same note due 3/26/1859 for \$255.

Other names mentioned:

Thomas H. Gleaves;  
Richard Gleaves;  
W. G. M. Campbell;  
E. H. East, Jr.;  
S. Tucker;  
Felix R. Gleaves;  
B. F. Gleaves;  
Richard Gleaves;  
G. T. Gleaves,  
John B. Turner,  
William Turner, etc.

**1860**

Book I

Nov. 5, 1860:

Some information re John R. Gleaves.

Also mentions names of: G. W. Gleaves; J. R. Gleaves; E. Hamilton; Richard Gleaves; E. F. Gleaves.....no relationships mentioned.

**1877**

Book Q, page 562

WILLIAM A. GLEAVES

Court appoints James C. Gleaves, Administrator of the Estate of William A. Gleaves. Gave bond in the amt. of \$12,000.00 with William E. Eastman and W. A. Knight his securities.

Court appoints William E. Eastman, Gdn. of Willie Addie Gleaves, a minor.

**1902** - T. H. GLEAVES, ADMIN. vs FANNIE GLEAVES

Book 65, page 72

Oct. 2, 1902:

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<sup>95</sup> ASH: The 1850 Census for Davidson County, District 4 shows Wm Scott (age: 30, farmer, real property: \$1500), Emily Scott (age: 35), Marina Coppage (age: 12) and Mary Coppage (age: 8) in the same household.

<sup>96</sup> Note: McWhirtersville also known as Donelson, Tennessee

In obedience to an order of reference entered on page 240 of Minute Book 46 (or 40?), I make the following report:

Notices executed and depositions of MRS. FANNIE GLEAVES, Alvah Sperry, R. O/G? Gleaves, Jane Gleaves, \_\_\_\_\_?, Mattie E. Gleaves, P. W. Cherry, Rufus Wilson, C.\_\_\_\_? Gleaves, Joe Corley, Laura Evans, John B. Gleaves, L. B. Castleman, Bettie Evans, Joe McCauley, Bruce Douglas, J. W. Rust, John Wright & Julia Davis and certified copy of **WILL of REBECCA J. GLEAVES** HAVE BEEN FILED..... At time of his death, FELIX R. GLEAVES owned the following property which went into hands of Mrs. Fannie Gleaves, to wit.....Totals \$466.76 for crops, a mule, 2 old mules....

Felix R. Gleaves owes Mrs. Fannie Gleaves the following amts., to wit:

For burial suit	23.40
Dr. A. Fuqua for serv. to Felix R. Gleaves and wife:	102.00
Same for services	25.00
R. C. Fields	5.41
Note to Dallas Evans (2)	65.00 & 15.00
<u>Bur. Exp.</u> Of F. R. Gleaves	108.75
<u>Bur. Exp.</u> Of Mrs. F. R. Gleaves	102.00
Expenses in connection with wheat crop 1894:	
\$125.75 + \$160.00 servants hire	total \$732.37

(noted that figures are not exact)



## Power of Attorney – Estate<sup>97</sup> of William & Elizabeth Turk Gleaves<sup>98</sup>

We the assignors of this Power of Attorney do hereby nominate Constitute and appoint **BENJAMIN F. GLEAVES** our attorney in fact to demand and receive for us of James T. Gleaves Executor of William Gleaves & Elizabeth Gleaves deceased, both late of the County of Wythe and the State of Virginia. All money or moneys or property of any kind that may be acoming to either one or all of us from the Estate of William Gleaves & Elizabeth Gleaves and all necessary receipts bonds and acquitances for us and in our names to Execute for and about the same We do further empower our said Attorney to sue for and recover the same or any part there of whether the same be real or personal estate and for that purpose to make and employ one or more Attorneys under him and to do all other acts and things necessary to accomplish the objects of this power at our expense and charge and we do hereby ratify and confirm all the lawful actings and doings of our said Attorney in the premises to fully as if we were present and doing the same ourselves. Given under our hand and seals this **5<sup>th</sup> day of September 1843.**

Test  
Felix R. Gleaves  
Americus D. Gleaves

Thomas Gleaves<sup>99</sup>  
Ananais Stamp<sup>100</sup>  
Jane Stamp (her mark)  
Allen Ramsey (his mark)  
Polly Anna Ramsey (her mark)  
Guy T. Gleaves<sup>101</sup>  
Catharine Gleaves<sup>102</sup> (her mark)  
John E. Hagar<sup>103</sup>  
Emeline Hagar<sup>104</sup> (her mark)  
John Ramsey

DATE: Sept. 5, 1843

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<sup>97</sup> (This relates to the deaths of William Gleaves (who died in Cripple Creek, Wythe County, Virginia in 1820 and his wife, Elizabeth Turk Gleaves who died in Wythe County, Virginia. on July 15, 1840. (Both wills are recorded elsewhere in this book.)

<sup>98</sup> This paper was acquired at the Gleaves Reunion in Nashville, Tennessee, June 2005

<sup>99</sup> Son of William & Elizabeth Turk Gleaves

<sup>100</sup> At the present, relationship of the Stamp names and other Ramseys - unknown

<sup>101</sup> Son of Absalom Gleaves

<sup>102</sup> widow of Absalom Gleaves (HE is now deceased )

<sup>103</sup> Son of Jonathan Hagar (grandson of George Hagar)

<sup>104</sup> John E. Hagar married Emeline RAMSEY. Emeline is apparently related to Elizabeth Gleaves – daughter of William & Elizabeth. She married a Mr. Ramsey