

LOG CABIN

(Now at Fiddler's Grove, Lebanon, Tenn.)

Property and Cabin first owned by Gleaves Family – and probably constructed by them

John Donelson of the County of Tennessee **640 acres** - \$600 – written 1/11/1796
To: Thomas Gleaves...of Wythe Co. Virginia Book D, Page 21 Recorded 7/16/1796

Situated in Davidson Co. and adjoining the EAST of William Stewart's preemption and on both sides of sinking ? Branch of Stones Creek.... (No other identifying remarks...)

He [Thomas] sold 335 acres to his brother, Absalom, in 1805. This land was located around Central Pike and Old Hickory Blvd. He is buried in a cemetery behind the Apartment Complex (Burning Tree Apts). This was Thomas Gleaves' HOME. –he was born in Va. 1771, married Sally Smith in Davidson Co., Tenn. March 1797.

However, Thomas Gleaves also purchased 374 acres from John Crozier – 7/3/1819

(Recorded 3/9/1820)...Book N, P.431 - on waters of Stones River.

He gave **166 Acres** to son **James R. Gleaves** (1823) (Bk. Q.P. 388) and **208 Acres** to son, **Wm. B. Gleaves** (in 1827) (BK R. P.408). (in each deed, he says this land is part of the tract purchased from John Crozier) (166 ac + 208 ac = 374 ac....this is ALL of the Crozier Tract.)

What happened to the 166 acres deeded to James R. Gleaves?

Bk. 16, P.28 (recorded 5/1/1852) - James R. gave to son, Edmond F. Gleaves 42 acres (Edmond born 11/9/1827 Edmond married 3/3/1853 – died 1902.

Edmond sold to his brother, John Robertson Gleaves – Bk. 26, P 449...21 Acres

Edmond sold to his brother, Wm. C. Gleaves...Bk 26, P. 449 21 acres (\$600.00)

Bk. 16, P.28 (recorded 5/1/1852) - James R. gave to son, Wm. C. Gleaves...42 Acres (Wm C. born 1/7/1827 Wm. C...died 6/6/1909 ...married 3/8/1849)

James R. Gleaves **sold 12 more acres** to son, Wm. C. Gleaves - \$330.00 (Bk. 26, P.450, recorded 5/15/1857) (Wm C. died 6/6/1909)

(beg. At stake James Mathis N. E. corner, running N. 32 poles to a chinquapin oak; W. 70 poles to cedar stump in Ward's line; 33 poles to a hickory; thence with Mathis line 70 poles to the beginning).

AND

Wm C. Gleaves sold **12 Acres to his brother, JAMES FRANKLIN GLEAVES**

(Bk. 29, P.594) (9/16/1859? (1857?)) (Amt. not stated) "Beg. at stake James Mathis NE corner; N. 32 poles to a chinquapin oak; W. 70 poles to a cedar stump in Ward's line thence 33 poles to a hickory Ward's SE corner in Mathis line; E. with Mathis line 70 poles

to beginning.” (James F. Gleaves was born 3/17/1838 and married 10/4/1857..died 5/15/1862 at Camp Butler, Illinois) (HE may have been a Prisoner of War – Civil War)

Where is 12-acre tract (with the LOG CABIN)?

From research of this family, it is known that **James Franklin Gleaves** “died intestate many years ago”. At the time John Ewen Hagar purchased this tract on 3/24/1909, the deed (Book 377, page 382) states:

“Being the same land conveyed by W. C. Gleaves to James F. Gleaves by Deed of record in Book 29, Page 594. Said James F. Gleaves died intestate many years ago leaving as his only heirs at law 2 children –said E.N. Gleaves and J. M. Gleaves”

(E.N. Gleaves (Edward Nathaniel – b. 1/13/1861 – d. 11/14/1921)

(J. M. Gleaves (James Monroe – b. 10/4/1858 – d. 8/21/1940)

It is located in the old 4th district of Davidson Co. (now the 12th)...adjoining the property of Frances Hagar Bruce, 5633 S. New Hope Rd., Hermitage, Tenn...lying EAST of her lands.

It is definite the land has been owned by:

- John Crozier – who sold to Thomas Gleaves 7/3/1819
- Thomas Gleaves – who gave to son, James R. Gleaves 10/24/1823
- James R. Gleaves – who sold to his son, William Carroll Gleaves 5/15/1857
- Wm. C. Gleaves – who sold to his brother, James Franklin Gleaves 9/11/1857 or 1859?
- James Franklin Gleaves – who still owned it when he died (5/15/1862)
- Heirs of James Franklin Gleaves –sold to John Ewen Hagar 3/24/1909
- Heirs of John Ewen Hagar –sold to Emmett Guill Hagar 8/18/1927 (Bk. 741, P.428)
- Emmett Guill Hagar – who still owned it when he died 1/3/1963

WHEN was the log cabin constructed? Unknown – WHAT WE DO KNOW:

John Ewen Hagar purchased the property (with the Cabin) on 3/24/1909.

Emmett G. Hagar and Nova Jenkins Hagar married Nov. 3, 1912. This was their first home. The condition of the cabin at that time is not known. **Rumor** has it that originally the cabin had only a dirt floor. Pauline H. Wells, their eldest child, says she was too young to remember – and no one recalls their mother mentioning it. (Only 1 other child was born in the Cabin: Lillian Roberta Hagar (4/8/1916 – died June 1917). Emmett & Nova Hagar moved to a house 300 yards North before August 1917. Two sons were born at that location. The remaining 8 were born at 5015 John Hagar Rd. (Hermitage, TN.)

Hilda recalls it having been mentioned that the kitchen was “out back of the house”. Louise H. Davis in her book “Precious Memories” states that Wray Hagar advised that the former log cabin kitchen was later moved to his grandfather’s (John E. Hagar) yard. (Property later owned by Wray Hagar’s father, Thomas E. Hagar. It became a smokehouse or Sausage House and in later years, their “wash house”. It is standing as of 2010.)

Hilda also recalls that as a child when they worked in the crops around the old house that there were floor joists and at least a partial floor up and downstairs as they often spread peas, etc. to dry. Therefore, she believes it had a wood floor when her parents lived there. Hilda has done quite a bit of family research and nothing about the age of the Cabin can be found. It is her opinion from looking at the Deeds and various dates of marriages and deaths that the following may be a good estimate:

It is **doubtful** there was a Cabin on the property at the time John Crozier sold it to Thomas Gleaves in 1819. (Thomas Gleaves did not live on the 374 acres he purchased from Crozier. We know Thomas lived on land in the area of Central Pike and Old Hickory Blvd. and is buried on that same land.)

It should be noted that **James R.** Gleaves became owner of this land in **Oct 1823**. (given to him by his father, Thomas Gleaves.) (James R. and Eliza Wood married Jan. 1823.) **It is possible he erected the log cabin at that time, becoming their first home.** It is known James R. lived in a large 2 story log house at least ½ mile East of the cabin land and at the far end (East) of his tract of land. He was the first to be buried in the cemetery near his home, the cemetery facing Earhart Road. (However, it is not known when he might have built this house.)

If not built by James R. Gleaves, it was probably built by one of the sons who later owned this tract of land:...William C. Gleaves or James Franklin Gleaves.

William C. had married 3/8/1849 and bought the land in 5/1857. James Franklin had married Oct 1857 and bought the land in 1857 (or 1859).

If I had to make a wild guess as to when the Cabin was constructed...it would be either 1823 (by James R. & Eliza)...or about 1857 (by either William C. or James Franklin Gleaves)

This is a list of James R. Gleaves’ 12 children:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Born</u>	<u>Married</u>	<u>Died</u>
Thomas Wood	12/30/1823	9/26/1847	1/5/1892
Robert Hughes	2/12/1825	4/11/1844	3/24/1853
John Robertson	2/24/1826	1845	1901
Edmund F.	11/9/1827	3/3/1853	1902

Wm Carroll	7/17/1829	3/8/1849	6/6/1909
Tenn. Malvina	3/4/1831	8/10/1848	2/27/1862
Martha Virginia	10/16/1832	12/20/1853	1/3/1882
Missouri Jane	2/12/1834	8/10/1876	1/3/1902
Elizabeth Alabama	12/8/1835	12/27/1853	9/27/1856
James Franklin	3/17/1838	10/4/1857	5/25/1862
Caldonia Indiana	12/7/1840	9/9/1874	5/14/1924
Sarah Louisiana	1/8/1845	3/4/1873	1875

In 1938 the Cabin was disassembled by Mr. Hagar and 2 sons, Henderson and Ewell and moved to another tract of land owned by Emmett G. Hagar on S. New Hope Rd. (near #5633). At that time a cedar log kitchen was added across the rear of the original one room. From 1938 until 1960s three of their children spent their earliest married lives there. (Henderson, Lucille and John). Other Hagar cousins also made this their early home. Lucille and husband, Bill Hall, made major repairs...screening the front porch and removing mud daubing and using cement daubing.

In 1969 Mrs. Hagar sold the cabin to Glenn George for the unheard of price of \$50.00. Before selling, she did not consult with any of her children, leading one to believe she was coerced into making a hasty decision. It was moved to 13100 Lebanon Rd., near Green Hill Rd. in Wilson County. It was partially reconstructed for the storage of Mrs. George's antiques. The kitchen was not re-built. In December 1996 the George Estate sold the property, including the Cabin. The next move for this old house was in 1997-1998 to its present location in FIDDLER'S GROVE on the grounds of the Wilson County Fairgrounds.

NOTE: When property sold to J.E. Hagar 3/24/1909 (Book 377, page 382) dimensions shown as: "Beg. at stake, James Mathews N.E. corner running N. 32 poles to a Chinquipin oak, thence W. 70 poles to cedar stump in Wards old line; So. 33 poles to Hickory Ward's SE corner in said Matthews Line; thence with said line E. 70 poles to The beginning ...containing 12 acres" ...refers to Bk. 29, page 594.

NOTE #2: Mrs. Emmett G. Hagar (Nova) happens to be the great-granddaughter of James Robertson Gleaves & Eliza Wood Gleaves. Her grandmother, Martha Ann Virginia Gleaves Jenkins, was their daughter – who married Henry Thomas Jenkins. We are connected to this Land on the side of both our parents!

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From Fiddlers Grove web site

(<http://www.fiddlersgrove.org/history/historical-buildings/27-hagar-george-cabin>)

Hagar-George Cabin



Family records show the original cabin was built in 1820 by John Crozier. John Ewen Hagar acquired the cabin and 12 acres of land in 1823 for \$250.00. Emmett and Nova Hagar, son of John Hagar, inherited the cabin in 1919 and raised 12 children in the dirt floored cabin. He moved the cabin to a larger farm and added a floor to the cabin and an attached kitchen in 1938.

Mr. Glenn George acquired the cabin in the 1960's for \$50.00 and relocated it to the Lebanon Road in Wilson County. In 1996, the George Estate sold the property.

Mr. and Mrs. David Braunscheidel donated the cabin to Fiddlers Grove in 1998.