

Descendants of Matthew Gleaves

Generation 1

1. **MATTHEW¹ GLEAVES** was born on 09 Nov 1772 in Augusta Co., VA. He died on 08 Oct 1804 in Davidson Co., TN.

Sex: Male.

Notes for Matthew Gleaves:

His will was written in Davidson Co., TN on 27 November 1803 and was proved in court on 3 April 1805. No children.

His birth date is recorded in the Nathan Allen bible as November 9, 1772.

His date of death is listed in family records as October 8, 1804. His Will, dated November 27, 1803, was entered in Davidson County on April 3, 1805. The Will of Matthew Gleaves:

"I Matthew Gleaves of the County of Davidson and the State of Tennessee in a Good State of health and memory do make this my Last will and Testament. Viz I leave to my brother Thomas all my Horses and Cattle and all the little debts that is due me in this Neighborhood and that Sixty Dollars that is in my Fathers hands I Allow it to be Divided Equally Betwixt my Brothers and Sisters that lives in Virginia Also I leave to my Sister in-Law Sally Gleaves 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 Absolom Eighty five Dollars out of the price in Good Property Also I allow that Land in Kentucky to be Sold and the Price to be Divided Equally Betwixt my Father and Mother Sisters and Brothers I Allow my Cousin Matthew Gleaves twenty Dollars out of the Price of it Also I allow Betsy Smith Ten Dollars out of the Price of my Big Steer paid by Thomas Gleaves I do Renounce and Disdain all Other wills by me made"

November the 27th 1803

Witness

Matthew Gleaves Junr

Signed: Matthew Gleaves

The following appears to have been added by the Davidson County Court when the will was proven to be authentic.

"The Execution of which will as Above Recited was in Court held for the County of Davidson January Sessions 1805 Proven to be the Act and Deed of the said Matthew Gleaves Senr by the Oath of Matthew Gleaves Junr a Subscribing Witness thereto, the said Matthew Gleaves Junr being a Legatee in said Will having first came unto Court and Acknowledged a Release of any Legacy or Benefit in said Will" Davidson County Will Book 3, page 4

Some accounts says that he married a woman named Elizaeth Pate and some give the date of marriage as the same as his date of death. No record has been found to prove the alleged marriage. The Will and the probate information when the Will was presented to prove in court seem inconsistent with Matthew Gleaves, Sr., being married. If he was married, but the Will did not mention her (because it was written before his marriage), there would have been some litigation or at least mention that she had rights, including dower rights in land of Matthew Gleaves, to a statutory portion of her husband's estate. If nobody has found this in the Davidson Co., TN probate records, it most likely does not exist and therefore the alleged marriage probably never happened.