

Hugh Wallace Log Cabin – 1820
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I understood that grandma Matilda (Wallace) Anderson was born in the cabin & it was next to her brother great Uncle Bill Wallace house in Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., Tennessee about 60 miles due east of Nashville near I-40. About 1934, when I was 12 years old, I visited and only saw a regular farm house and was told that it had been used for a corn crib and had probably fallen down.

In 1974 my parents bought a house at Cookeville and returned to live there but my father died unexpectedly from a heart attack.

I asked my Aunt Audra who Hugh's wife was and where they were buried. My brother, Jerry and I found the Wallace Cemetery which was about ¼ acre. We made a record of the tombstones and I kept noticing the log house nearby.

Jigs Wallace the owner and cousin, whom I didn't know came by. He said that was indeed the log cabin and graciously showed us the inside and then showed us in his house which was close by and was relatively new and had a mother-in-law section. He had been raised in the cabin and was retired from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and owned the restaurant by I-40. They raised Black Angus cattle.

The cabin is actually a house about 50-60' wide raised off the ground with plenty of room for the dogs and a porch across the front and three large rooms for working space and two loft rooms and a chimney on each end made from brick made on site. The logs were all hand hewn and well constructed. My wife and I speculated about living there. One room was used by his sons orchestra and the others for deep freezers. A couple hundred feet to the rear was a cut and I-40 starting down grade for several miles to the Caney Fork River and near Center Hill Dam and lake.

About year 2000 the cabin collapsed before Audrey June visited it. She brought me a piece of it and some pictures.

On either side of I-40 are roads going down into Buffalo Valley and Indian Creek and on the other to Wolf Creek, where I was born and onto the Dam. Silver Point is on the edge of the Cumberland Plateau and this is spectacular country. My great great grandparents all settled here about 1800.



Hugh Wallace House
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