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Castalian Springs is an outstanding group of six log buildings consisting of the main house and five dependencies. The dependencies consist of the following: the original detached black walnut log kitchen with an exceptionally wide exterior stone chimney; the smoke house made of walnut, ash and oak logs; the "new" kitchen, the office, and the garage, all made of cedar logs. The garage is a 20th-century structure.

The main house is constructed of white oak logs and is 110-feet long and 22-feet wide. It is connected by covered ways to both the "old" kitchen and the "new" kitchen. The main house is two stories tall and forms a complete expression of the traditional forms of log architecture. Because of the natural limitation of the length of logs, log buildings are usually one room single rectangles with an exterior chimney at one end, sometimes the interior is divided by simple non-load bearing partitions. To make a log building larger, another log building is constructed adjacent to it. There are two ways this is commonly achieved; the construction of two log buildings back to back sharing a common central chimney and the construction of two log buildings a short distance apart with chimneys at opposite ends and the central open space roofed over between the two The first method is called "saddle bag" construction, the second units. "dog trot." The main house at Castalian Springs is composed of a threebay wide unit separated from a two bay unit by an open "dog trot" used as the entrance porch. The two-bay unit is in turn back to back with a final three-bay unit in the "saddle-bag" manner. Both of the three-bay units are partitioned into two spaces. Though there are doors leading from one room to the next, general circulation is provided by a long one-story covered porch which runs the length of the rear of the house. The interior of the rooms are plastered and have simple late-Federal The windows have double hung sash six over nine panes mantel pieces. on the first floor, and six over six panes on the second floor. The house, having always been in the same family, has been very little changed since it was built and is in a fine state of preservation.

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In the eastern United States, the evidence of our pioneer past and the way of life it created is symbolized in the log buildings of the settlers that still survive to this day. The form and design of log houses, barns and service buildings such as kitchens and smoke houses changed very little in two centuries of common use because the possible variations are narrowly limited by the size of trees and the way logs can be satisfactorily assembled. Their tremendous popularity was due to the fact that they were relatively quick and easy to build and were remarkably sturdy. As settlements prospered people turned to more elegant forms of architecture. Most log houses were torn down and replaced or vanished from neglect. Those that remain are usually in remote rural locations.

Castalian Springs was built in 1828 by Colonel Alfred Wynne near Bledsoe's Lick, Tennessee to serve as an inn. This venture failed and in 1834 the Wynne family made it their residence. The two-story main house and five one-story dependencies are built of log on stone foundations.

The dependencies, including the old kitchen and smoke house, are constructed of oak, cedar, walnut, and ash logs. The main house, 110-feet long by 22-feet wide, is constructed of white oak logs. The main house is composed of the two traditional forms for multiple-room log dwellings, the "dog trot" and "saddle bag."

Castalian Springs has always remained in the family that built it and has been kept in an excellent state of preservation. The main house and dependencies constitute the finest remaining and most fully developed example of pioneer log architecture in the United States.

<u>History</u>

About 1800, General James Winchester, a leading pioneer in Middle Tennessee, commenced construction near the present town of Gallatin of his large stone residence which he named Cragfont. At the same time he purchased additional land nearby which included the sulphur spring called Bledsoe's Lick.

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Castalian Springs

In 1828 General Winchester's daughter Almira Winchester married Colonel Afred R. Wynne. Colonel Wynne established a stock company with two other partners and on the Bledsoe's Lick property built a large twostory log building to serve as an inn near the sulphur springs. The venture proved to be a failure and in 1834 Colonel Wynne bought the interests of his partners and occupied the inn as his residence. The house was named Castalian Springs after the spring in Greek mythology which rose at the foot of Mount Parnassus. Colonel and Mrs. Wynne had 14 children. Towards the end of the 19th century Castalian Springs served briefly for a second time as a resort. This project also failed and the house returned to residential use. It is presently lived in by the grandson of the builder, Mr. George Winchester Wynne and his wife, who have carefully preserved the integrity of the log buildings and made only the minimum changes to incorporate modern conveniences.

