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THE FILSON CLUB, in 1920, had a Committee, together with the President of the Club, Alfred Pirtle, and Otto A. Rothert, Secretary, go to the site of "Mulberry Hill" in Camp Zachary Taylor, and build a rough monument of small stones, on the exact spot where the house had stood until 1917, fixing the location by a regular survey, of which the Club has a record.

MULBERRY HILL, FIRST HOME OF  
GEORGE ROGERS CLARK.

Photograph of "Mulberry Hill," the cabin of John Clark, built in 1784 on Beargrass Creek near Poplar Level Road southeast of Louisville, Kentucky, taken in 1890 after the original roof, which was of clapboards (large thin slabs of timber, riven or split off logs, about three feet long, almost a foot wide and two inches thick), had been replaced by one made of shingles.

We are told this is the first log cabin built in Jefferson County, Kentucky, with rooms upstairs. It gave George Rogers Clark the first place he could call "home" in Kentucky. Only the unfilled entrance to the cellar remains to mark the location of the house which lies within the artillery range grounds of Camp Zachary Taylor.

The photograph is placed in this book to show the kind of a house the Chenoweth family had. The windows had no glass in them, but the openings for windows and doors were provided with shutters of heavy timbers and closed with bars, affording protection against the rifle balls the Indians might fire at the house when making an attack.

A great grandson of the builder of "Mulberry Hill" says he has had more than one interesting time digging bullets out of the logs of this very building.





Anthony Hill. First Home of George Rogers Clark.

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## INTRODUCTORY.

**J**AMES CHENOWETH and the other persons mentioned in this story were actual characters, and the names and dates are historic—the only fiction is having him tell his story. Some of his grandchildren are still living, from whom facts have been obtained. A son of James Chenoweth was an uncle of the author, and I was reared along with his children, when all of us were ever ready for Indian stories to entertain our youthful minds. James is supposed to be telling his story in 1850, at Cincinnati. The history of the trials and dangers of our ancestors contains a great deal that we should be proud of and which we should record and hand down to succeeding generations.

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