

THE GRAEVES PROJECT

STEP INSIDE: A CUSTOM TIMBER FRAME ON DEEP CREEK LAKE



Woodhouse

HOME DETAILS

This 8,992-square-foot home incorporates a weathered log look, but with all the efficiency and elegance of a timber frame. Inside, a mix of beautiful wood species is on display across the home's five bedrooms, seven and a half bathrooms, bunkroom, and spacious lofts. With a massive covered porch and plenty of space for work and play, this design has it all.



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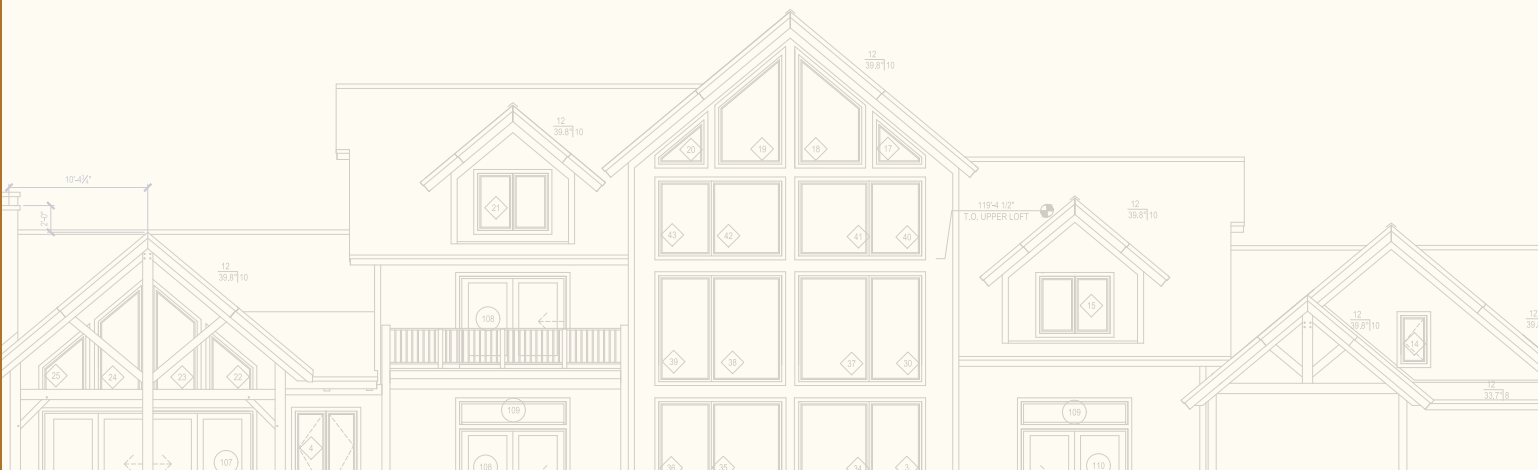
8,992 SQ. FT.



5 BEDS



7.5 BATHS





THE BACKSTORY



For right around 10 years, Nancy and Scott Graeves thought they had it made in their log home on Deep Creek Lake. "Then one day we said, 'Let's just look and see if there's any lakefront lots.' Well, lo and behold, we found a flat, lakefront lot in a cove—the only one that actually still existed at Deep Creek Lake," Nancy recalls. "So we purchased it."

The couple had every intention to build another log home, this time with changes based on their decade of experience in their previous home. Their plans changed after a little investigation of a new build up the road led them to Woodhouse Independent Representative Steve Richards of Deep Creek Timber Frame, who then led them to timber framing.

"I honestly did not know much about timber frames before, but I started looking at pictures and I found it interesting. It still gives you that rustic log look, but without all that maintenance," Nancy explains. The couple visited the Woodhouse headquarters in Mansfield, Pennsylvania to learn more, and the plan for their new forever home quickly fell into place. "We met and that was it. We were sold," Nancy says.

The couple brought their original plans for a log home to Woodhouse, and the design team optimized them for a timber frame, the Graeves' new lot, and their lifestyle—now and in the future. "We thought our last house was a forever home, but this is definitely a forever home," Nancy says. Rooms were tweaked to more comfortably fit things like king-size beds and a bathtub, and features to increase both fun and function, like a bunk room and bar, were added. While visiting Woodhouse, Nancy, an interior decorator, was also

"I kept walking around and going, 'Okay, I need that color. I need that color.' And that turned out to be oak," she says. "I actually brought a pillow with me, and I said, 'I need to match this.' And that's what we did."

With an elegant oak frame, the inside of the home boasts an inviting mix of woods that bring a rustic sensibility to the home's modern farmhouse style. Nancy hand-picked knotty, distressed pieces found on-site at Woodhouse to add character and opted for a whitewash look on the pine nickel-gap walls.

"I knew that I didn't want any orange hue to the wood, and the pine did kind of have that color. So the builder just put one coat of whitewash on it, and now I am in love with my ceilings. The whitewash actually makes the timbers pop out even better, instead of it all being so matchy-matchy."

However, in the basement, the ceilings and a bedroom wall – all covered in a layer of plywood – really make a modern statement. "It's pretty cool. My husband's like, 'You're crazy.' And I say 'No, honey, just trust me,'" Nancy says with a laugh. "But it matches the oak so it works well."

On the home's exterior, a cement-log siding called Old Kentucky Log makes the Graeves' low-maintenance modern log farmhouse dream a reality.

"We still have our log look; it looks like an old barn house, but it's really made out of cement. So it's no maintenance. That was a huge part of what we decided we wanted. No maintenance," Nancy explains. "So the timbers come ready to go and everything has just held up. We've been here a year, and so far, we've had no issues with anything."



"We just could not be happier. Every step of the way, Woodhouse was phenomenal. Everybody was easy to reach if I had any questions, and there were never any issues. It was just wonderful."

-Nancy Graeves, Woodhouse Homeowner

-Barry Danzansky, Woodhouse Homeowner







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