

Restoration of the Original Log House

The log house on the homestead was constructed in the early 1900's over a 3-year period from about 1910 to 1913. With assistance from a traveling Finnish log craftsman (Eric Colleen¹), Charles Anderson and his wife built the existing structure from logs harvested from the adjacent Black Hills Forest Preserve (See inset below stamped "US"). Like many century old log buildings the lower logs (near the ground) have rotted and caused the house to settle. Other logs have been attacked by squirrels, flickers and bugs creating holes which allow water to enter and further deteriorate the structure. In an effort to preserve this historic structure, we made application to the Deadwood Historic Preservation Commission. The house is one of the oldest log houses still standing in Lawrence County. The Deadwood Commission makes funds available for preservation outside Deadwood if a nexus can be shown between the property and Deadwood.

¹ Spelling uncertain?



**Photo 1. Log decay and animal damage to original log house.
2. "US" stamped upside down on log end.**

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