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With its many-paned windows, rough stone fireplace, and the walls of perfectly hewn logs, this old log house (built in 1840) is a good example of the pioneer's home of long ago.

In 1912, the Young family gave the log cabin to the Daughters of the American Revolution, as a memorial to all pioneers. Moved from its original site to a grove of trees in the southwest corner of Sunset Park in Washington, care was taken not to alter the materials or appearance of the cabin. The cabin was torn down, each log numbered, and reconstructed at its new location. Only a few timbers needed replacing. Originally the cabin had four rooms. When it was moved, the partition downstairs and one upstairs was not replaced, leaving two rooms. In 1934, the fireplace had to be reconstructed so that it would work properly. A large flat stone from the original west entrance to the courthouse was included in the face of the newly reconstructed fireplace.

The cabin has been furnished by teh Daughters of the American Revolution with furnishings representative of the period of the building. The contents have been given by families of the community for the museum and the cabin serves as an effective display for the over 176 items. The cabin has been maintained by the DAR since 1912.

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This old log house, built in 1840 by Alexander Young, is a relic of the days when the territory (now Washington County) was a sparsely settled section of tractless timber and wild prairie. An original **struet**ure, the cabin was constructed in Cedar Township before Washington County was formed. For 36 years this log house served as the family home for the Youngs, well known members of the community. The Young family was active in the growing community and their home served many purposes and services: hospitality; keeping tired travelers overnight; holding church services; serving as a school for at least one term; and also as a post office. The first marriage in the township was performed in the log house.

In 1912, the two remaining members of the Young family gave the old log cabin to the Daughters of the American Revolution as a memorial to all pioneers. It is the only cabin to be preserved in Washington County and the items on display in it are authentic and have been given by families of the community. Many items in the cabin are quite rare now, but all typical of the period in which the cabin was occupied. Meetings of the DAR are held at the cabin both spring and fall. It is open to the public one afternoon a week during the summer, some holidays, and by special appointment. This is the only residence-museum of this period in Washington County.



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