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National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

## 1. Name of Property

historic name Ficklin - Imboden Houseother names/site number Powhatan Log House

## 2. Location

street & number N.E. corner of Third and Main Streets☐ not for publicationcity, town Powhatan☐ vicinitystate Arkansascode ARcounty Lawrencecode AR 075zip code 72458

## 3. Classification

## Ownership of Property

☒ private☐ public-local☐ public-State☐ public-Federal

## Category of Property

☒ building(s)☐ district☐ site☐ structure☐ object

## Number of Resources within Property

## Contributing

112

## Noncontributing

       buildings       sites       structures       objects       Total

Name of related multiple property listing:

Historic Resources of Powhatan, ARNumber of contributing resources previously  
listed in the National Register       

## 4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this  
☐ nomination ☐ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the  
National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.  
In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. ☐ See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official

Date

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. ☐ See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

## 5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

☐ entered in the National Register.☐ See continuation sheet.☐ determined eligible for the National  
Register. ☐ See continuation sheet.☐ determined not eligible for the  
National Register.☐ removed from the National Register.☐ other, (explain:)       

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

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**6. Function or Use**

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic - single dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Vacant/not in use

**7. Description**

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

Other: Midland tradition folk house

foundation Stone: Limestone

walls Wood: Log

Wood: Weatherboard

roof Wood: Shingle

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

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MULTIPLE PROPERTY DOCUMENTATION - Powhatan, Lawrence County

## FICKLIN/IMBODEN HOUSE

*Description*

SUMMARY. The Ficklin/Imboden house is a simple log house constructed in the Midland building tradition. It stands on the property owned originally by one of Powhatan's earliest citizens, Andrew H. Imboden, and his spouse, Lusinda E. Ficklin. It is composed of two single-pen buildings in an L-shape, typical of the buildings of the earliest settlers in Lawrence County. The Ficklin/Imboden House stands on the east half of Lots 5 and 6 of Block 4 in the town of Powhatan.

ELABORATION. The Ficklin/Imboden House in Powhatan is a single-pen log house with a one- and one-half-story (sleeping loft) plan. A later addition to the house, a one-story, single-pen L-room, was constructed at the rear of the main house and is thought to have been used as a detached kitchen. The house and the kitchen are constructed of cypress logs hewn square and joined by half-dovetailed notches at the corners. Broad-axe markings are obvious on all log surfaces of the building, interior and exterior, and logs are chinked with limestone and mortar. The foundations of both rooms are fieldstone, with massive cypress foundation logs spanning the piers. The gable roof of the main house was originally wood shingle and is deteriorating, although the roof has been replaced within the past 50 years.

The front facade of the house was embellished with a dropped shed-roof porch possibly as early as the 1920s (from photographic evidence), but this addition has not significantly altered the building's original character. In fact, the dropped shed porch is quite in character with Tidewater South houses, which contributed stylistically to the Midland tradition. Windows on the front (south) facade were also later additions, having a four-over-four pane arrangement, double-hung symmetrically on either side of the front door.

The east elevation of the main room has no apertures. One photograph from the 1960s suggests a small window once existed in the sleeping loft; however, 1973 photographic evidence does not reveal this aperture and, in fact, clearly shows a vertical roof member which extends from the ridge of the gable to the first horizontal wall member.

The north elevation has one doorway, leading to the detached kitchen and is devoid of other apertures.

The house was sheathed with cypress siding on the west elevation, around the exterior-end chimney, which in combination with certain interior features could mean a later construction date, unless the siding was simply an improvement to the original stacked-log wall. The exterior-end chimney has deteriorated but many of the fieldstones still hold the original form of the fireplace. It is feared that the stone chimney, weakened by neglect, will fall into the building, potentially demolishing the structure.

The interior of the house reveals a primitive wooden fireplace mantle. It has miter-joint corners and is fashioned from wood, stained black. The enclosed stair in the northwest corner of the main room, which leads to the sleeping loft, is very narrow and unstable. Some of the stairs, which rise as steeply as eight inches and are only six inches wide, have fallen in. Undoubtedly a crude wooden ladder once led to the sleeping loft, since a corner stair of this description is typically an indication of improvement.

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The sleeping loft reveals the roof, which was replaced sometime during the past 50 years. The floor and walls of the loft reveal the massive (some 18") stacked cypress timbers, but most of the chinking has fallen out.

Though the original plan of the log house was single-pen, it was later improved, as many early log houses were, to include a roof over the original open space between the main house and the kitchen, creating a house type often mistaken as a "dogtrot."

This gabled connecting roof was extant until the 1960s, and screening was used to enclose the space between the house and the kitchen (from photographic evidence). However, a later photograph proves that this area was not covered or enclosed in 1973.

The floor between the main house and the ell-room has completely deteriorated. The cypress logs that spanned the piers have rotted and the kitchen's physical integrity is in jeopardy. The detached kitchen has one window on the east elevation and a door on the south elevation.

## 8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

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☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locally

Applicable National Register Criteria ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☒ D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Exploration/Settlement 18

Commerce

Transportation

Archeology/Prehistoric

Archeology/Historic-Aboriginal

Archeology/Historic-Non-Aboriginal

Period of Significance

1803-1890

10,000BC-1824 AD

Significant Dates

1803/1820/1850

1808/1818/1824

Cultural Affiliation

Aboriginal

European

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

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## FICKLIN/IMBODEN HOUSE

*Significance*

SUMMARY. The Ficklin/Imboden House is nominated for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places with local significance under Criterion A for its association with the earliest settlers of the town of Powhatan and Lawrence County, the second county formed in Arkansas Territory. It is nominated under Criterion C for its local significance as a quintessential extant architectural resource of a particular building style, and it is nominated under Criterion D for its potential to reveal prehistorical and further historical information about Powhatan and Lawrence County.

ELABORATION. The earliest surviving building in Powhatan is a log house that dates to c. 1850. No abstracts and deeds have been discovered to date the cabin exactly.

The Powhatan Midland house is significant because it is the only extant example of residential architecture in Powhatan itself. It is one of the last remnants of what was once the busiest part of town in one of the most important trading ports and county seats in northeast Arkansas. Its hewn-log construction with half-dovetailed notches joining the logs at the corners is a rare resource that is fast disappearing in this region. The detached kitchen L-room behind the main single-pen living area is also a rare form.

This house is also significant for the craftsmanship obvious in its construction. It is a rare example of northern and central European building techniques as described earlier.

The site of this log house is significant because it has survived from c. 1850 and the land has the potential to reveal artifacts from that period of time in the traditional structures of a pioneer boom town. Down the street from the log house, near the old central business district of historic Powhatan, old spiral fishing nets can be seen near the river, remaining from the 1920s. Other tools or implements from this era or earlier might also be revealed in an archaeological excavation. Indian artifacts have been discovered in the vicinity of Powhatan and in neighboring Lawrence County towns.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67)  
has been requested
- ☐ previously listed in the National Register
- ☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings  
Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering  
Record # \_\_\_\_\_

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Primary location of additional data:

- ☐ State historic preservation office
- ☐ Other State agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☒ Other

Specify repository:

Powhatan Courthouse Museum

Lawrence Co. Court - Walnut Ridge

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property Between 1 and 2 acres

UTM References

A 15 669580 3994480  
Zone Easting Northing

C                        

B                          
Zone Easting Northing

D                        

☐ See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

Parcel #800-00012-000

Block 4, W $\frac{1}{2}$  Lot 5, All of Block 6

Section 30, Township 17, Range 1W

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Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the exact description of the site historically associated with the property.

☐ See continuation sheet

## 11. Form Prepared By

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Ficklin--Imboden House  
NAME:

MULTIPLE Powhatan MPS  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Lawrence

DATE RECEIVED: 12/20/88 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 1/03/89  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 1/19/89 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 2/03/89  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 88003206

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: Y LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: Y PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: Y NATIONAL:

COMMENT WAIVER: N

\_\_\_ ACCEPT ☒ RETURN \_\_\_ REJECT 1/26/89 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

*See com comments*

RECOM./CRITERIA *Return*  
REVIEWER *Aschlagel*  
DISCIPLINE *Arch Hist*  
DATE *1/28/89*

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

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CLASSIFICATION

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## STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION \_\_\_\_\_

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Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

summary paragraph

completeness

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applicable criteria

justification of areas checked

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## BIBLIOGRAPHY

## GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

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OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

Phone

Signed Amos Schlacht Date 1/26/80

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Date 1/26/89

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Signature of certifying official8.29.89  
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## 5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

☒ entered in the National Register.☐ See continuation sheet.☐ determined eligible for the National Register. ☐ See continuation sheet.☐ determined not eligible for the National Register.☐ removed from the National Register.☐ other, (explain:) \_\_\_\_\_Cheryl Federman10/16/89

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

## 6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic - single dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Vacant/not in use

## 7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Other: Midland tradition folk house

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone: Limestone

walls Wood: Log

Wood: Weatherboard

roof Wppd" Shingle

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

☒ See continuation sheet

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**FICKLIN/IMBODEN HOUSE***Description*

**SUMMARY.** The Ficklin/Imboden house is a simple log house constructed in the Midland building tradition. It stands on the property owned originally by one of Powhatan's earliest citizens, Andrew H. Imboden, and his spouse, Lusinda E. Ficklin. It is composed of two single-pen buildings in an L-shape, typical of the buildings of the earliest settlers in Lawrence County. The Ficklin/Imboden House stands on the east half of Lots 5 and 6 of Block 4 in the town of Powhatan.

**ELABORATION.** The Ficklin/Imboden House in Powhatan is a single-pen log house with a one- and one-half-story (sleeping loft) plan. A later addition to the house, a one-story, single-pen L-room, was constructed at the rear of the main house and is thought to have been used as a detached kitchen. The house and the kitchen are constructed of cypress logs hewn square and joined by half-dovetailed notches at the corners. Broad-axe markings are obvious on all log surfaces of the building, interior and exterior, and logs are chinked with limestone and mortar. The foundations of both rooms are fieldstone, with massive cypress foundation logs spanning the piers. The gable roof of the main house was originally wood shingle and is deteriorating, although the roof has been replaced within the past 50 years.

The front facade of the house was embellished with a dropped shed-roof porch possibly as early as the 1920s (from photographic evidence), but this addition has not significantly altered the building's original character. In fact, the dropped shed porch is quite in character with Tidewater South houses, which contributed stylistically to the Midland tradition. Windows on the front (south) facade were also later additions, having a four-over-four pane arrangement, double-hung symmetrically on either side of the front door.

The east elevation of the main room has no apertures. One photograph from the 1960s suggests a small window once existed in the sleeping loft; however, 1973 photographic evidence does not reveal this aperture and, in fact, clearly shows a vertical roof member which extends from the ridge of the gable to the first horizontal wall member.

The north elevation has one doorway, leading to the detached kitchen and is devoid of other apertures.

The house was sheathed with cypress siding on the west elevation, around the exterior-end chimney, which in combination with certain interior features could mean a later construction date, unless the siding was simply an improvement to the original stacked-log wall. The exterior-end chimney has deteriorated but many of the fieldstones still hold the original form of the fireplace. It is feared that the stone chimney, weakened by neglect, will fall into the building, potentially demolishing the structure.

The interior of the house reveals a primitive wooden fireplace mantle. It has miter-joint corners and is fashioned from wood, stained black. The enclosed stair in the northwest corner of the main room, which leads to the sleeping loft, is very narrow and unstable. Some of the stairs, which rise as steeply as eight inches and are only six inches wide, have fallen in. Undoubtedly a crude wooden ladder once led to the sleeping loft, since a corner stair of this description is typically an indication of improvement.

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The sleeping loft reveals the roof, which was replaced sometime during the past 50 years. The floor and walls of the loft reveal the massive (some 18") stacked cypress timbers, but most of the chinking has fallen out.

Though the original plan of the log house was single-pen, it was later improved, as many early log houses were, to include a roof over the original open space between the main house and the kitchen, creating a house type often mistaken as a "dogtrot."

This gabled connecting roof was extant until the 1960s, and screening was used to enclose the space between the house and the kitchen (from photographic evidence). However, a later photograph proves that this area was not covered or enclosed in 1973.

The floor between the main house and the ell-room has completely deteriorated. The cypress logs that spanned the piers have rotted and the kitchen's physical integrity is in jeopardy. The detached kitchen has one window on the east elevation and a door on the south elevation.

## 8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locally

Applicable National Register Criteria ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Exploration/Settlement

Period of Significance

c. 1850-1890

Significant Dates

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- ☐ previously listed in the National Register
- ☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

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Primary location of additional data:

- ☐ State historic preservation office
- ☐ Other State agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☒ Other

Specify repository:

Powhatan Courthouse Museum  
Lawrence Co. Court - Walnut Ridge

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 2 acres

UTM References

A 15 669580 3994480  
Zone Easting Northing

C                              

B                                
Zone Easting Northing

D                              

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Verbal Boundary Description

Parcel #800-00012-000  
Block 4, W $\frac{1}{2}$  Lot 5, All of Block 6  
Section 30, Township 17, Range 1W

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Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the exact description of the site historically associated with the property.

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FICKLIN/IMBODEN HOUSE  
Significance

SUMMARY. The Ficklin/Imboden House is nominated for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places with local significance under Criterion A for its association with the earliest settlers of the town of Powhatan and Lawrence County, the second county formed in Arkansas Territory. It is also nominated under Criterion C for its local significance as a quintessential extant architectural resource of a particular building style.

ELABORATION. The earliest surviving building in Powhatan is a log house that dates to c. 1850. No abstracts and deeds have been discovered to date the cabin exactly.

The Powhatan Midland house is significant because it is the only extant example of residential architecture in Powhatan itself. It is one of the last remnants of what was once the busiest part of town in one of the most important trading ports and county seats in northeast Arkansas. Its hewn-log construction with half-dovetailed notches joining the logs at the corners is a rare resource that is fast disappearing in this region. The detached kitchen L-room behind the main single-pen living area is also a rare form.

This house is also significant for the craftsmanship obvious in its construction. It is a rare example of northern and central European building techniques as described earlier.

Further elaboration of the significance of the Ficklin/Imboden House is contained in Part E, Historic Contexts 1 and 3.

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Date Listed

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2. Powhatan Jail

*Substantive Review*

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3. Telephone Exchange Building *Substantive Review*

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: RESUBMISSION

PROPERTY Ficklin--Imboden House  
NAME:

MULTIPLE Powhatan MPS  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Lawrence

DATE RECEIVED: 9/01/89 DATE OF PENDING LIST:  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 10/16/89  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 88003206

NOMINATOR: STATE

DETAILED EVALUATION: Y

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 10/16/89 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept A, C  
REVIEWER Ardesman  
DISCIPLINE Arch Hist  
DATE 10/16/89

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

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CLASSIFICATION

☐ count ☐ resource type

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STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

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FUNCTION

☐ historic ☐ current

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DESCRIPTION

☐ architectural classification  
☐ materials  
☐ descriptive text

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SIGNIFICANCE

Period ☐ Areas of Significance--Check and justify below

Specific dates ☐ Builder/Architect  
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

☐ summary paragraph  
☐ completeness  
☐ clarity  
☐ applicable criteria  
☐ justification of areas checked  
☐ relating significance to the resource  
☐ context  
☐ relationship of integrity to significance  
☐ justification of exception  
☐ other

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☐ acreage ☐ verbal boundary description  
☐ UTM's ☐ boundary justification

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ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

☐ sketch maps ☐ USGS maps ☐ photographs ☐ presentation

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OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Date \_\_\_\_\_



LOG HOUSE  
Powhatan  
Lawrence Co.

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May, 1988  
Southwest corner

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LOG HOUSE

Powhatan

Lawrence Co.

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May, 1988

Southeast corner

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LOG HOUSE  
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