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According to the deed records, the old log house was built by or for Elijah Horton around 1838. The Horton family, Elijah, his wife, and three sons, followed a pattern similar to most settlers in the Grayson vicinity. They moved from Virginia into Kentucky through the Cumberland Gap, first settling in south-central Kentucky before locating in Carter County. Elijah's three sons, Henry, Bill, and Reese, built and operated one of the first mills in the Grayson area. Henry later moved to Grayson. One of Henry's sons, W. A. Horton, was a prominent Doctor in Grayson. Another son, Elijah, named after his grandfather, established the pharmacy which is now known as Brown's Pharmacy and operated by Harry Brown, Henry's grandson.



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