

1815 Log House

For over 150 years, members of the Felts family lived in the house.

In 1978, the log house was donated to WKU, and two years later was moved to its current location next to the Kentucky Building.

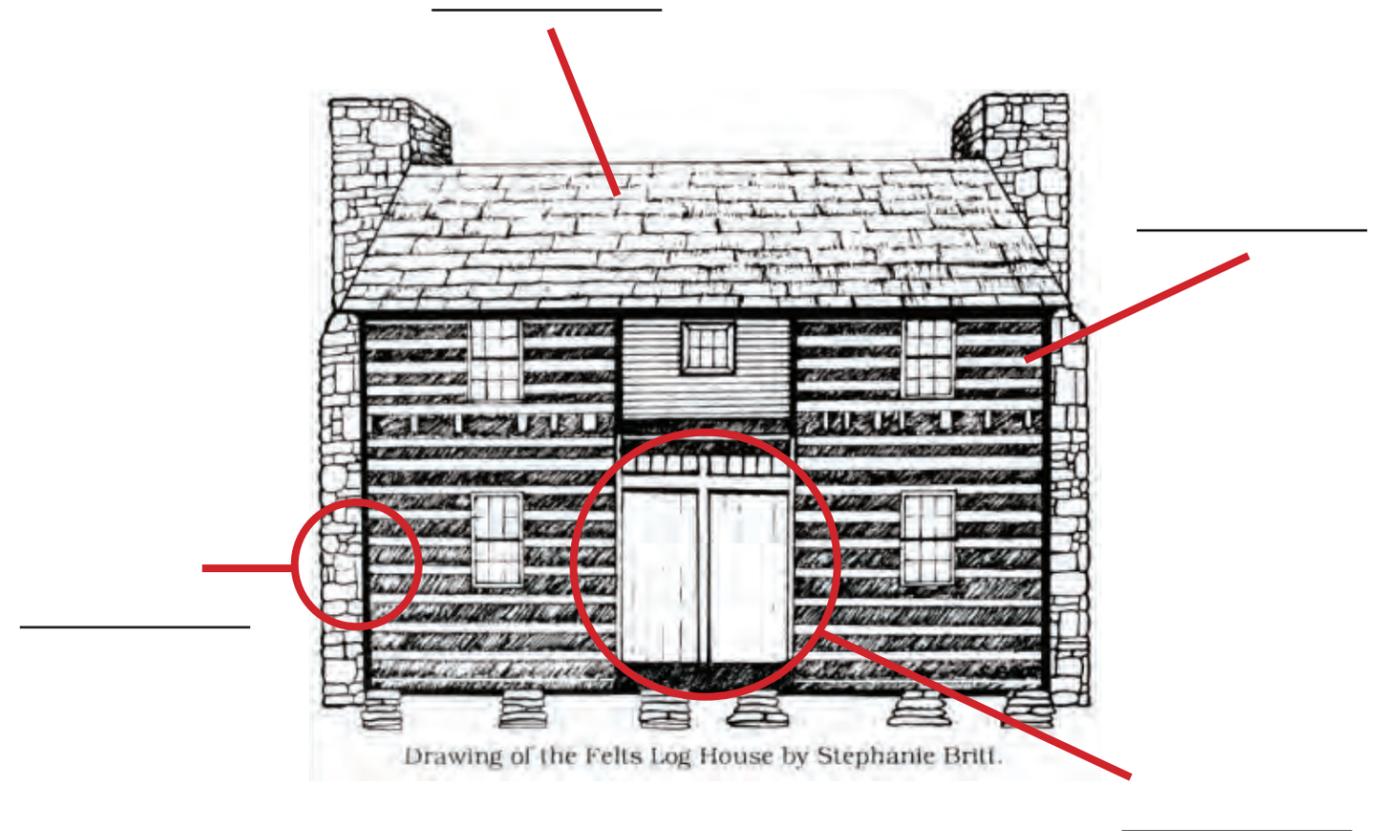
The 1815 Log House now graces the WKU campus as an example of Kentucky's history. The house is a representation of life in south-central Kentucky in the early 19th century, with reproduction tools, furnishings and clothing inside.



How was the Log House Constructed?

The log house was built around **1815** in Logan County, Kentucky. The house is built of **poplar, oak, and walnut trees**. It has **two stone chimneys** and a **dogtrot**, typical of the folk architecture of the region. The house was built by cutting wood pieces into fitted **V-notches**.

Match the vocabulary below to its location on the house



Vocabulary

Shakes: The roof was covered with handmade red oak shingles, or shakes. Each shake is about 5 by 24 inches and there are over 1000 on the roof!

V-notches: Notches are cuts made in the logs at the corners of the house to help hold the building together. V-notches are cut in the shape of a "V."

Hewn logs: The house's walls are built of oak, walnut, and poplar logs that were hewn with a broadaxe. Hewing flattens the parts of the logs that will show when the walls are finished.

Dogtrot: The breezeway that separates the two rooms, or pens, of the bottom floor.