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Andrews Log House

Cane creek, Rutherford County

The log house in which my grand-father, Dr Wm. P. Andrews was born in 1823 still stands today

A visit to the old home and a talk with ^{Norvell} J. E. Norvell, tenant, who lives there now (1939) reveals some of the history of the old home.

Mr Norvell's father occupied the home for many years and the stories of its history have been handed down from mouth to mouth.

Mr N. says that he has always been told that the house was built in Pre-Rev- days.

Samuel Andrews, progenitor of the Andrews family of Rutherford County arrived there before the Rev- coming from Penn- So this log house was probably built by Samuel.

Mr N. says the original house consisted of a large room 26 feet long and 24 feet wide (length of room today) The floor planks are of uneven widths, some 14 inches wide. Overhead are two wind beams

6 $\frac{1}{2}$ or 12 inches - These are hewed logs, dressed and planed by hand

A little ridge runs along these logs which Mr N. called carvison

The front door ^{by} which you enter

the large room is 3 by 6 feet
and is the original door -

When the house was built the
stairway to the loft was to the
right of the door as you enter
the large room - It is now to the left -

The huge fire place (8 feet wide)
was in the north end of the room -

It has been changed to the south -

An interesting part of the house
is the cellar, which you enter
from the outside. It is deep enough
for a tall man to stand comfortably
in and about one half the size of
the large room overhead - The walls

are of field stone, which form
the underpinning for the house.

Mr N. says his father replaced
a few of the stones and two large
logs on the front of the house.
You can see where the first chimney
went up from the cellar.

Canned fruits, potatoes etc are
kept in this cellar & never freeze
during extremely cold weather.

The Kitchen wing of the house, extra
rooms to the back & front porch
have been added from time to time.

The original house, large room
and loft and cellar remain
today as built ^{by Samuel Andrews} ~~approximately~~
more than 150 years ago

Lucy Andrews