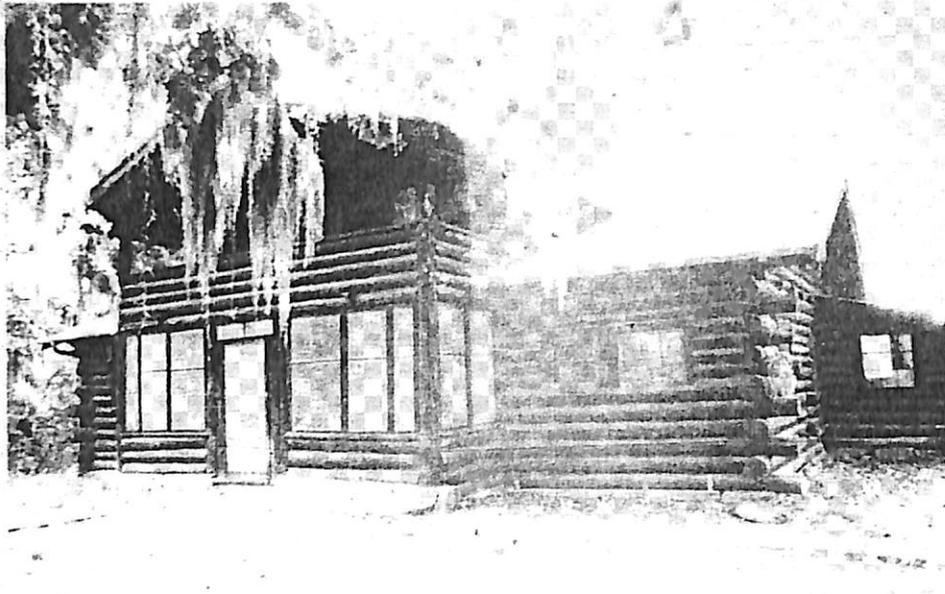


## **Architecture - Myrleville**

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## A Visit To Lindon Hill On Moore's Ferry Road Near Myrleville



LOG CABIN--nestled back among moss covered trees is this log cabin now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Passons.

Out of Moore's Ferry Road, not far from the crossroads called Myrleville back among the tall white moss draped oaks, stands a log cabin home. It is on the plantation called "Lindon Hill" and belonged to the late Mr. and Mrs. James F. Coombs of Illinois who spent many happy vacations there and retired there for 10 years before Mrs. Coombs passes on.

The cabin was built in 1932 by a Swiss called Gus with the help of the late Alfred Ahbe and Matt Woolfe, Mr. Coombs' son-in-laws, and some nearby neighbors. Gus designed the outside like a Swiss chalet and the floor plan of the cabin was designed by the Coombs; daughter Dorothy Ahbe. The cabin was built with 250 trees cut from the plantation and 25 small trees from Flandon Field which were used for the balcony rails.

The cabin has a roomy living room which is two stories high having a balcony across the entrance. The stairs leading to the balcony are split logs. The balcony extends out over the enclosed front porch. There is a two-story stone fireplace at the back of the living room with split logs on either side making benches. The fireplace stone came from a quarry near Flora. Off one side of the living room there is a roomy kitchen and a dinette. They are divided on each side by 3 low logs and a tree which acts as a post. The floors are wide cabin planking; the windows are all casements.

Nearby there is a large log garage and back in the woods near the creek another log building as a shelter for cattle. Back nestled among the trees in a quiet place is a small

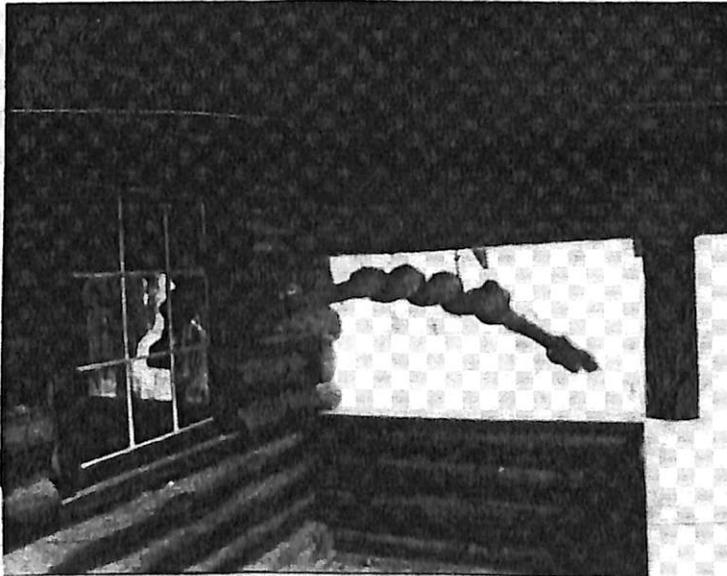
cemetery which we are told is the final resting place of the original owners.

"Lindon Hill" plantation was named after the Coombs' late son. It composes 524 acres; about 200 of thick woods. At one time Mr. Coombs had large pecan harvests from his fine pecan orchards but a sleet and ice storm killed most of the trees.

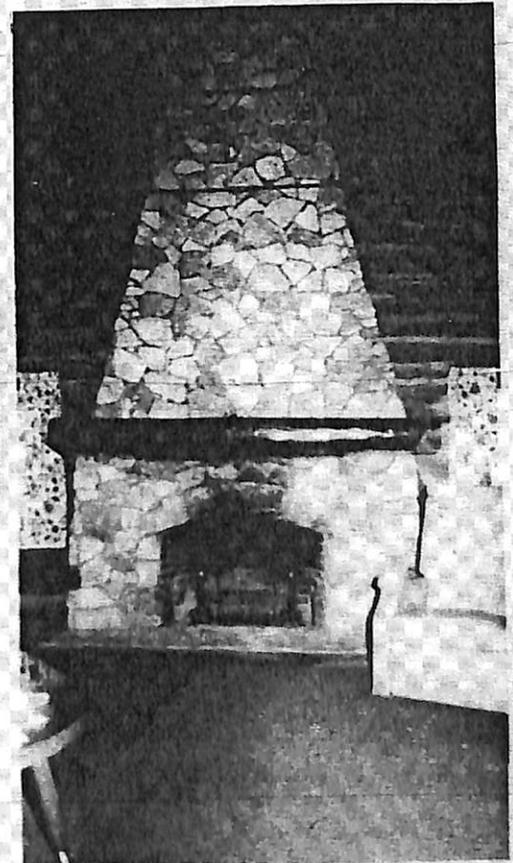
The plantation has been in the Coombs' family since 1915 and now belongs to a daughter, Dorothy Ahbe and a granddaughter, Magdalyn Woolfe. Mr. J. S. Vandevere of Benton and his sons are now in charge of Lindon Hill and a young couple live in the cabin.



LOG BALCONY--running the length of the main living area is this balcony which opens out to the outside balcony of this log cabin in the Myrleville area.



TWISTED TREE--this curled tree has been hung on the balcony because of its unusual twisted form. It was hanging there when the Passons moved in.



STONE FIREPLACE--running all the way to the roof this huge fireplace furnished the heat for the living area in this unique log cabin. A spot light enhances its beauty.

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Photo by Bryan Davis

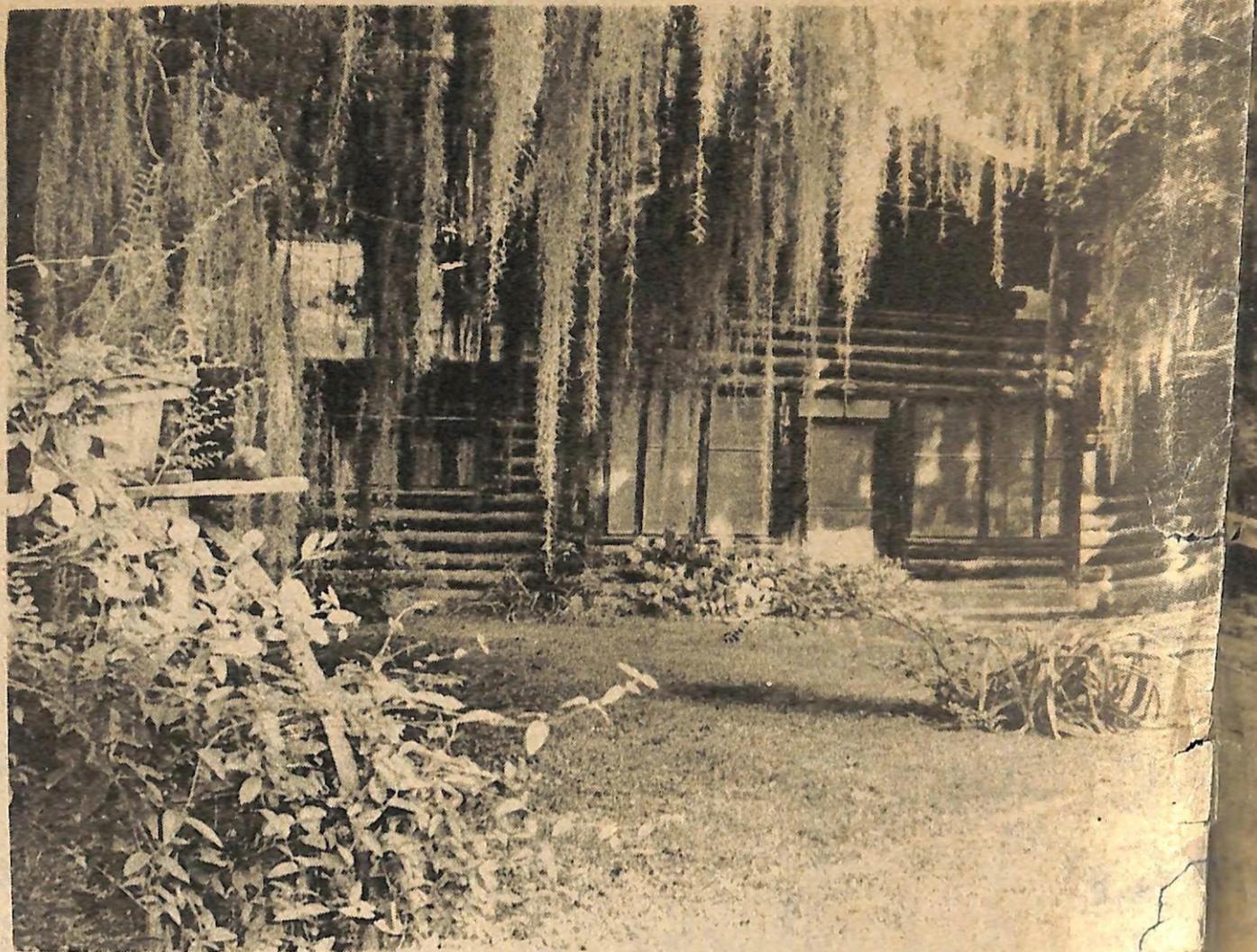
## ***Historic home relocated***

Workers with Malone Movers relocate a home in Benton believed to be one of the oldest homes in Yazoo County. The home was moved from its original location on Old Highway 16 near Berry's Quick Shop to Myrleville Road. The home will be restored by its new owners, Kirk and Pat Carver.

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LINDON HILL  
At the end of a moss-hung lane

# Lindon Hill: Swiss chalet in the Yazoo hills

(Written for the Yazoo Historical Society.)

By ROBERT BOWMAN

A log house built in the design of a Swiss chalet stands among the moss draped oak trees near Myrleville. This cabin belonged to the late Mr. and Mrs. James F. Coombs of Des Plaines, Ill. Mr. Coombs, known as Dr. Coombs by his neighbors, was a partner in the optical firm, Almer Coe & Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Coombs were both born and reared in the East—Mrs. Coombs in Camden, N.J. and Mr. Coombs in Lake Canandaigua, N.Y. After their marriage they moved to Riverton, N.J. where they lived two years before moving to Chicago. The Coombs had four children: two daughters, Ethel and Mari were born in the East; a daughter, Dorothea, and son, Lindon, were born in Chicago. From Chicago, they moved to Des Plaines, where Mr. Coombs was in the optical firm mentioned above.

In 1915, Mr. Coombs came to Yazoo County with a friend, Dr. Whitfield, who owned 100 acres of land here. Mr. Coombs liked the area very much and shortly thereafter purchased 100 acres and in later years acquired the present 525 acres known as "Lindon Hill" (named for their late son, Lindon) upon which the house was built.

In 1932 this cabin was built of 250 trees cut from the plantation and about 25 other small trees which were used for the balcony rails, creosoted by hand brushes. The total cost to build

was under four thousand dollars. A Swiss by the name of Gus, with the help of the late Alfred Ahbe and Matt Woolfe, sons-in-law of the Coombs, and some local laborers were the builders of this beautiful place.

There is a large living room which is two stories high with a balcony across the entrance and stairs made of split logs leading to it. The balcony extends out over the front porch. A two-story stone fireplace is at the back of the living room. On one side of the living room are two bedrooms and a bath and on the other side is a kitchen and dining area. There is also a log garage to match the cabin.

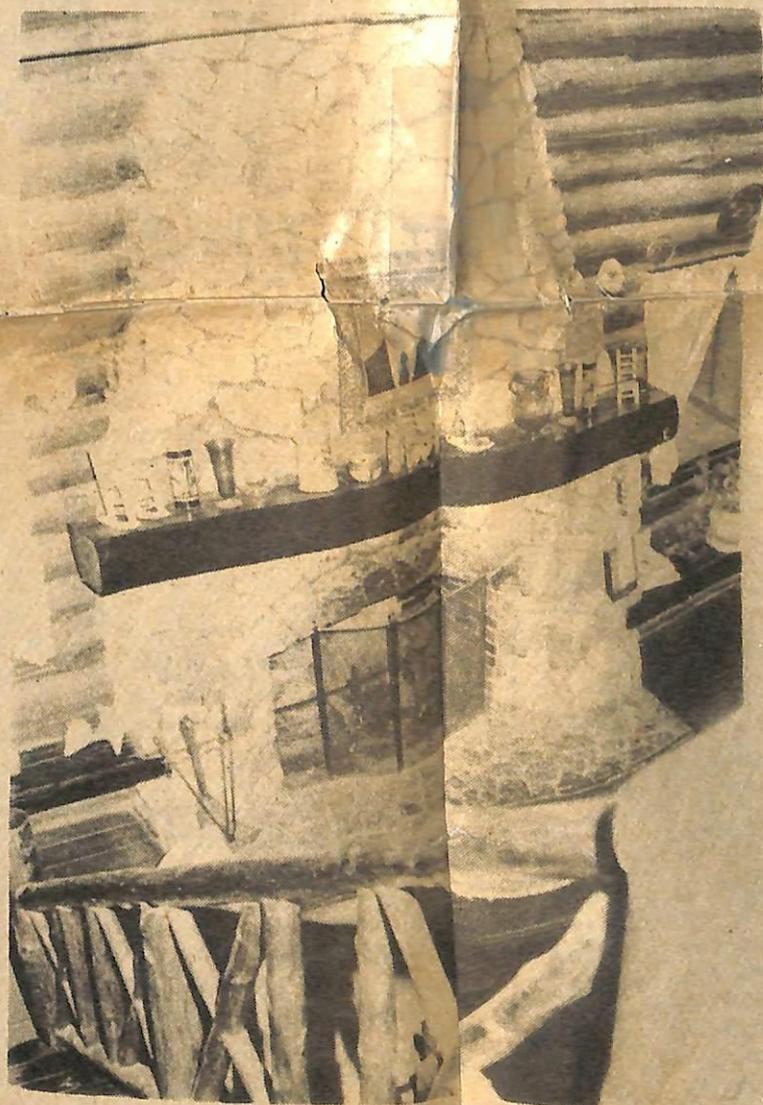
Mr. and Mrs. Coombs spent many springs and autumns in Yazoo City and in 1932 moved here permanently. They lived here 10 years, before Mrs. Coombs died. Years ago this plantation was noted for its large harvests of pecans which were planted by this family. A familiar sign at the entrance was the mailbox with a red white and blue painted "Uncle Sam" sign.

It is said that the little wild animals and birds became tame enough to come up and eat food out of Mr. Coombs' hands. Mr. Coombs returned to Des Plaines to live with his daughter, Dorothea when his wife passed away and he lived there until 1962, when he died at the age of 95.

The plantation is now owned by the Coombs' daughter, Dorothea Abbe, and a grand-

daughter, Magdalyn Miller, who is the daughter of Ethel Coombs Woolfe. Clarence Vandevere of

Clinton is in charge of Lindon Hill and it is now the home of the Bus family.



TWO-STORY FIREPLACE  
Dominates the main room of the cottage

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