

Lawrence County Historical Society

Oldest House Documentation Submission Form

SECTION 1: PROPERTY INFORMATION

- Property Name (if known):** _____
- Street Address:** _____
- City/Township:** _____
- Parcel Number (if known):** _____
- Current Owner(s):** _____
- Phone:** _____ **Email:** _____

SECTION 2: CONSTRUCTION DATE EVIDENCE

Estimated Year Built: _____

How was this date determined? (check all that apply)

- Deed records or land grants**
- Tax assessment records**
- Census records tied to the structure**
- Wills or estate inventories**
- Historic maps (Sanborn, plat maps)**
- Dendrochronology (tree-ring dating) – optional but excellent**
- Early photographs or drawings**

Newspaper mentions

Other: _____

Attach copies of all supporting documents.

SECTION 3: DESCRIPTIVE NARRATIVE (Required)

Attach a 1–3 page narrative addressing:

Original construction and materials

Known builders or early owners

Historical use of the house

Changes or additions over time

How the house retains historic integrity

Why you believe this house may be the oldest surviving example

SECTION 4: PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

Check all that apply:

Structure Type:

Log

Timber Frame

Stone

Brick

Frame

- Foundation type and materials**
- Framing method (log, timber frame, balloon frame)**
- Nail types (hand-wrought, cut, wire)**
- Saw marks (pit-sawn vs circular)**
- Original fireplaces, chimneys**
- Roof framing style**
- Other: _____**

Foundation:

- Stone**
- Brick**
- Concrete**
- Other: _____**

Roof Type:

- Gable**
- Hip**
- Gambrel**
- Other: _____**

SECTION 5: ALTERATIONS

- Have there been major changes? Yes No**

If yes, describe dates and extent of alterations:

SECTION 6: PHOTOGRAPH CHECKLIST (Required)

Attach labeled photographs of:

- Front elevation**
- Rear elevation**
- Side elevations**
- Interior rooms with original materials**
- Fireplace/chimney**
- Basement/attic/foundation**
- Attic/roof framing**

SECTION 7: PERMISSION & CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information provided is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

I grant permission for the Lawrence County Historical Society to review this property for historical documentation purposes.

I grant permission for the Lawrence County Historical Society to use submitted photos for historical documentation, educational, and promotional purposes.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

SECTION 8: SUBMISSION FEE

Submission Fee: \$ _____

Fee Waiver Requested