

# **CUSTOMIZATION: EARLY LOG & FRONTIER-ERA HOUSES**

*(Critical for Western PA)*

## **Special Evaluation Criteria for Log Houses (Pre-1830)**

Log houses are **especially significant** in Lawrence County and require tailored evaluation.

### **Key Features to Document**

- Hand-hewn logs
- V-notching, saddle notching, or dovetail notching
- Chinking materials
- Stone or earthfast foundations
- Exposed ceiling joists
- Large central chimneys
- Single-pen or double-pen layouts

### **Integrity Considerations**

- Later siding does NOT automatically disqualify a log house
- Interior exposure of logs strengthens eligibility
- The original footprint is more important than later porches or wings

### **Frontier-Era Recognition Category**

*“Frontier-Era Log House (Pre-1810)”*

Recommended Recognition:

- Special plaque or marker
- Featured article or public program
- Priority consideration for the oldest house designation