

Carter Log Cabin (1968)

Marker #: 9867

Marker Text:

(Originally located 3 miles east of Kirvin)

Typical of pioneer dwellings in early Texas, this house was built in 1845 by David L. Carter, from Alabama. He later served in the Confederate Army and helped start Woodland Boys' College.

The tongue-and-groove logs were joined with wooden pins. Square nails were used on the rafters. Materials for floor and ceiling were hauled 70 miles by ox-wagon from near Rusk. A huge fireplace stood in each room-- two downstairs, one upstairs.

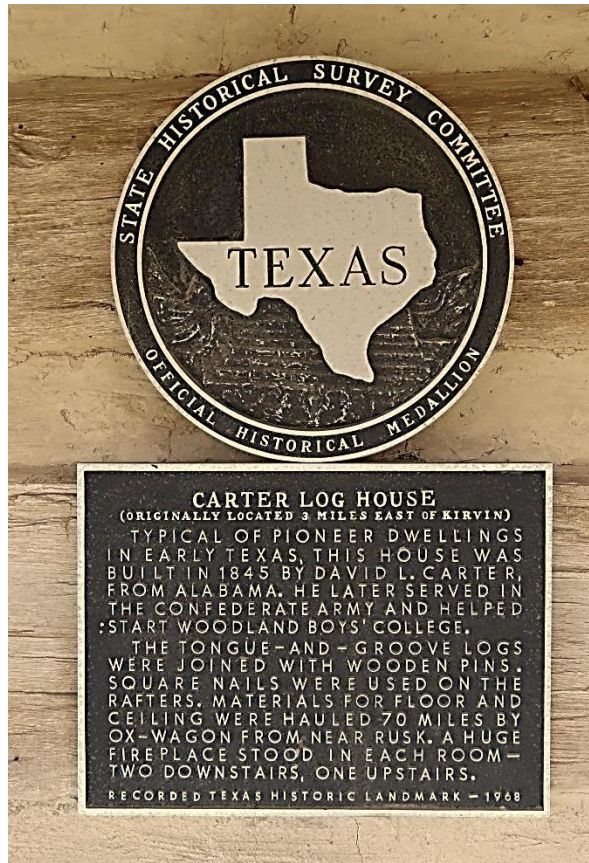
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Note: A newspaper article from 1940 states that the cabin was built in 1852. For more information on the Carter family, please visit the Freestone County Historical Museum. See also the book, *Freestone County Historical Museum: 50 Years and Beyond*.

Directions: From the courthouse in Fairfield, heading East on Hwy 84/ Commerce Street, turn left onto Hall Street just before the Post Office. Go one block and the Carter Cabin sits on the corner of Hall and Main Streets. The cabin is part of the Freestone County Historical Museum complex. There are 3 other historical markers located on the museum complex.

Address: 302 E. Main Street, Fairfield, TX 75840

GPS: 31° 43.586' N, 96° 9.476' W



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