# Burdine log house saved

Staff Reports

DACUSVILLE — On a winter day in early March, members of the Pickens County Historical Society braved the cold and flexed their elbows to ensure that the oldest structure in the eastern section of Pickens County will be enjoyed by future generations.

The structure is a two-story log cabin known as the Burdine Lodge. Although its exact age is unknown, it was already standing on land purchased by Samuel Burdine in 1796.

Over the past two centuries the house has served as a school, a church, a trading post and an inn.

Through the efforts of the Pickens County Historical Society, owner Nell Davis Patton donated the building to ensure its preservation. The Historical Society tagged and photographed each structural element and executed an engineer's drawing prior to its deconstruction. In conjunction with the Pickens County Cultural Commission the house was carefully deconstructed and removed to a facility where the wood will be properly fumigated and prepped for reconstruction.



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**The Burdine Lodge** is the oldest structure in eastern Pickens County.