



Harrison County Historically Speaking

Magnolia, Iowa



WHY PRESERVE THIS BIT OF HISTORY?

This panel "Tells the Tale" of an era gone by... part of Harrison County's treasured past. By appreciating the importance of the past, we can continue working in the present to ensure future generations will respect and preserve the enduring history that is represented here. By working to connect our past with the present, the structures on this panel have been identified as being historically significant by Harrison County Tourism as part of ongoing efforts to preserve local history. It is 1 of 10 in a series of panels throughout Harrison County.

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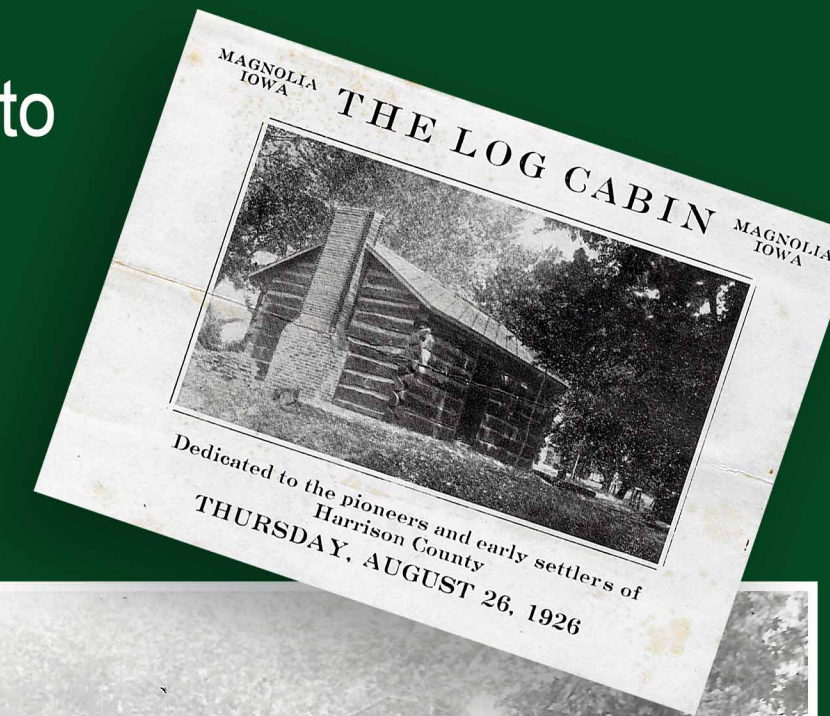
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MAGNOLIA'S LOG CABIN

The log cabin in Magnolia's town park was erected in 1926 as a lasting memorial to the pioneers and early settlers of the area. The logs were gathered from Harrison County pioneer families and others in and around Magnolia and a log rolling and measuring day was held for preparatory work for the cabin in July 1926. The bricks used in the fireplace and the west side cabin door were taken from the Old Magnolia High School building. The cabin contains many items of local history and are representative of the time period in which the area was settled.

Many residents gave of their time, talent, funding, and resources to make the cabin a reality. The cabin and its contents remind us of and help us honor the pioneers who settled in Harrison County.



TOWN PUMP

Magnolia's town pump has been a mainstay and important part of the community's history since 1907. The well was dug to serve as the primary water supply for the community. The location in the center of town served local merchants and citizens of Magnolia well. Farmers who came to town to buy and sell goods could water their horses and could use the pump.



Over time it has also been used as a local fixture for giving directions by using the pump as a starting point of reference. After city water was introduced to Magnolia, the town pump lost much of its usefulness, but remains an iconic part of Harrison County's past, paying tribute to the history of the area and to the importance of water for settlement and growth.