

The Spragens Cabin



The Spragens Cabin was originally built by James L. Spragens in about 1809 on Big South Rolling Fork in northern Casey County. That was the year in which he first married Susannah Nash, who promptly died, and then Rosana “Rosey” Pennell. The cabin stayed in the Spragens family (Vivian Foster’s mother’s family) for about 100 years, and then passed to the Cochran family (Vivian Foster’s father’s family) for another 100 years before being purchased and moved by Jerry Foster and Vivian Foster to its present site adjoining Liberty. Incorporated into the reconstruction are items of antebellum woodwork from the Murphy family (Jerry Foster’s mother’s family) farm now owned by Jerry and Vivian.

For some of the history of the cabin and its residents, see [“Civil War Hangings”](#) by David W. Owens (2006).

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