

# LOG HOMES:

## The Shelter Against The Storm

The structural integrity of the log homes built by early settlers has been immensely strengthened by contemporary engineering and technology. Using advanced milling and joinery techniques—combined with computer-aided architecture—ALSI's family of log homes are built to withstand the ravages of weather, time, pests—and even occasional “acts of God.”

It was in early April, 1991 when a series of tornados swept through West Virginia, leaving a tragic swath of devastation in its path. At 848 Bridge Road in Charleston, West Virginia on the night of April 9, Glenna Neely was talking on the telephone and her husband was watching television while the tempest raged outside.

A huge 52" diameter black oak tree blew down with tremendous impact against the roof, followed by a big poplar and a second oak.

“Then all of a sudden I saw the tree fall. I was so scared I hit the floor. Then my husband hit the floor. If it hadn't been a log home, it would have squashed us flat,” Mrs. Neely told *The Charleston Gazette*. “I'm just happy we weren't hurt.”

While the fallen trees had knocked holes in the roof, cracked a ridge beam and emptied shelves in the bathroom, the rest of the home and furnishings—even the family china—were not damaged. The ALSI home had withstood a major impact and was easily repaired—a testimony to superior engineering and the structural integrity of ALSI's timber frame roof design.

“A conventional wood frame structure probably would have collapsed like a cardboard box,” notes ALSI vice president of sales, Gary Jarrell.

According to *Muir's Original Log Home Guide For Builders & Buyers* 1992 Winter Annual, “Properly designed and built, log residences are unquestionably one of the strongest and safest forms of housing available today. They have survived earthquake, fire and flood while other conventionally built homes around them have been devastated.”



Before



During



After

## There's No Place Like A Log Home

Your home is a shelter, a refuge, a castle. It's where you get away from it all or get into it all. Home is where the days and nights magically become years.

The experiences of life and growth revolve around the home. Many of the significant moments in family life are celebrated or experienced here. The old maxims “home is where the heart is” and “there's no place like home” hold true. Life's meaning and value is interwoven into the character and texture of *home*.

“There's no place like a log home,” says ALSI president and founder Fletcher Parsons. “A premium log home is warm and safe . . . where you can weather the storms . . . where you can feel safe and secure about your loved ones and yourself . . . where you don't have to worry.”

Appalachian Log Structures offers you a special opportunity to select a living environment with the charisma and charm to last a lifetime. Our guiding mission is that the growing years for you and your family are as memorable and meaningful as possible.