

# ***SWISS CHALET***

## **CONSTRUCTION HISTORY**

**WRITTEN BY PAUL BAUD, OWNER**

Built between 1966 and 1968.

The stones for the fireplaces and around the Chalet came from Salt Sulphur Spring. They were allegedly cut by slave labor for the construction of an Inn that could not be restored. A photograph of this Inn is available.

The interior of the entire chalet is constructed with wormy chestnut. I, personally, harvested the dead trees, all in Greenbrier County; transported them to John Justice Saw Mill in White Sulphur Springs to be milled, mostly one inch; then to Neathawk in Lewisburg to be planed, in Tongue and Groove, ready to be nailed to the wall. The Master Bedroom is covered with oak wormy board that Neathawk had in dormant stock. They sold to me at a bargain price.

The Beams, mostly 11' by 15', mostly oak and chestnut, came as long as 25 feet. They came from an old barn in Wolf Creek, WV. They were transported on my property and with an old 2 handle draw knife planed of the gray of weather to bring back their true original color, then sprayed against bugs but free of termite.

The one pair of Andirons in the lower fireplace came from the President cottage at The Greenbrier. They were acquired by Russel Butts, formerly Head Painter at The Greenbrier. The Andirons were so big, he could not use them so I was able to acquire them. From a historical fact, we can presume that General Lee warmed his feet near them having been a guest in the President's Cottage.

The Front Door was made to look antique with two huge hinges forged by Mr. Ed Ott of Fairlea and decorated with Nails. Door from Mexico.