

Log Cabins

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Log Cabin Near Darby, Pennsylvania
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"When Seeger had cleared two acres, he went to the New York Public Library, on Forty-second Street, and looked up "log cabin."
—Wilkinson, Alec. "The Protest Singer." **New Yorker** v.82, no. 9 (April 17, 2006): p44.

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