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Footers pass inspection at house that has moved



This is a bird's eye view of the home as it was seen on Friday (Aug. 4)

Story and Photos

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LEVY COUNTY -- A house that was rolling down U.S. Alt. 27 from Bronson to the Levyville area on Tuesday (Aug. 1) has landed, and footers were being dug Friday morning (Aug. 4) as the process to have it placed in its new location continued.

Danny and Donna Shipp own the home, which has a history that now makes this the third move since Donna Shipp's uncle Linus Sache built it in the Chiefland area in 1958, she said.



Below are photos of the house that is now in what promises to be its final location.

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Danny Shipp is the Levy County Clerk.

Donna Shipp said a friend of hers told her that her house had become famous by going down the highway and being shown on *HardisonInk.com*.

This house is completely original, although there are some improvements and changes have been made during the past 50 years, she said.

It was first in Chiefland where her uncle lived in it. After he built a brick house, Linus Satche gave this house to his sister Muzeta (Sache) Wilkerson, who moved it from her brother's property over to her own property.

After the death of her mother, Donna Shipp became the owner of the house. She and Danny Shipp chose to move it to Bronson in March of 1990, she said.

The road that it used to be on in Bronson, she said, was relatively busy. Both she and Danny prefer living a more rural area. When they found property in the Levyville part of Levy County, they decided to move the house.

"I love my old house," Donna Shipp said.

When they moved it in 1990, the structure was brought up to current building codes. Back before then, it used to have a fuse box with screw in fuses. The wiring was not as good as it is now either. Older houses like this one, she said, also had more small rooms.

They took out some walls to make bigger rooms. The pine floor is tongue-and-groove. In this next phase of remodeling, however, she said she is planning to cover those boards with vinyl that looks like wood.

The new location, she said, is perfect. She is seeing a dream come true - to have this house in the country, and to continue living in it and remodeling it.

Ronnie Hunt of Cross City is the man in charge of the moving company that transported the house and is making it sound at its new location. Hunt is the son of the late P.K. Hunt, who was a house mover too. Back when the house was moved from Chiefland to Bronson in 1990, Ronnie Hunt was part of the working crew to complete that job.

On Friday, the building inspector said the footers passed the inspection. And so progress continues on the house becoming settled into its new location.

House Rolls On U.S. Alt. 27



A house that was so wide that it took up both lanes of U.S. Alt. 27 near the Melba Tillis Farm as it moved down the road on Tuesday morning (Aug. 1) is seen with an escort of Levy County Sheriff's

Office vehicles in front and behind it.

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