

## Wiggins - Brandon Wiggins and Shaniqua Leonard

Cabin fever results in fiancé

Wichita Falls man travels to 166-year-old family cabin to pop the question

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A trip to learn about family roots dating back almost 170 years resulted in plans for a future family for Wichita Falls resident Brandon Wiggins.

With his girlfriend, Shaniqua Leonard, at his side, the two ventured to Wise County to see the historic cabin built by Sam Woody, Wiggins' "fifth great grandpa."

Woody, a pioneer from Tennessee who was one of the first to set up shop in Wise County, built the cabin in 1854 near Deep Creek, according to the Wise County Historical Society.

The cabin proudly stood intact where it was built northeast of Boyd until 2006. Now, the Texas Historical Landmark is currently featured at the Wise County Heritage Museum in Decatur.

Once arriving to Decatur, under the shade of the historic logs that saw natives come to trade, and welcomed frontier travelers throughout the 1800s, cabin fever truly set in for Wiggins.

"I just felt it was the right time to do it," Wiggins said.

As Wiggins acquainted himself with his roots, the 26-year-old dropped to one knee.



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“As you can tell, [Woody Cabin] was built to last, and it withstood the test of time,” Wiggins said. “I figured what better place to start building something than in something that has been built and shown to last like the cabin.”

Leonard said “yes,” much to Wiggins’ relief. The cabin connected him to his past and helped secure his future.

The trip was initially billed as part of Wiggins’ birthday celebration. With Leonard’s “yes,” Wiggins said his birthday wish came true.

“I got the birthday present I wanted,” Wiggins said.

The couple has known each other for eight years, Wiggins said. The two first crossed paths playing varsity basketball in Wichita Falls, and they’ve been close ever since.

And now, much like Sam Woody, when he saw the opportunity to build something that could last, Wiggins followed suit, putting a ring on a relationship he hopes will stand the test of time.