

Pratt Smokehouse
(Delaware Agricultural Museum, Pratt Smokehouse)
Delaware Agricultural Museum
Route 13
Dover
Kent County
Delaware

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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Historic American Buildings Survey
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, DC 20013-7127

ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Delaware	COUNTY Kent	TOWN OR VICINITY Dover
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Pratt Smokehouse -- name of last owner before acquired by museum		HABS NO. DE-245-A
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Delaware Agricultural Museum, Pratt Smokehouse		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Delaware Agricultural Museum, Route 13 (west side)		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) mid Nineteenth-century -- construction	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Example of a typical small frame structure common to this area surviving in excellent condition. Originally built as a smokehouse (or meathouse), it was later used for skinning muskrats (oral history) and shows alterations for that use.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) braced frame on brick footings (replaced) with vertical board siding and shingle roof		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) see measured drawings		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE board siding matched to accomodate irregular board widths, twisted wrought iron door hook at west corner, second roof added over first (only shingle lath remains), window cut in southeast elevation and later filled using same boards.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) rafter joints show reuse of timbers in the roof's construction, board floor, rows of nails set into collar beams with several large wrought hooks		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES building moved to present sight (from Kenton, Delaware) in 1982, Front door and over-door lintel replaced. Window cut through siding (southeast elevation) and later filled in, new brick feet.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE good; roof in need of repair. currently used in outdoor display of agricultural building types.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Files of Delaware Agricultural Museum		
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