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Location: Ralph Richterkessing Farm, 4600 I-70 North Service Road, St. Peters, St. Charles County, Missouri.

Significance: The smokehouse is one of several outbuildings that contributes to the agrarian setting and purpose of the Ralph Richterkessing farmstead.

Description: Located roughly 5' directly east of the house is an outbuilding that originally served as a smokehouse but was most recently a storage shed. The walls on the earliest section are rough stone on a stone foundation. This structure was enlarged by a narrow, vertical-board addition that covers the stone structure's south and east walls. The foundation under the addition is concrete. The outbuilding has a gabled roof covered with rolled and shingle asphalt. The main door into the building is a vertical board door on the addition's west side. Another door is located on the north side. The east facade contains a paired window bay that includes one six-over-six double-hung window and a six-light fixed-sash window. Another fixed-sash window is located on the north facade. There are no chimneys but under the roofline on the stone section are small vent openings. There appears to have been only one door opening in the original stone smokehouse and it is visible on its south side in the frame addition's interior.

History: This ancillary structure was constructed by the Richterkessings during the early twentieth century. The smokehouse was a typical component on a farm used for curing meat. It was later converted into a storage shed.

Sources: Previous fieldwork by David Crampton, Archaeologist, Missouri Highway Transportation Department; Site visits by Prawl and Sone.

Historians: Stacy Sone and Toni Prawl, Architectural Historians, Missouri Highway and Transportation Department.