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Route 311
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Location: Route 311, Patterson, Putnam County, New York

Significance: As a domestic outbuilding, this structure contributes to the character of the Hayt Farmstead, its exterior cladding similar to that of the Hayt Mansion.

Description: This building is a one-room front-gable structure of nailed, braced frame construction. The corner posts are hewn, while other structural members are variously sawed or simply peeled of bark. The exterior is clad with narrow horizontal matchboarding on the main (east) elevation, and with slightly wider matchboarding on side and rear elevations, in all cases simply nailed directly to the structural members; the interior surfaces are unfinished. The structure is raised slightly above grade on a deep stone foundation which is entered through a trap door in the center of the plank floor. The entrance, in the east wall, is framed with a plain architrave, the top of which has a slight pitch suggesting a pediment. The roof is covered with composition shingle, and has narrow molded fascia boards at the gable ends.

History: This structure appears to have been used for cool storage, as suggested by the stone cellar accessed through the trap door. It may have been the "ice house" which Ezra Hayt claimed to have constructed on the estate, and thus would date to sometime between 1875 and 1894.

Sources: See Narrative Overview.

Architectural Historian: M.H. Bowers, Louis Berger & Associates, Inc., February 1989.

