

Hause Smokehouse
North side of State Route 401 (Conestoga Pike),
at junction with Mansion Road
Marsh (East Nantmeal Township)
Chester County
Pennsylvania

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HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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HAUSE SMOKEHOUSE

Location: Junction of State Route #401 and County Road #15195, East Nantmeal Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania (Reference: Map of Chester County [by County Commissioners] 1956).

Present Owner: John O. Platt, Jr., 11 South High Street, West Chester, Pa.

Brief Statement of Significance: This structure, erected c. 1815, represents a typical early 19th century log smokehouse.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History

1. Original and subsequent owners: Barbara Winings 1813 to John Jones; his exec. 1818 to Jacob Hause; he by will 1862 to son Jesse Hause; he by will 1894 to son Harry H. Hause; he by will 1952 to son Francis A. Hause; he by will to widow Frances K. Hause; and she by deed 1958 to John O. Platt, Jr.
2. Date of erection: c. 1815 - mentioned in 1817 sale notice.
3. Architect, builder, suppliers etc.: Unknown.
4. Original plans, construction etc.: None known; little changed, except the roof.
5. Notes on alterations and additions: Little changed; roof now asbestos.
6. Important old views and references:
Views: None known.
References: Clipping and manuscript files in Chester County Historical Society under heading: E. Nantmeal Twp. Lands. Also deeds and wills in Court House, West Chester, Pa.

B. Likely Sources Not Yet Investigated: None known.

C. Supplemental Material

1. "Chester and Delaware Federalist", West Chester, Pa., 10-29-1817:

PUBLIC NOTICE.

"Pursuant to the last will and testament of John Jones, late of East Nantmeal township, Chester county, deceased, will be exposed to public sale on the premises, on Thursday the 18th day of November next, the Plantation on which the said deceased lived, situate in the township aforesaid, (being part of old Reading forge tract) adjoining lands of Thomas Bull, Jacob Shrisman and others, Containing about one hundred and forty acres, the

improvements are a spacious new store, dwelling house well finished, a large and convenient stone barn, with a stable under the same, smoke house, spring house, and hog house, all of stone and in good order. One log tenement, a thriving young orchard, there are on the premises about forty acres well covered with excellent timber, and a proportion of meadow, the remainder arable -- of a strong soil, divided into fields, with post and rail fences, nearly all well watered.

"Also -- One other tract adjoining the above, containing about fifty acres. The improvements are a good stone House and Barn, stone store house, in a handsome situation for business on the little Conestogo turnpike -- there are on the premises twenty acres of timber, and a proportion of meadow -- the remainder arable -- of a good quality, divided into small fields with good fences. The above tracts will be sold separated or in one, so as to suit purchasers. For further particulars enquire of the executors living on the premises.

Jona. Jones,
Geo. W. Jones
Executors.
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October 15.

2. "Daily Local News", West Chester, Pa. - April 3, 1879:

"Enlarging his store. - Jesse Hause, Esq., of the Marsh, this county, is preparing to enlarge his store at that place. He will add about sixteen feet to its length, and fit it up otherwise in good style."

Prepared by Bart Anderson - May 1959
Curator, Chester County Historical Society

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement

1. Architectural Character: Structure has been little changed, except that the roof is now asbestos.
2. Condition of Fabric: Good.

B. Technical Description of Exterior

1. Overall dimensions: One story; 9'3" by 11'9".
2. Foundations: Stone.
3. Wall construction: Log.
4. Chimneys: Stone.

a. Doorways and doors: One door to south.

b. Windows and shutters: None.

6. Roof

a. Shape, covering: Low pitch gable roof with asbestos shingles.

b. Cornice, eaves: Original.

c. Dormers: None.

C. Technical Description of Interiors

1. Floor Plan: One room.

2. Stairways: None.

3. Flooring: Earth.

4. Wall and ceiling finish: Rough.

5. Doorways and doors: One south door.

6. Trim: None.

7. Hardware: Original.

8. Lighting: None.

9. Heating: One fireplace.

D. Site

1. General setting and orientation: Structure faces south, and is some yards east of the house on the lawn.

2. Enclosures: None.

3. Outbuildings: Other modern out buildings near.

4. Walks, driveways etc.: None.

5. Landscaping, gardens etc.: Well planted lawn.