

Kiel Farmstead, Summer Kitchen and Smokehouse
East Side, Illinois Route 4
One-half Mile South of U. S. 64
Vicinity of Shiloh Valley
St. Clair County
Illinois

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A. General Statement:

1. History: The combination summer kitchen and smoke house was constructed during the early twentieth century, ca. 1905-20. This building, which probably is contemporary with the adjacent privy, was constructed during a period of agricultural economic prosperity when many rural properties were modernized.
2. Architectural Character: The combination summer kitchen and smoke house is located approximately 20' east of the adjacent house, connected to the rear door of the house by a concrete sidewalk. The building, with its concrete pier foundations and plank siding is typical of early twentieth century construction.
3. Condition of Fabric: The building is in fair condition.

B. Description of Exterior:

1. Overall Dimensions: The summer kitchen and smoke house measures 16'-0"x16'-0".
2. Foundations: The original foundation consists of 6" concrete piers. At some later date, the area between the concrete piers was infilled with a perimeter concrete foundation.
3. Walls: The walls of the summer kitchen and smokehouse are typically 4-1/2" in thickness and are sided with 1"x6" yellow pine (?) planks placed vertically on the exterior surface. No battens are present.
4. Structural System, Framing: The summer kitchen and smokehouse is constructed with circular sawn, dimensional 2"x4" oak stock using wire-drawn nails.
5. Chimneys: A brick chimney is located along the north wall of the building and is associated with a cast iron cooking stove.
6. Openings: The summer kitchen and smoke house is entered from the building's south wall through a door that is 2'9" wide. Sliding, single sash windows each with six lights are located in the east,

north and south walls.

7. Roof: The roof of the summer kitchen and smoke house is gabled and is covered with composite asphalt shingles over sawn wood shingles.

C. Description of Interior: The summer kitchen and smoke house contains two rooms separated by a simple plank wall. Both rooms have exposed frame walls on the interior surface. The largest room, which contains a chimney and cast iron cooking stove, has a concrete floor and measures 10'-7"x15'-3". This room apparently functioned as both a summer kitchen, wash room and multi-purpose work room. By the middle twentieth century, this room functioned as a storage room and workshop. The smaller of the two rooms in this building measures 4'-3"x15'-3" and has a dirt floor. Over the south two-thirds of this room are located poles used to hang meats for smoking. The interior wall surface in this portion of the building has been covered heavily with black soot indicative of a smoke house. The north one-third of this room does not have the overhead hangers and apparently functioned as a storage area.

D. Site:

1. General Setting and Orientation: The combination summer kitchen and smoke house is located approximately 20' east of the Kiel house. Prior to its recent destruction, the small frame barn was located immediately to the north of this building. The privy is situated immediately to the south.

2. Historic Landscape Design:

No information is available.

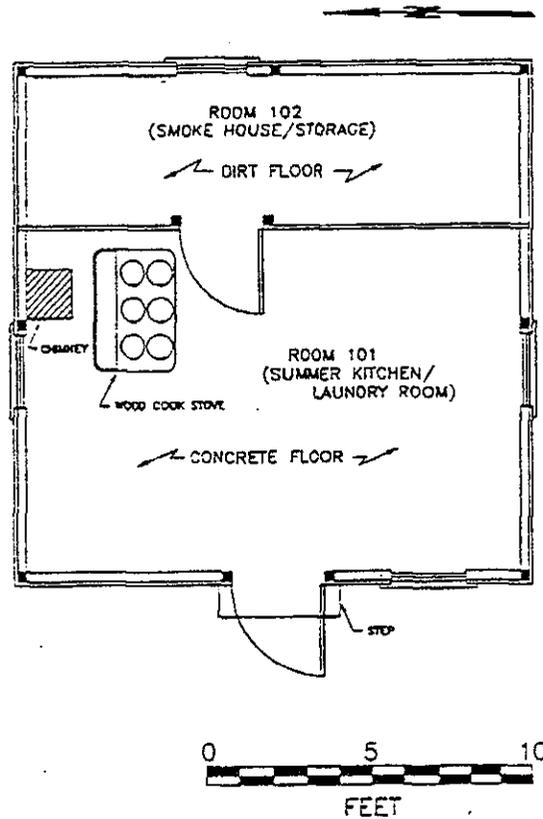


Figure 1. Floor plan of combination smoke house and summer kitchen at the Kiel Farmstead, 1993. Drawn by F. Mansberger.

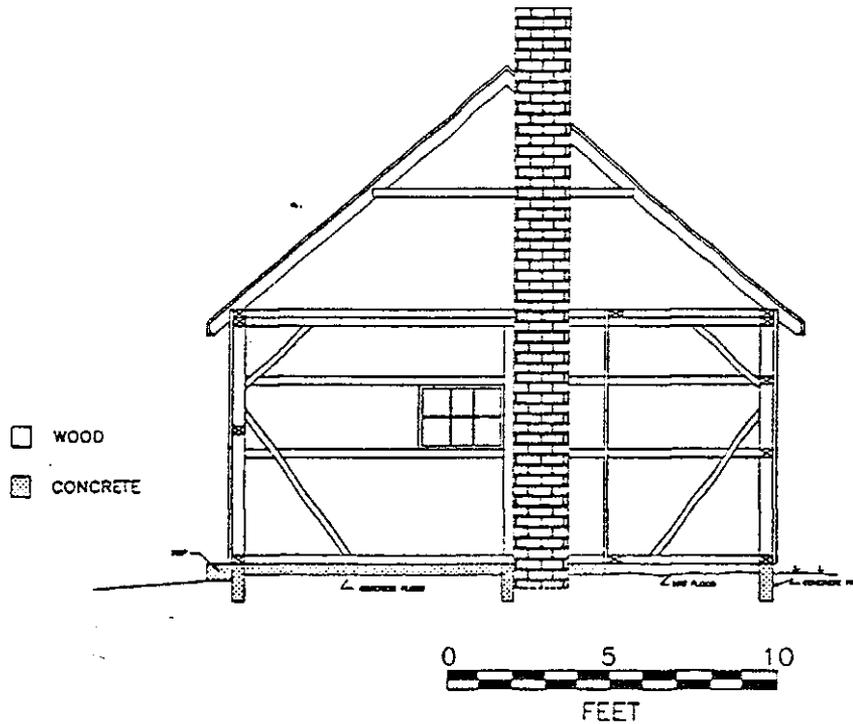


Figure 2. Sectional view of combination smoke house and summer kitchen at the Kiel Farmstead, 1993. Drawn by F. Mansberger.