

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

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

Description: About 80' north of the Ralph Richterkessing house is a 25' x 25' garage that was originally a chicken house. The structure has a concrete block foundation, vertical board siding, and a corrugated metal roof. The clipped gable roof has a cupola situated approximately in the center at the ridge. A shed wing extends across the south side. The garage opening is located on the east facade where there is a door that opens vertically. The south side contains a group of four six-paned windows. The only opening on the west side is a vent that has been covered. The north facade has no openings.

History: This ancillary structure, like others at the site, was constructed by the Richterkessing family. Built during the early twentieth century in response to typical farm operation requirements, it was first used for housing chickens and was later converted into a garage.

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.