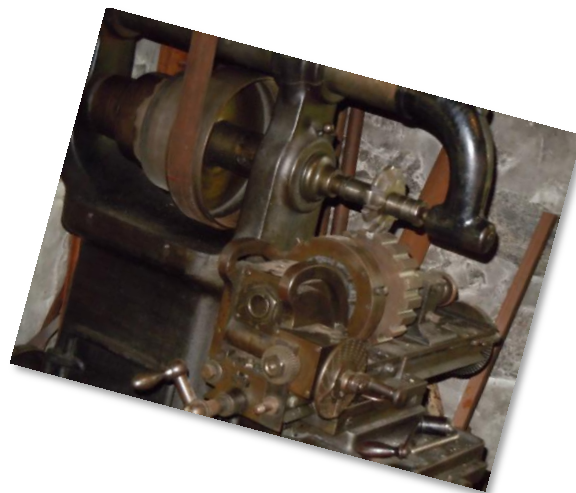




HAGLEY MUSEUM WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

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Located on the banks of the Delaware River, Hagley is the site of the gunpowder works founded by E.I. du Pont in 1802. This example of early American industry features indoor and outdoor exhibits , including restored mills, a workers' community, and the ancestral home and garden of the du Pont family. As you enter there is a three story museum with many exhibits related to the manufacture of gunpowder and to life in the early 1800's.

Among the attractions are Eleutherian Mills- the first du Pont family home in America. It was named for its owner Eleuthere Irene du Pont, who purchased the property in 1802 to build a gunpowder manufactory. The home includes furnishings and decorative arts of the family. Also there is a restored French garden, the First Office, Lammot du Pont's workshop (known as the first chemist), the barn with wagons, carriages and antique cars. Also there is the cooper shop. This is accessible only by guided tour.

Another is Workers' Hill consisting of the Gibbons' House reflecting the life of the powder yard foreman and his family. The Brandywine Manufacturers' Sunday School, and the Belin House where the company bookkeepers lived. Several of the buildings have costumed interpreters.

The Powder Yard has various exhibits illustrating the making of gunpowder and demonstrations of the process. Also there is the Millwright Shop and the Birkenhead Mills. Several areas have costumed guides.











 **THE POWDER YARD**

This site was once part of the largest manufactory of gunpowder in the United States. The DuPont Company built this second powder yard on the Hagley property, purchased in 1813, when the original 1803 mills operating upstream could no longer meet the increasing demand for gunpowder. The operation was expanded again in 1837. That location, downstream and on the opposite side of the Brandywine, evolved in to the DuPont Experimental Station, the research center where such products as nylon, Tyvek, Kevlar, Corian, and Nomex were created.

Today, some mills have been restored to adapt for exhibits and museum. The site is maintained by dioramas.















