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Founded in 1962, the non-profit Lewes Historical Society advocates and promotes the preservation, interpretation and cultural enrichment of the region, Sussex County and the State of Delaware.

Guided by this mission, the Society accomplishes its objectives through museum exhibitions, educational programs, advocacy, and historic research and publishing. LHS maintains twelve historic buildings on its Shipcarpenter Street campus. Additionally, the Society owns and shares the Ryves Holt House, c. 1665, a First State National Historical Park property. These historic buildings host multiple series of programs and events throughout the year, attracting thousands of visitors.

The Ryves Holt House is the oldest surviving house on its original foundation in the State of Delaware, and the 17th oldest in the United States. The house, located at 218 Second Street in Lewes served as one of the region's earliest inns. This historic structure is in dire need of extensive repairs and restoration. It's showing significant signs of interior and exterior deterioration – along with serious structural decline. Action must be taken to restore and save this house for the benefit of generations to come.

LHS has received a grant from a Delaware foundation to be used towards saving the Ryves Holt House. In order to receive these funds, the Society must raise enough money to match the donation, dollar for dollar. Please join us in saving a piece of Delaware's history! Your gift is 100% deductible.