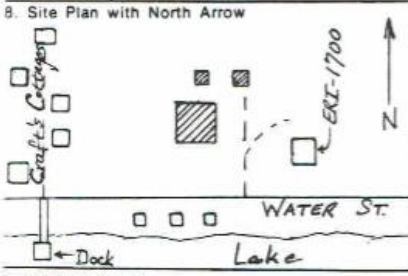
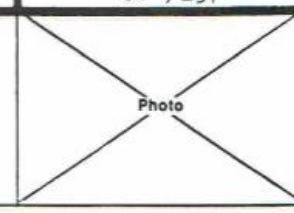


# OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

1965 Worthing Avenue  
Columbus, Ohio 43211  
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1. No. <b>ERI-1707</b>		4. Present Name(s) " The Inn"		1. No. <b>ERI-1707</b>
2. County <b>ERIE</b>		5. Other Name(s) <b>Erastus Huntington House</b>		
3. Location of Negatives <b>O.H.S.</b>		6. Specific Location <b>Water Street, three houses west of Huntington Ln., ft.</b>		2. County <b>Erie</b>
7. City or Town If Rural, Township & Vicinity <b>Kelleys Island, Ohio</b>		16. Thematic Category <b>Commerce, Social/Political</b>		
8. Site Plan with North Arrow 		17. Date(s) or Period <b>1876</b>		4. Present Name(s) <b>"The Inn"</b>
9. U.T.M. Reference Zone <b>16</b> Easting <b>10</b> Northing <b>10</b>		18. Style or Design <b>Italiante w/Gr. Revival</b>		
10. National Register? <b>Yes</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		19. Architect or Engineer <b>Tom Waterfield, Sandusky</b>		5. Other Name(s) <b>Erastus Huntington House</b>
11. Is It Eligible? <b>Yes</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		20. Contractor or Builder <b>Tom Waterfield, Sandusky</b>		
12. Part of Estab. Hist. Dist.? <b>Yes</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		21. Original Use, if apparent <b>Residence</b>		6. Prepared by <b>Lori DeBord, B. Pape</b>
13. District Potent'? <b>Yes</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		22. Present Use <b>Inn</b>		
14. Name of Established District <b>KI. Lake Shore District</b>		23. Ownership Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		7. Organization <b>KI. Planning Commis</b>
15. Further Description of Important Features (Continue on reverse if necessary)		24. Owner's Name & Address, if known <b>Jeanette Cleary Kelleys Island, Oh</b>		
16. History and Significance <p>This imposing home was built by Erastus Huntington in 1876 when he was well established as manager of the island's general store known as "The Lodge", and one of its leading citizens. Born in Cleveland, 1838, and educated at Oberlin College, he moved to Kelleys Island with his parents, George and Emaline Kelley Huntington in 1840. At age 16 he began working as a clerk in</p>		25. Open to Public? <b>Yes</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		8. Date <b>9/85</b>
17. Description of Environment and Outbuildings <p>Set far back from the road facing the lake, and shaded by large, mature maples, this house is one of the most imposing residences on the island. To the rear and east is a small carriage house/garage, and board and batten cottage. Below the crest of the hill are a line of small, 2 room cottages</p>		26. Local Contact Person or Organization <b>Kevin Pape: KI. Hist. Survey</b>		
18. Sources of Information <b>Census Records Drich, History of Erie Co.' 1896 Hamilton Collection, Hayes Presidential Center Oral Hist: Frank Hamilton (Deceased) (Cont'd.) Jeanette Cleary</b>		27. Other Surveys in Which Included <b>N/A</b>		
19. Photo 		28. No. of Stories <b>2 1/2</b>		
20. Prepared by <b>Lori DeBord, B. Pape</b>		29. Basement? <b>Yes</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
21. Organization <b>KI. Planning Commis</b>		30. Foundation Material		
22. Date <b>9/85</b>		31. Wall Construction <b>Wood frame</b>		
23. Revision Date(s)		32. Roof Type & Material <b>Gable/asph shingle</b>		
		33. No. of Bays Front <b>2</b> Side		
		34. Wall Treatment <b>Asbestos shingle</b>		
		35. Plan Shape <b>"T"</b>		
		36. Changes (Explain in #42) Addition <input type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input type="checkbox"/>		
		37. Condition Interior <b>Exc.</b> Exterior <b>Good</b>		
		38. Preservation Underway? <b>Yes</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
		39. Endangered? <b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
		40. Visible from Public Road? <b>Yes</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
		41. Distance from and Frontage on Road <b>60' / 137'</b>		

Code No.	Name				
51. Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies					
Barn Type(s)					
Code No.	Type				
Corn Crib or Shed <input type="checkbox"/>	Smoke House <input type="checkbox"/>	Privy <input type="checkbox"/>			
Silo <input type="checkbox"/>	Spring House <input type="checkbox"/>	Carriage House <input type="checkbox"/>			
Summer Kitchen <input type="checkbox"/>	or Ice House				
Other _____					
52. Archaeological Site on Property?					
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>					
No <input type="checkbox"/>					
Basis for Information					
Owner Collection <input type="checkbox"/>					
Above Ground Earthworks or Mound <input type="checkbox"/>					
Cultural Materials Noted <input type="checkbox"/>		OAI No.	_____		
		54. Photo			
		Roll No.	_____	Picture No(s).	_____

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his uncle's store, "The Lodge" (ERI-1562), becoming his partner in 1866, and full manager in 1871. Married Elzina Hamilton, daughter of James, in 1863. A man of many facets and great vigor, Mr. Huntington not only ran the then only general store on the island, but maintained a substantial farm and vineyards; in partnership with Capt. Ort Moore (ERI-1692) owned the schooner, "Gilmour" carrying stone from the island, served as treasurer of Kelleys Isl, and was its Notary for 20 years, was post master from 1872-1885, Deputy Surveyor, U.S Express Agent, Sec'ty-Treas. of Island Cable Co, and organist for the Congregational Church.

In 1897 Mr Huntington sold his business to Titus Hamilton, his brother-in-law, (ERI-1527) and left the island soon after. Coming under the ownership of the Hamiltons, this house was then operated as an inn, managed by Henry & Elizabeth Upp (ERI-1672) and later rented by the season to summer vacationers. By inheritance, the house then passed to Frank Hamilton, son of Titus and Fredrena Kelley Hamilton, c. 1940.

Frank Hamilton was born on KI 1892, (only child to be born in the Addison Kelley Mansion, ERI-1645). He met his wife, Katherine Shelby, when she was employed as a bookkeeper for the KIL&T Co's North Office. For many years

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Frank Hamilton served as captain of a number of Great Lakes Vessels, and became one of the foremost chroniclers of Great Lakes Marine history. His collection of archival material and ship models is on file at the Hayes Presidential Center, Fremont, Ohio. He was also an authority on the history of Kelleys Island and his extensive photographic and historic collection has been a major source of information for this study.

It is Capt. Hamilton's grand niece, Lori DeBord, who once again is operating this historic home as an inn.

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many of which were moved in by Captain Hamilton from other sites on the island, and rented to sport fishermen. One of these buildings was the former telephone exchange, once located at the Julius Kelley house, ERI-1686. These cottages are now a part of a vacation complex consisting of a dock, (the former George Huntington Railroad dock), bait shop, and five larger cottages and motel, arranged on an unimproved lane running north from Water St. and west of this property. (These cottages were formerly used by the N. Kelley Co. as rentals for their quarry workers. See ERI-1708-1712)

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S.W.R." 8/19/1885, 12/3/1897  
Autobiography, Emaline Kelley Huntington, 1895  
Hills, A History of Kelleys Island, Ohio  
Oral Histories: Frank Hamilton (Deceased), Jeanette Hamilton Cleary  
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