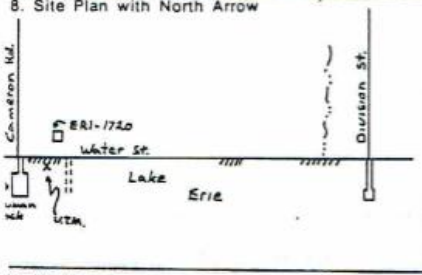




## OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

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| 1. No. ERI-1629  |  | 4. Present Name(s)<br>South Shore Retaining Wall   |  |
| 2. County<br>Erie  |  | 5. Other Name(s)   |  |
| 3. Location of Negatives<br>OHS  |  |  |  |
| 6. Specific Location<br>Along south shore beach<br>front, west of Division<br>Street   |  | 16. Thematic Category<br>Political   |  |
| 7. City or Town If Rural, Township & Vicinity<br>Kelleys Island  |  | 17. Date(s) or Period<br>post 1867   |  |
| 8. Site Plan with North Arrow<br>   |  | 18. Style or Design  |  |
| 9. U.T.M. Reference<br>11 7 3 5 6 3 6 0 4 6 0 6 1 0 0  |  | 19. Architect or Engineer  |  |
| 10. Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  |  | 20. Contractor or Builder  |  |
| 11. On National Register? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  |  | 21. Original Use, if apparent<br>Sea Wall  |  |
| 12. Is It Eligible? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  |  | 22. Present Use<br>Sea Wall  |  |
| 13. Part of Estab. Hist. Dist.? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>  |  | 23. Ownership Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                                      |  |
| 14. District Potent'l? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>   |  | 24. Owner's Name & Address, if known<br>Multiple   |  |
| 15. Name of Established District<br>KI South Shore District  |  | 25. Open to Public? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>  |  |
| 42. Further Description of Important Features (Continue on reverse if necessary)<br>Coursed limestone rubble wall, laid at the base of the south shore beach bluff. Built as a retaining wall to retard erosion of the newly established shore road, c. 1865. Only fragments of this wall have survived the lake's encroachment. In most areas it has been replaced by rip-rap.  |  | 26. Local Contact Person or Organization<br>Kevin Pape: KI Hist. Surv.   |  |
| 43. History and Significance<br>In 1852, the Road Supervisor of District Two was authorized to erect a bridge across the Tiber River where it crossed the south shore road. Prior to that date it had been forded by teams. In 1867, a terrific storm battered the south shore and carried much of the beach away. After that incident it was decided to protect the road and improve the stream crossing by running the Tiber through a culvert and raising the grade about 15 feet above its |  | 27. Other Surveys in Which Included<br>N/A   |  |
| 44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings<br>This type of masonry retaining wall occurs along the island's south shore for several reasons. The primary reason is that the south shore is battered by prevailing southwest winds. However, it is also the most developed of the island's shore lines and it does not   |  | 28. No. of Stories   |  |
| 45. Sources of Information Hill, <u>History of Kelleys Island</u> ; observation  |  | 29. Basement? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>   |  |
|  |  | 30. Foundation Material<br>limestone   |  |
|  |  | 31. Wall Construction<br>dry laid  |  |
|  |  | 32. Roof Type & Material   |  |
|  |  | 33. No. of Bays Front Side   |  |
|  |  | 34. Wall Treatment   |  |
|  |  | 35. Plan Shape   |  |
|  |  | 36. Changes (Explain in #42) Addition <input type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input type="checkbox"/> |  |
|  |  | 37. Condition Interior<br>Exterior fair-poor   |  |
|  |  | 38. Preservation Underway? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                                 |  |
|  |  | 39. Endangered? By What? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/><br>erosion                        |  |
|  |  | 40. Visible from Public Road? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                              |  |
|  |  | 41. Distance from and Frontage on Road   |  |
|  |  | 46. Prepared by<br>Kevin Pape  |  |
|  |  | 47. Organization<br>KI Planning Commission   |  |
|  |  | 48. Date<br>9/85   |  |
|  |  | 49. Revision Date(s)   |  |

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## 50. House Type No.

Code No. Name

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## 51. Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies

Barn Type(s)

Code No. Type

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Corn Crib or Shed  Silo  Summer Kitchen  Smoke House,  Spring House or Ice House Carriage House  Privy

Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 52. Archaeological Site on Property?

Yes   
No 

Basis for Information

Owner Collection   
Above Ground Earthworks or Mound   
Cultural Materials Noted  OAI No. \_\_\_\_\_

## 53. Farmstead Plan

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## 54. Photo

Roll No. 34 Picture No(s). 31

## 43. (Cont'd)

present level. To accomplish this, a sea or retaining wall was built for a length of several hundred feet along the shore. The fill to raise the road grade was added behind this wall. In subsequent years the wall was extended along the shore line but little of it remains today. The most intact section is located east of the Ferry Dock almost directly in front of ERI-1720,1721 (near the Post Office). These remnant portions of carefully laid masonry walls provide stark contrast to the piles of rip-rap now being dumped along the shore.

## 44. (Cont'd)

have the exposures of limestone outcrops that protect the northern and western shores. And, unlike the eastern shores where the grade to the water level low and gradual, the southern shore is composed of deep glacial tills that end in an elevated bank at the water line.