


# OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

1. No. ERI-1627		4. Present Name(s) Community Bake Oven		1. No. ERI-1627	
2. County ERIE		5. Other Name(s)			2. County Erie
3. Location of Negatives O.H.S.					
6. Specific Location So. side of road to sand-beach about 15' from Division St.		16. Thematic Category Ethnic, Industry		4. Present Name(s) Community Bake Oven	
7. City or Town If Rural, Township & Vicinity Kelleys Island		17. Date(s) or Period c 1875			
8. Site Plan with North Arrow 		18. Style or Design Beehive			
9. U.T.M. Reference 17 357850 4608280		19. Architect or Engineer			
10. Zone Easting Northing Site Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure 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 Bake oven			
12. Is It Eligible? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		22. Present Use Ruin			
13. Part of Estab. Hist. Dist.? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		23. Ownership Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/>			
14. District Potent'ly? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		24. Owner's Name & Address, if known Ohio Dept. Natural Resources Columbus, Ohio			
15. Name of Established District N/A		25. Open to Public? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			
42. Further Description of Important Features. (Continue on reverse if necessary) This communal oven follows the traditional "beehive" arched dome pattern found in early pioneer and middle European cultures. It consists of a flat hearth, coursed brick walls, a domed roof, and a rectangular opening at the bottom of the front end to serve the double purpose of inserting and extracting fuel and food.		26. Local Contact Person or Organization Kevin Pape: K.I.Hist Survey			
43. History and Significance This unique cultural feature represents a period when immigrant ethnic groups from eastern and middle European countries were living in the nearby North Quarry community. This community was largely self sufficient. The company provided a store for their staples, and ground for their gardens and grazing. Bread baking was an important element of their cultur-		27. Other Surveys in Which Included N/A			
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings The oven is almost hidden from view by encroaching weeds and brush, and is in a state of ruin and neglect with the domed roof collapsed. The concrete platform covering the foundations of the boarding house with		37. Condition Interior <u>Poor</u> Exterior <u>Poor</u>			
45. Sources of Information Bacon, The Forgotten Art of Building And Using A Brick Bake Oven, Oral Hist: Steph Kekelik 1977 Jean Dwelle Photo Collection: Follett House Museum		38. Preservation Underway? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
		39. Endangered? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> By What? Neglect			
		40. Visible from Public Road? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			
		41. Distance from and Frontage on Road 15'			
		Photo			
		46. Prepared by Kevin Pape & Betty Pape			
		47. Organization K.I. Planning Commis			
		48. Date 8/85			
		49. Revision Date(s)			

## 50. House Type No.

Code No.     Name  
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## 51. Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies

Barn Type(s)

Code No.     Type  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_Corn Crib or Shed      Smoke House      Privy   
Silo      Spring House     Carriage House   
Summer Kitchen      or Ice House

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. \_\_\_\_\_ Picture No(s). \_\_\_\_\_

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al tradition, and for baking they brought with them the concept of the communal bake oven removed from the home because of the hazard of fire. There were several other ovens similar to this one that have been reported on the island, each in association with a nearby worker's tenement or boarding house. One was in the vicinity of the Kelley Island Wine Company where there was a cluster of quarry houses; a second was on top of the glacial grooves near the site of the boarding house run by Elko Sennish. None of these are extant. This oven was built adjacent to a quarry workers boarding house which once stood on the foundations now covered by a concrete platform just to the south.

The date of construction of this oven is not known, but it probably dates from the late 1870's when Calkins and Co. developed this North Quarry area. There are oral accounts of its use by the Sennish family (ERI-1621) at the turn of the century. It has undergone at least one restoration when Godfried Schock (ERI-1572) had a contract to rebuild in 1940. Work was also done to restore the oven at the Glacial Grooves under the direction of the W.P.A. c. 1930, and may have included this site as well.

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which this oven is associated is found to the south. The village bathing beach lies below this to the southeast.