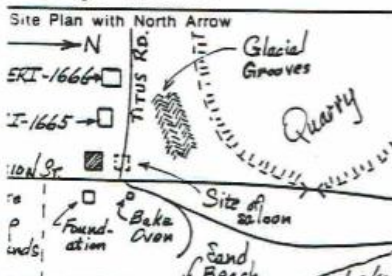


# OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

1. No. ERI-1621		4. Present Name(s) Elaine Kirby Residence		1. No. ERI-1621
2. Name ERIE		5. Other Name(s) Elko Sennish House		
3. Location of Negatives C.H.S.				2. County Erie
6. Specific Location South east corner of Division St. and Titus Rd.		16. Thematic Category Industry, ethnic		
7. City or Town Alleys Island		17. Date(s) or Period c1902		4. Present Name(s) Elaine Kirby Residence
8. Site Plan with North Arrow 		18. Style or Design Vernacular		
9. U.T.M. Reference 7 3 5 7 8 3 0 4 6 0 8 2 9 0		19. Architect or Engineer		3. Present Name(s) Elaine Kirby Residence
10. Name of Established District N/A		20. Contractor or Builder		
11. Name of District N/A		21. Original Use, if apparent Residence		3. Present Name(s) Elaine Kirby Residence
12. Name of District N/A		22. Present Use Residence		
13. Name of District N/A		23. Ownership Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		3. Present Name(s) Elaine Kirby Residence
14. Name of District N/A		24. Owner's Name & Address, if known Elaine Kirby		
15. Name of District N/A		25. Open to Public? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		3. Present Name(s) Elaine Kirby Residence
16. Name of District N/A		26. Local Contact Person or Organization Kevin Pape : KI Hist Survey		
17. Name of District N/A		27. Other Surveys in Which Included N/A		3. Present Name(s) Elaine Kirby Residence
18. Name of District N/A		28. No. of Stories 2		
19. Name of District N/A		29. Basement? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		3. Present Name(s) Elaine Kirby Residence
20. Name of District N/A		30. Foundation Material Lime stone rubble		
21. Name of District N/A		31. Wall Construction Wood frame		3. Present Name(s) Elaine Kirby Residence
22. Name of District N/A		32. Roof Type & Material Cable/asph shingle		
23. Name of District N/A		33. No. of Bays Front 3 Side		3. Present Name(s) Elaine Kirby Residence
24. Name of District N/A		34. Wall Treatment Asbestos shingl over weather		
25. Name of District N/A		35. Plan Shape Rec. Pi		3. Present Name(s) Elaine Kirby Residence
26. Name of District N/A		36. Changes (Explain in #42) Addition <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input type="checkbox"/>		
27. Name of District N/A		37. Condition Interior Exterior Fair		3. Present Name(s) Elaine Kirby Residence
28. Name of District N/A		38. Preservation Underway? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
29. Name of District N/A		39. Endangered? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> By What? No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		3. Present Name(s) Elaine Kirby Residence
30. Name of District N/A		40. Visible from Public Road? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
31. Name of District N/A		41. Distance from and Frontage on Road 15'		3. Present Name(s) Elaine Kirby Residence
32. Name of District N/A		42. Name of District N/A		

Further Description of Important Features (Continue on reverse if necessary)

Photo

**History and Significance**  
 This house is one of the last vestiges of the once thriving community and industrial site associated with the quarrying activities of the G.W.Calkins Co. between 1875 and 1910. It was built by quarryman, Elko Sennish, between 1900 and 1905 on land originally owned by William D. Kelley. Elko (born 1869) and his wife, Ella (born 1865) married and the same year immigrated to Erie.

**Description of Environment and Outbuildings**  
 This intersection which once saw the busy activities of 200 quarrymen is now a quiet, wooded area with no other residences than the three houses that made up the former Sennish compound. Across Division St. is the road to the public bathing beach and the bake oven (ERI-1627) once used by Ella Sennish.

**Source of Information**  
 Census Records  
 1874, 1896 Atlas of KI  
 1903 Grand Tax List, KI  
 Esther Sennish, Dick Sennish, Jos Feyedelem, H. Beatty

46. Prepared by Kevin Pape & Betty Pape  
 47. Organization  
 48. Date | 49. Revision Date(s)

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House Type No.		53. Farmstead Plan			
Code No.	Name	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies					
Barn Type(s)					
Code No.	Type	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Corn Crib or Shed <input type="checkbox"/> Smoke House <input type="checkbox"/> Privy <input type="checkbox"/>					
Summer Kitchen <input type="checkbox"/> Spring House or Ice House <input type="checkbox"/> Carriage House <input type="checkbox"/>					
Other _____					
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	23	22	
		Roll No.	5	Picture No(s).	19, 20

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the U.S. from Austro-Hungary in 1885, coming directly to Kelleys Island where Elko was hired as foreman for the Calkins North quarry. For 15 years Ella also ran a company boarding house located on the hill that is now the site of the Glacial Grooves State Park. (The 1900 Census lists as many as 27 boarders, all Hungarian quarry workers.) When they had saved enough money, the Sernish's purchased these 6 ac. and built their own home soon after 1900. In 1906 an "improvement" was made to the house, which might have been the saloon which oral tradition suggests Elko built and financed for his son-in-law (name unknown, husband of daughter, Anna) This building was adjacent to the present house on its north side about where the present Titus Rd. now seems to intersect with Division St. (This building was removed when the road was changed, c.1930.) It is also possible that, instead of building a \* sometime later, Elko acquired the Stoll Winery to the west (ERI-1666), renting its rooms to quarrymen. The Sernish family retained the present house into the 60's when it was sold to the Tackekowskis, operators of the Casino (ERI-1561). Elko's son, John, summered in the family home until his retirement when he and his wife, Esther, built the stone and frame house (ERI-1665) west of the family home and east of ERI-1666.

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and other quarry workers now sits hidden by underbrush. Next to it is the foundation of the house once owned by W.D.Kelley and later used as another saloon. The village camp grounds are to the south on the east side of Division St.

\* new home, Elko added or enlarged an already existing structure. Additional research is needed to clarify this point.