

OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

1. No. ERI-1690		4. Present Name(s) Toby Zettler Residence		1. No. ERI-1690							
2. County ERIE		5. Other Name(s) Burger (aka Berger) Residence & Mortuary			2. County Erie						
3. Location of Negatives O.H.S.						4. Present Name(s) Zettler Residence					
6. Specific Location Water St., 1200 feet west of Division St.		16. Thematic Category Commerce		28. No. of Stories 2 1/2							
7. City or Town Kelleys Island, Ohio		17. Date(s) or Period 1897		29. Basement? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>							
8. Site Plan with North Arrow		18. Style or Design Vernacular: Shingle & Queen Anne elem.		30. Foundation Material Limestone							
		19. Architect or Engineer		31. Wall Construction WOOD FRAME							
		20. Contractor or Builder Albert Schlesselman		32. Roof Type & Material Gable/asph. shingle							
9. U.T.M. Reference		21. Original Use, if apparent Residence & Funeral Parlor		33. No. of Bays Side							
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10. Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>		23. Ownership Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		35. Plan Shape Square							
11. On National Register? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		24. Owner's Name & Address, if known Toby Zettler Box 742, Kelleys Isl		36. Changes (Explain in #42) Addition <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moved <input type="checkbox"/>							
12. Is It Eligible? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		25. Open to Public? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		37. Condition Good							
13. Part of Estab. Hist. Dist.? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		26. Local Contact Person or Organization Kevin Pape, KI.Hist.Survey		38. Preservation Underway? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>							
14. District Potent? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		27. Other Surveys in Which Included N/A		39. Endangered? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>							
15. Name of Established District K.I.South Shore District				40. Visible from Public Road? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>							
42. Further Description of Important Features (Continue on reverse if necessary) This front-gabled house incorporates structural and decorative elements of both the shingle & Queen Anne styles. The front elevation features an asymmetrical facade with a 1 1/2 story gabled pavilion rising above a three-sided bay. The main gable contains a recessed, paired window and rooflines are accented by exaggerated cornice returns and frieze boards. A shed porch on				41. Distance from and Frontage on Road 30'							
43. History and Significance This large, comfortable house was built in 1897 for William Burger by island carpenter, Albert Schlesselman, on land purchased from Louis Brown (ERI-1656). (Two additional parcels of adjacent land were purchased in 1901 and 1902) It reflects the increased affluence of its owner, William Burger, who, with business prospering, had left his more modest home (ERI				5. Other Name(s) Burger (aka Berger) Hs. & Mortuary							
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings Facing the lake, the house is shaded by several mature trees. A large porch, added in 1917, runs the length of the front face. On the western boundary of the lot a gravel drive leads back to the small, one											
45. Sources of Information Census Records Hills, History of Kelleys Island, Ohio Oral Hist: Mary A. McKillips Helen Marchky		46. Prepared by Kevin Pape									
		47. Organization KI. Planning Commis									
		48. Date 7/07		49. Revision Date(s)							

0. House Type No.

Code No. Name

1. 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

X Other _____

32. Archaeological Site on Property?

Yes
 No

Basis for Information

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

53. Farmstead Plan



54. Photo

Roll No. 15 Picture No(s) 10-11
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chamfered columns crosses the front of the house. It is trimmed with a gable (with sunburst detailing) set over the entranceway. Other noted structural features include a second-story cantilevered bay with hipped roof on the east and west walls. Windows are 1/1, with asymmetrical sash types across the front first story. Detailing includes shingle siding in the gables, end boards, and trim boards accentuating the side bays. A rear shed addition was constructed by Mr. Burger and aluminum storms have been added.

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1611) on Division St. for this fashionable Water St. property.

Born in 1864 to German immigrants, John and Christine Burger (ERI-1611), William began his working career at 14 as a clerk in the General Store (ERI-1559) under Fred Elfers, and became its manager by 1890. He had also started a mortuary business in his former home, and when building this new house in 1897 also added a small building to house his mortuary.

Just when and how he learned the undertakers trade is not certain but it is known that, at age 22 (1886), he left the island for Cleveland remaining there for 4 years. It may have been in this interim that his training was received. By 1890 as indicated by the Census of that year, he was once again on the island and serving as manager of the General Store. It was probable around this time that he converted the small Post Office built by Elfers onto the south wall of the store for his undertaker office as indicated by the Sanborn Insurance map of 1893. This is further supported by the fact that it was in 1890 that Gus Kelley erected his new building on Water St. to house a Post Office and barber shop. (See ERI-1682)

A man of great energy, in 1899 Mr. Burger was a member of the Board of Education, in 1904 he served on the Board of Directors of the K.I. Dock and Steam Boat Co., and in

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and Steam Boat Company, and in 1920 he left the store to become manager of the Steam Boat Dock.

It has been said that this house was used as Burger's funeral parlor where bodies were laid out for viewing in the front parlor decorated with two corner cupboards each trimmed with embossed urns. However, it is the concensus of many residents that the more common practice was to have the visitation at home. Undoubtedly both customes were followed depending upon circumstances.

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story, gable roofed building that was the mortuary. For a short period of time this building was used by the present owner as a press house.

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Santorn Insurance Map, 1886, 1893
1910 Grand List, Erie Co. Tax Rec.
Vol. 62, p. 598, dated 4/25/96 Erie Co. Deeds
Program: Grad. Class 1898
Toby Zettler
Kurt Eoker

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