



OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

1. ERI-1583		4. Present Name(s) Florence ("Sis")McKillips Residence		1. No. ERI-1583	
2. County ERIE		5. Other Name(s)			2. County Erie
3. Location of Negatives O.H.S.		The Parsonage, German Reformed Church			
6. Specific Location East side of Division St., first house north of the German Reformed Church		16. Thematic Category Religion		28. No. of Stories 2	
7. City or Town If Rural, Township & Vicinity Kelleys Island, Ohio		17. Date(s) or Period c1885			29. Basement? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
8. Site Plan with North Arrow		18. Style or Design Vernacular		30. Foundation Material Limestone rubble	
		19. Architect or Engineer -			31. Wall Construction Wood frame
3. U.T.M. Reference 17 3 5 7 5 4 0 4 6 0 6 4 2 0		20. Contractor or Builder -		32. Roof Type & Material Gable/asph shingle	
Zone Easting Northing 0. Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>		21. Original Use, if apparent Parsonage			33. No. of Bays Front Side
1. On National Register? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		22. Present Use Residence		34. Wall Treatment Bevel board siding	
2. Part of Estab. Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Hist. Dist.? No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		23. Ownership Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			35. Plan Shape Rectangle
5. Name of Established District N/A		24. Owner's Name & Address, if known Northwest Ohio Assn United Church of Christ, Tiffin, Ohio		36. Changes (Explain in #42) Addition <input type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	
		25. Open to Public? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			37. Condition Interior good Exterior good
		26. Local Contact Person or Organization W. Kevin Pape: KI Hist Survey		38. Preservation Underway? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
		27. Other Surveys in Which Included N/A			39. Endangered? By What? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
				40. Visible from Public Road? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
					41. Distance from and Frontage on Road 32'
42. Further Description of Important Features (Continue on reverse if necessary) This gable-front house has a side hall and central ridge brick chimney. Windows are 1/1 throughout. A full facade hipped porch is supported by chamfered columns with a solid balustrade. A single-story, gabled wing is attached to the rear gable of the main section and has an eastern gable end, brick chimney. Trim elements are limited to frieze, end, and water table boards.				5. Other Name(s) The Parsonage, German Reformed Church	
43. History and Significance This house served as the parsonage of the German Reformed Church (ERI-1581) immediately to the south. The date of its construction is uncertain. Although the church was built in 1866, court records indicate that the land for the parsonage was not purchased until c1885. There is also uncertainty as to how long it was used for a resident minister. One account gives the					46. Prepared by Betty Pape & Kevin Pape
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings This lot and those on the north are level and open. Overgrown fields, once vineyards, are choked with sumac, dogwood, and other scrub trees. An out-house or privy to the rear has a gable roof and shiplap siding.				47. Organization KI Planning Commis	
45. Sources of Information Cookin' Up A Storm: K.I.Hist. Assoc. Census Records Erie Co. Court Records Oral Hist: Florence McKillips Ivdie Rechtel					48. Date 10/2001
				49. Revision Date(s)	

50. House Type No.

Code No. _____ Name _____

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



54. Photo

Roll No. 26 Picture No(s). 24-25, 28

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approximate date as 1871, and another as 1914. A neighbor recalls playing with the son of a Rev. McCaskey at about this latter date. Like the church edifice the parsonage is said to have been built by the parishoners themselves. After the close of the quarries the congregation dwindled and were no longer able to support a resident minister. In 1919 the family of Alexander and Emma Beatty Betzenheimer moved into the house, serving as the church custodians after it became inactive. Alex, born on the island in 1888, was the son of John and Elizabeth Betzenheimer who had come to the island in the 1870's to work as a teamster in the quarry and later as a fisherman. Like his father, Alex too was a fisherman, and his daughter, Florence, married a fisherman, Allen McKillips, son of a fisherman as well. In 1948 Florence returned from a short stay on the mainland to take up her residency with her mother here. Mrs. McKillips now carries on the tradition of commitment to the care and preservation of "The Old Stone Church", and was one of the founders of the Kelleys Island Historical Association which is dedicated to its purchase and preservation as a museum.