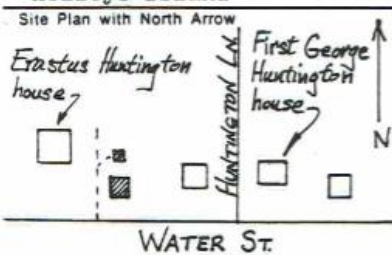


OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

1. No. ERI-1700 City ERI Location of Negatives O. H. S.	4. Present Name(s) Towle House 5. Other Name(s) Simon Huntington House	1. No. ERI-1700 2. County Erie 4. Present Name(s) Towle House Simon Huntington House 5. Other Name(s) Simon Huntington House
Specific Location North side of Water Street feet west of Hunting- ton Ln.	16. Thematic Category Commerce	28. No. of Stories 1 1/2 29. Basement? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
City or Town If Rural, Township & Vicinity Kelleys Island	17. Date(s) or Period c.1846	30. Foundation Material Dry-laid limestone
Site Plan with North Arrow 	18. Style or Design 19. Architect or Engineer 20. Contractor or Builder	31. Wall Construction 32. Roof Type & Material Gable/asph shingle
U.T.M. Reference Easting Northing Site Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>	21. Original Use, if apparent Residence	33. No. of Bays Front 3/0 Side 2/2
11. National Register? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	22. Present Use Residence	34. Wall Treatment 35. Plan Shape Rec
12. Is It Eligible? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	23. Ownership Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	36. Changes (Explain in #42) Addition <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input type="checkbox"/>
13. Part of Estab. Hist. Dist.? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	24. Owner's Name & Address, if known Dr. and Mrs. John Towle	37. Condition Interior good Exterior good
14. District Potent? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	25. Open to Public? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	38. Preservation Underway? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
5. Name of Established District KI South Shore Hist. Dist	26. Local Contact Person or Organization Kevin Pape; KI Hist. Survey	39. Endangered? By What? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Further Description of Important Features (Continue on reverse if necessary)	27. Other Surveys in Which Included Eric Johannesson	40. Visible from Public Road? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
3. History and Significance The house stands on land originally part of a 200 ac. farm purchased by George Huntington and his second wife, Emaline Kelley Huntington in 1838, and on which c.1840, they had built an earlier, larger house to the east (see ERI-1698). Around 1845, planning to return to his crockery business in Cleveland, Mr. Huntington leased the first house for a 3 year period.		41. Distance from and Frontage on Road
4. Description of Environment and Outbuildings The house lies closer to the road than the others on this section of Water Street. It is served by a joint drive shared with the Erastus Huntington House to the west. A one car, frame, gable-roofed garage lies immediately to the rear of the house facing west, and a vegetable garden lies to the		Photo
6. Sources of Information Census Records, Erie Co. 1914 KI Directory "Grandma's Story for Phanie", an Autobiog. by E. Hunt- Ruth and John Towle, Jean Dwelle, /ington, 1895 M.A. McKillips		46. Prepared by Betty Pape Kevin Pape
7.		47. Organization KI Planning Commiss
8.		48. Date 8/25 49. Revision Date(s)

Code No. _____ Name _____	
51. Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies	
Barn Type(s) Code No. _____ Type _____ _____ _____ Corn Crib or Shed <input type="checkbox"/> Smoke House <input type="checkbox"/> Privy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Silo <input type="checkbox"/> Spring House <input type="checkbox"/> Carriage House <input type="checkbox"/> Summer Kitchen <input type="checkbox"/> or Ice House Other _____	
52. Archaeological Site on Property?	54. Photo
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. _____	
42. (Cont'd)	

43. (Cont'd.)

However, his plans did not materialize and the family returned to the island within a year. They then built a second house in which to live until the lease was up on their original home.

Information from Mrs. Huntington's autobiography of 1895 points to the certainty that the present house is that second house built c.1846. Its architectural style supports this date. Further, the autobiography describes the house as the one "Simon now lives in" (i.e. 1895), and we find that Census records do show Simon Huntington renting this dwelling in 1900, a fact further corroborated by information from a relative.

After the family returned to their first home, this house was then used as rental property. John Hughes (ERI-1576), and possibly Jerry Dean (ERI-1566) in 1864, were among those said to have lived here. In 1867 Simon Huntington, son of Erastus and Elzina Huntington (ERI-1707), and grandson of George and Emaline, married Mary Kastning, daughter of Frederick (ERI-1736), and brought her to this house. Here his two children were born; Erastus in 1889, and Ruth in 1890. During this time he worked as a clerk in one of the island's general stores.