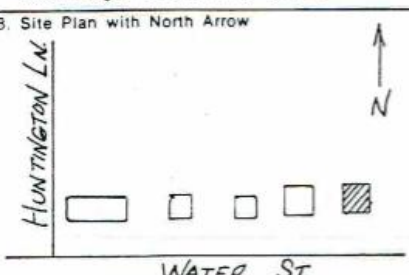


# OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

1. No. <b>ERI-1695</b>		4. Present Name(s) <b>Robert Schnittker / Arthur Lange House</b>	
2. County <b>ERIE</b>		5. Other Name(s) <b>Arnold Elfers / Peter Diffley House</b>	
3. Location of Negatives <b>O.H.S.</b>			
6. Specific Location <b>Water Street, 5th house east of Huntington Ln.</b>		16. Thematic Category <b>Ethnic, Manufacturing</b>	
7. City or Town <input type="checkbox"/> If Rural, Township & Vicinity <b>Kelleys Island, Ohio</b>		17. Date(s) or Period <b>1904</b>	
8. Site Plan with North Arrow 		18. Style or Design <b>Vernacular</b>	
9. U.T.M. Reference Zone <b>17</b> Easting <b>356940</b> Northing <b>4606050</b>		19. Architect or Engineer	
10. Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>		20. Contractor or Builder <b>Arnold Elfers</b>	
11. On National Register? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		21. Original Use, if apparent <b>Residence</b>	
12. Is it Eligible? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		22. Present Use <b>Residence</b>	
13. Part of Estab. Hist. Dist.? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		23. Ownership Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
14. District Potent? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		24. Owner's Name & Address, if known <b>Robert Schnittker Sandusky, Ohio</b>	
15. Name of Established District <b>KI.South Shore District</b>		25. Open to Public? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
42. Further Description of Important Features (Continue on reverse if necessary) <b>This simple, cross-gabled house lacks any distinctive structural or decorative elements. It features a central brick chimney, cornice returns, frieze boards, end boards and simple window surrounds. The hipped porch has been enclosed as a sun room. There is a one-story gabled wing in the rear.</b>		26. Local Contact Person or Organization <b>Kevin Pape:KI.Hist.Survey</b>	
43. History and Significance <b>The house was built by Arnold Elfers in 1904. The son of island merchant, Fred Elfers, Arnold was born on Kelleys Island in 1873. He grew up helping in his father's store (ERI-1564), and took over its management after his father's death. Shortly after 1900 he married Alvina Hartman, building this house for her. Three years later, she died and Mr. Elfers sold the home,</b>		27. Other Surveys in Which Included <b>N/A</b>	
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings <b>Unlike most of the homes on this section of Water St., the front yard is bare of trees. An asphalt shingled, pyramidal roofed double garage with a shed roofed extension on its eastern side sits to the rear and west of the house. A picket fence serves as boundary between the maple shaded back</b>		28. No. of Stories <b>2</b>	
45. Sources of Information <b>Census Records Hamilton Collection, Hayes Presidential Center Oral Hist. Ruth Schnittker</b>		29. Basement? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
		30. Foundation Material <b>Limestone crsd.rub</b>	
		31. Wall Construction <b>Wood frame</b>	
		32. Roof Type & Material <b>Gable/ asbestos</b>	
		33. No. of Bays Front <b>Side</b>	
		34. Wall Treatment <b>Beveled bc.</b>	
		35. Plan Shape <b>RECT.</b>	
		36. Changes (Explain in #42) Addition <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	
		37. Condition Interior <b>Exc.</b> Exterior <b>Exc.</b>	
		38. Preservation Underway? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
		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 <b>66' / 60'</b>	
		46. Prepared by <b>J. Campbell Kevin Pape</b>	
		47. Organization <b>St. Clair's Commis</b>	



<p>50. House Type No.</p> <p>Code No.    Name</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>53. Farmstead Plan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>51. Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies</p> <p>Barn Type(s)</p> <p>Code No.    Type</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Corn Crib or Shed <input type="checkbox"/>    Smoke House <input type="checkbox"/>    Privy <input type="checkbox"/>  Silo <input type="checkbox"/>    Spring House <input type="checkbox"/>    Carriage House <input type="checkbox"/>  Summer Kitchen <input type="checkbox"/>    or Ice House</p> <p>Other _____</p>	<p>. . . . .</p> <p>. . . . .</p> <p>. . . . .</p> <p>. . . . .</p>
<p>52. Archaeological Site on Property?</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/>  No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Basis for Information</p> <p>Owner Collection <input type="checkbox"/>  Above Ground Earthworks or Mound <input type="checkbox"/>  Cultural Materials Noted <input type="checkbox"/>    OAI No. _____</p>	<p>. . . . .</p> <p>. . . . .</p> <p>. . . . .</p> <p>54. Photo  Roll No. <u>15</u>    Picture No(s) <u>21</u></p>

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returning to live with his father on Addison Road, (ERI-1528).

The new owner was Peter L. Diffley, son of Peter and Ann Diffley (ERI-1594). Born on Kelleys Island in 1877, Peter L. worked for the Caulkins and later the KIL&T Co. quarries as a cooper. After his marriage to Ella Foley, he and his wife left the island for a brief time to work as a light house keeper on Green Island. It was probably upon his return to Kelleys Island that he bought this house and again went to work for the quarry, reportedly as a foreman.

The next owners were also quarry employees. Alfred and Katherine Lange Martin were both island born: Alfred in 1904 to Fred and Amanda Martin (ERI-1688) and Katherine to Albert and Elizabeth Lange (ERI-1644). Upon the close of the quarry c. 1938, the Martins left the island, and the house was purchased by Arthur Lange, son of Frederick and Mary Lange (ERI-1600). Married to Emma Hauser, daughter of Frank (ERI-1699), Lange worked as a shipping clerk for the K.I. Wine Co. After prohibition, he left the island, receiving a Ford Dealership in Michigan through his acquaintance with Henry Ford. He retained the present house as a summer home until his death in 1985 when it passed to his nephew, the present owner.

44. (Cont'd.)    Back yard and the overgrown quarry edge.