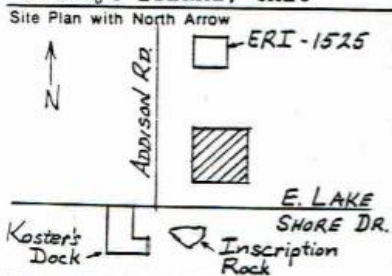


# OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

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No. <b>ERI-1645</b>		4. Present Name(s) <b>Kelley Mansion</b>		1. No. <b>ERI-1645</b>	
City <b>ERIE</b>		5. Other Name(s):			2. County <b>Erie</b>
Location of negatives <b>O.H.S.</b>					
Specific Location <b>Northeast corner of Addison and E. Lake Shore Dr. 211</b>		16. Thematic Category <b>Agriculture, Mfg., Commerce</b>		28. No. of Stories <b>2 1/2</b>	
City or Town <b>Kelleys Island, Ohio</b>		17. Date(s) or Period <b>1862-1867</b>		29. Basement? <b>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></b>	
Site Plan with North Arrow 		18. Style or Design		30. Foundation Material <b>Dressed limestone</b>	
U.T.M. Reference <b>7 357830 4605810</b>		19. Architect or Engineer <b>J. B. Merrick, Sandusky</b>		31. Wall Construction <b>Limestone</b>	
10. Easting		20. Contractor or Builder		32. Roof Type & Material	
11. Northing		21. Original Use, if apparent <b>Residence</b>		33. No. of Bays Front <b>Side</b>	
12. Site Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>		22. Present Use <b>Resident/hotel</b>		34. Wall Treatment <b>Limestone bearing</b>	
13. National Register? <b>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></b>		23. Ownership Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		35. Plan Shape <b>Irregular</b>	
14. Part of Estab. Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		24. Owner's Name & Address, if known <b>Mrs. Garnet Lemley Kelleys Island, Ohio</b>		36. Changes (Explain in #42) Addition <input type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	
15. Hist. Dist.? <b>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></b>		25. Open to Public? <b>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></b>		37. Condition Interior <b>Exc.</b> Exterior <b>Exc.</b>	
16. Name of Established District <b>KI. Lake Shore District</b>		26. Local Contact Person or Organization <b>Kevin Pape: KI.Hist.Survey</b>		38. Preservation Underway? <b>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></b>	
		27. Other Surveys in Which Included <b>N/A</b>		39. Endangered? <b>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></b> By What?	
				40. Visible from Public Road? <b>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></b>	
				41. Distance from and Frontage on Road	

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

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5. Other Name(s)

**History and Significance**  
This handsome stone mansion was considered to be one of the finest pieces of architecture in the state at the time of construction, and for years was the show place of the lake region. It was built by wealthy land owner, Addison Kelley, crowning 30 years of achievement on the island. Its architect, J.B. Merrick of Sandusky, was considered one of Ohio's best. Begun in 1862 on a site which has been occupied from late prehistory (Er-18), through early historic times (Hoskins log house), to the present. Its prominence served to anchor the KI South Shore District. The nearby lowlands around the former

**Source of Information**  
Records  
Adrich, History of Erie County  
Hills, History of Kelleys Island, Ohio (Cont'd.)  
Ms.  
Hamilton Collection, Hayes Presidential Center

46. Prepared by <b>Kevin Pape</b>
47. Organization <b>KI Planning Commis</b>
48. Date   49. Revision Date(s)

House Type No.  
Code No. Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies

Barn Type(s)  
Code No. Type \_\_\_\_\_

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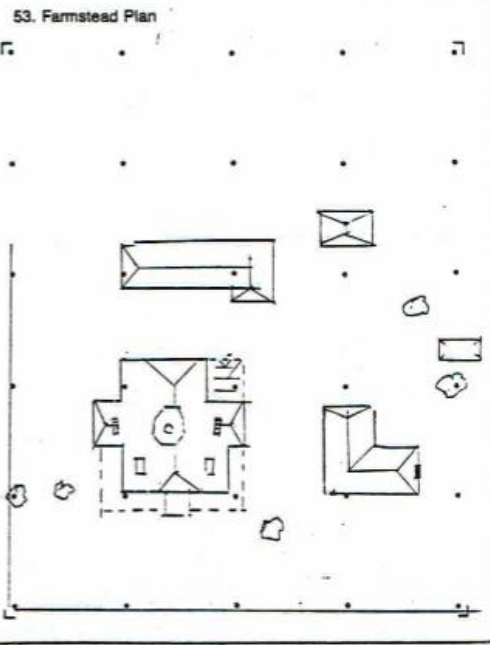
Corn Crib or Shed  Silo  Summer Kitchen  Smoke House  Spring House or Ice House  Privy  Carriage House

Other \_\_\_\_\_

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1. Archaeological Site on Property?  
Yes  No

Basis for Information  
Owner Collection   
Above Ground Earthworks or Mound   
Cultural Materials Noted  OAI No. \_\_\_\_\_



54. Photo  
Roll No. \_\_\_\_\_ Picture No(s). \_\_\_\_\_

2. (Cont'd) According to a description in the Sandusky Register of Sep. 16, 1867, each main living room on the first floor featured a different wood, and each was carved with a different design. Chestnut wood was used for the parlor, butternut in the library, and native oad for the dining rm. The sleeping room of the east wing were of cherry. The famous staircase was also of native oad finished in black walnut and with black walnut rail and balusters. Woodwork throughout was also of black walnut.

The stain-glass windows of the rotunda contain the coat of arms of the United States 6½ ft. in diameter. "Rich corinthian cornice and oriental mouldings" adorn the dining room, and, throughout the house the heavy doors are fitted with locks and metal work of silverplate.

An interesting feature of the second floor was the arrangement of the closets around the rotunda. Each one was designed apparently for a different member of the family and were "large enough to hold a stand and wash bowl".

44. (Cont'd.) Kelley Pond (now a marina) were devoted to agriculture, particularly viticulture, and were once the site of celery fields. The homes along Addison Rd. were occupied by members of the Kelley family, (ERI-1525, ERI-1527, built for the overseer of the estate (ERI-1526), or belonged to persons in the employ of Addison Kelley (ERI-1528 & 1529).

Outbuildings include a glacial stone cottage; a two-story glacial stone dormitory-dining room; a board and batten chapel; board and batten cottage and tack/feed sheds built by the Dominican Sisters. The only original outbuilding is an elaborate privy: 3 central vent stacks, squared & coursed limestone, transomed, & with separate male and female compartments.

45. (Con): Freemont Journal of 2/8/1895  
S.R. of 9/16/1867  
Oral: Mrs. Wm. Lange, Anne Pohorence, Don Schlesselman, F.W. Pape, Garnet Lemley, Jeannette Cleary



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site once occupied by the log cabin of early settler, Nicholas Hoskins, its construction was interrupted by the Civil War, and it was not completed until 1867. Cost of construction is said to have been \$27,000, more than double its original pre-war estimate. Built wholly of native limestone, its most outstanding feature is a circular, self supporting, oak staircase, designed by Englishman, Patrick Tierney, and said to be one of only two of its kind in the country.

Addison Kelley, son of co-founder of Kelleys Island Datus Kelley, was born in Rockport, Ohio in 1812. He came to Cunningham's Island, as this island was then known, in 1833, and for many years was active in the management of his father's interests here. He supervised the construction of the first dock on the south shore (later known as the Steam Boat Dock, ERI-1628), ran a small store and post office there until permanent facilities could be built (See "The Lodge", ERI-1562); directed the building of a log boarding house for the first residents, as well as the log house which was his father's first residence (ERI-1565). His own first home to which he brought his bride, Ann Millard, was built in 1837 by master carpenter, Jesse Woodford (ERI-1751). and was the first frame residence built on the island. (This house was later sold to Adam Schardt, burned, and its site now occupied by the Ramy Dick residence on East Lake Shore Dr. )

A man of indefatigable energy, Mr. Kelley later became proprietor of his father's Island House Hotel (ER-349), President of the Kelley Island Wine Company, and was generally connected with most of the businesses and other interests on the island. After moving into his new mansion, most of his time was spent overseeing his large land holdings, and in study.

At the same time as his own home was going up, Mr. Kelley had a more modest stone structure built for his son, Frederick (ERI-1527), on land to the north. In the ensuing years a frame building was added for his personnel, probably an overseer, (ERI-1526), and in 1881 another stone and stucco house for his son, Francis (aka Frank) (ERI-1525).

After Addison's death in 1895, his son, Francis, moved into the mansion and continued the management of his father's lands until his own death in 1916. Born on the island in 1844, Francis was also superintendant of the Kelley Island Wine Company, becoming its treasurer in c.1900.

C1926 the mansion was sold to a Cleveland Sportsmans Club under Hummel (ERI-1647) and Huber (ERI-1646) which planned the development of Long Point. Because of the Depression the club lasted only 5 years. In 1933 the Dominican Sisters of Adrian, Mich. purchased the property using it first as a home for retired nuns, then opening it as a summer camp for girls. This ran from 1947 to 1972. Under their ownership a large, two-storied dormitory/dining hall was added to the east, a small separate chapel on the north, an outdoor swimming pool, and a number of other auxiliary out-buildings. The next owners operated a restaurant in the former dorm building.

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