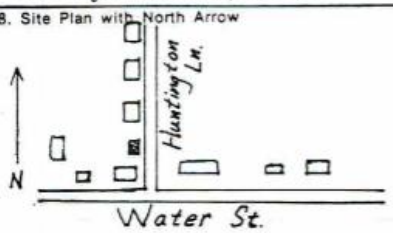


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OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

1. No. ERI-1519		4. Present Name(s) Smith Residence	
2. County ERIE		5. Other Name(s) "Hotel Victory" Tommy the Peddler's Store (Elias Thomas)	
3. Location of Negatives O.H.S.			
6. Specific Location West side of Huntington Ln First house north of Water Street		16. Thematic Category Commerce - ethnic	
7. City or Town If Rural, Township & Vicinity Kelleys Island, Ohio		17. Date(s) or Period Unknown Addition 1919	
8. Site Plan with North Arrow 		18. Style or Design Vernacular	
9. U.T.M. Reference 17 356800 4606120		19. Architect or Engineer N/A	
10. Zone Easting Northing Site Building Structure Object		20. Contractor or Builder N/A	
11. On National Register? Yes No		21. Original Use, if apparent Residence and store	
12. Is it Eligible? Yes No		22. Present Use Residence	
13. Part of Estab. Yes No		23. Ownership Public Private	
14. District Hist. Dist.? Yes No		24. Owner's Name & Address, if known Madine & Thom. Smith. 1213 Tucker Apts. Fremont, Ohio 43420	
15. Name of Established District N/A		25. Open to Public? Yes No	
16. Further Description of Important Features (Continue on reverse if necessary) This house is composed of two front-gabled sections. The rear section is the original. It is a single-story with a moderate, gabled roof and shallow eaves. Aluminum siding covers original beveled board siding, trimmed by a wide frieze board. A partial basement encloses a cistern, and a former north-side basement entrance is trimmed with quoins. Some joists		26. Local Contact Person or Organization Kevin Pape, K.I. Hist. Survey	
17. History and Significance This property originally belonged to Emeline Huntington who then sold it to Frank Hauser, Superintendent of the K.I. Wine Co. when he built his house (ERI-1699) at the northwest corner of Water St. and Huntington Ln. about 1890-1896. The parcel that this house is located upon was split at a later date and sold by George Keifer to Elias Thomas in		27. Other Surveys in Which Included N/A	
18. Description of Environment and Outbuildings Two outbuildings include a garage and low storage shed. Both are front-gabled and constructed of the same limestone facing material as the house porch. The house occupies a smaller lot than the other homes on the street, and the front addition brings the entrance closer to the		28. No. of Stories 1 & 1 1/2	
19. Sources of Information Hamilton Collection - Hayes Presidential Library 1914 Directory of Erie Co. Erie Co. Court House Records Oral History: Betzenheimer, Blatt, Marchky, Bonchi		29. Basement? half Yes No	
		30. Foundation Material L.S. rubble & prd. con.	
		31. Wall Construction Wood frame	
		32. Roof Type & Material Gable/asph. shingle	
		33. No. of Bays Front Side	
		34. Wall Treatment Aluminum siding	
		35. Plan Shape Irregular	
		36. Changes (Explain in #42) Addition Altered Moved	
		37. Condition Interior Good Exterior Good	
		38. Preservation Underway? Yes No	
		39. Endangered? By What? Yes No	
		40. Visible from Public Road? Yes No	
		41. Distance from and Frontage on Road 12' / 60'	
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		47. Organization K.I. Planning Comm.	
		48. Date 10/85	
		49. Revision Date(s)	

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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. 33 Picture No(s) 15

42. (Cont'd.)

In this section are fashioned from split logs. Windows in the original portion of the house are a mix of double-hung 6/6, 3/6, and 2/2 light sashes. Two single room, shed-roofed additions on the north wall complete this part of the house. Around 1919, a 1½ story front-gabled addition was built on the house. This portion contained the store. It has a steeply pitched roof with a brick chimney located in the rear gable ridge. Another exterior, eave-wall chimney is constructed of limestone. All windows are double-hung replacement type and the basement is poured concrete. A screened porch on a limestone-faced foundation encloses the south and east walls. No interior store fixtures remain but the floor-plan is unchanged.

43. (Cont'd.) 1912. The house has had several additions but split log joists in the partial cellar and a wide frieze-band across the rear section suggests a much earlier construction date. While the Kelley Island Lime & Transport Co. south quarry (ER-338) was in operation this building was used as a residence and store by the Elias Thomas family. Elias Thomas, (aka "Tommy the Peddler") was a former resident of Cleveland who came to the island on peddling jaunts. He had a push-cart that was loaded with odds and ends, including rooms and kettles. He spent his winters in Sandusky and came to the island in the spring. It is possible that he rented this building before he purchased it in 1912 because there is manuscript evidence that indicates that a small store was started in 1891 for the accommodation of the quarry workers who lived in the vicinity. When it opened, it was dubbed the "Hotel Victory" after the elegant resort on Put-in-Bay. In 1919 an improvement was made to the building. This was probably the front addition to the house that is referred to in oral accounts as the store. The Elias Thomas family was Syrian. Their store carried food, clothing, dry goods, fireworks, and penny candy. They also carried olive oil, big black olives, and introduced the islanders to figs and sweet potatoes. The store was also their residence, and doorways were screened

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by strings of beads. It was considered a convenience by the immigrant families and islanders living in the area since they would not have to travel to town for their shopping. Sometimes, Tommy would go from house to house to take orders.

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sidewalk than the other homes on Huntington Ln.

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The Sandusky Register

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