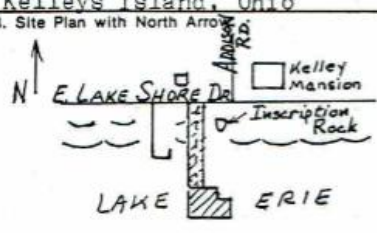


# OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

1. No. ERI-1650		4. Present Name(s) Koster's Dock	
2. County ERIE		5. Other Name(s)	
3. Location of Negatives O.H.S.			
6. Specific Location At south end of Addison Pl. just west of the Inscription Rock		16. Thematic Category Transport., mfg., ethnic	
7. City or Town If Rural, Township & Vicinity Kelleys Island, Ohio		17. Date(s) or Period 1889	
8. Site Plan with North Arrow 		18. Style or Design Second Empire vernacular	
9. U.T.M. Reference 17 357720 4605680		19. Architect or Engineer -	
10. Zone Easting Northing Site Building Structure Object		20. Contractor or Builder -	
11. On National Register? Yes No		21. Original Use, if apparent Wine Dock	
12. Is it Eligible? Yes No		22. Present Use Residence, Marina	
13. Part of Estab. Hist. Dist.? Yes No		23. Ownership Public Private	
14. District Potent? Yes No		24. Owner's Name & Address, if known William Stevenson	
15. Name of Established District N/A		25. Open to Public? Yes No	
16. Further Description of Important Features (Continue on reverse if necessary) The dock building consists of a one-story block perched atop a one-story octagonal base. The mansard roof has a straight profile with flared cornice junction. Cornices and eaves are plain and undecorated. A brick chimney rises from the west eave-wall. The balance of the mansard block, below the roofline is covered by asbestos shingle siding. The north and south ends		26. Local Contact Person or Organization Kevin Pape; K.I. Hist. Survey	
17. History and Significance This unique dock building incorporates elements of both the Second Empire and Octagonal styles into an unusual vernacular design. The only other Second Empire building on the island is located nearby (ERI-1525) and belonged to a member of the Kelley family. Architect, Irving Kelley, designed the Koster Winery (ER-355), which this dock served, and his in-		27. Other Surveys in Which Included N/A	
18. Description of Environment and Outbuildings The dock is located at the foot of Addison Pl. on the island's south shore just west of the Inscription Rock. It was once part of the Koster complex that included two wine cellars (ER-355) and his residence, located		28. No. of Stories 2	
19. Sources of Information Kurt Boker Hamilton Collection, Hayes Presidential Library Census Records, Erie Co. Erie Co. Court House Records Sanborn Insurance Maps: 1886, 1893, 1905, 1938		29. Basement? Yes No	
		30. Foundation Material Limestone rip rap	
		31. Wall Construction Wood frame	
		32. Roof Type & Material Mansard/asph, shingl	
		33. No. of Bays Front Side	
		34. Wall Treatment Board and batten	
		35. Plan Shape Octagonal	
		36. Changes (Explain in #42) Addition Altered Moved	
		37. Condition Interior 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	
		42. Prepared by Kevin Pape	
		43. Organization K.I. Planning Comm	
		44. Date 10/85	
		45. Revision Date(s)	

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50. House Type No.  
Code No.      Name  
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53. Farmstead Plan

51. Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies  
Barn Type(s)  
Code No.      Type  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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. \_\_\_\_\_

54. Photo 3  
Roll No. 5      Picture No(s) (32) 34

42. (Cont'd.) Historically, of the mansard block contains a large hooded utility entrance. The entrance consists of double glazed doors that extend the height of the mansard block. The projecting canopy that shelters the entrance is upheld by knee brackets and once served to support the block-and-tackle used to convey wine barrels from dock to ship. The mansard block rests upon an octagonal base sided with board and batter. Entrance to the first story is through unglazed doors in the east and northeast sides. Small, rectangular, single-sash windows are located in the corners of the first story. The dock is constructed of limestone rip-rap contained on timber cribs. A one-lane access leads from the former cellar (ER-355) location to the "L" on which the building is constructed. The only exterior addition/alteration is a frame deck and stairway leading to the second-story utility entrance on the north side.

43. (Cont'd.) fluence may be responsible, also, for the dock building. Herman Koster arrived on Kelleys Island from Hanover, Germany, in 1854. He established his residence (ERI-1530) and first cellar nearby. His winery was successful, and in 1883, he built a larger facility on the shore just west of the Inscription Rock. To accommodate the increased shipping needs of his new operation, Koster built a dock that incorporated the west end of the old Jake Hay dock (ER-357) in 1886. The 60' "L" portion of the dock was built in 1889. Barrels of wine were transferred aboard waiting steamers from this facility. It was used for this purpose by the Koster Wine Co., the Sweet Valley/Monarch, and Meiers Wine Companies after Koster went out of business. In 1907 it was sold to the Kelley Island Lime & Transport Co. That was the year that the quarry company established a phone system and their line to the mainland came ashore in the sheltered cove created by the dock. In 1921 the Lay Brothers Fish Co. began using the dock to shelter some of its fleet and the dock building was used as a twine shanty.



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The KIL&T Co. sold the dock to Lay Bros in 1945; it was purchased by the K.I. Fish Producers Co-op in 1956 and was one of the last commercial fishing facilities on the island. Even during its use as a wine dock, it provided shelter for the pound stake piledrivers of the Sandusky Fish Co. (See ERI-1648) c. 1898. Koster's Dock is the only extant wine dock left on the island. It is currently used as a dock for pleasure craft.

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north of the dock. Access to the dock was provided by a drive that ran between the winery and Inscription Rock. A net winder, a feature of its use as a commercial fishing facility, still exists on the dock. Located on the north edge of the "L", it was used to haul nets from the stern of loaded boats.