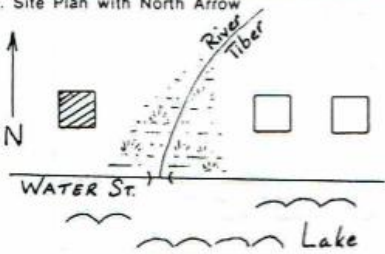




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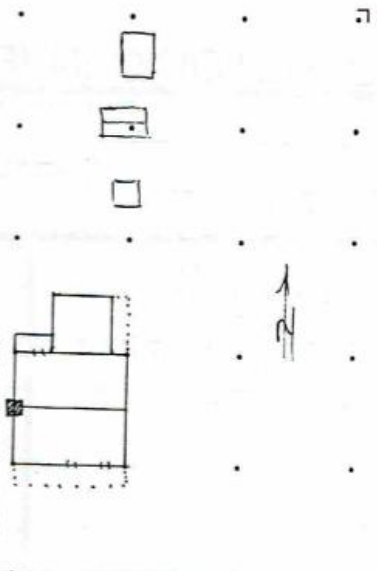
1. I.D. Number ERI-1686		4. Present Name(s) Al Rumel Residence	
2. County ERIE		5. Other Name(s) Julius Kelley House	
3. Location of Negatives O.H.S.			
6. Specific Location Water St., 5th house west of business district, 800' from Division St.		16. Thematic Category Agriculture, Commerce	
7. City or Town Kelleys Island, Ohio		17. Date(s) or Period c. 1866	
8. Site Plan with North Arrow 		18. Style or Design Vernacular	
9. U.T.M. Reference 17 357180 4606000		19. Architect or Engineer	
2. Easting Northing		20. Contractor or Builder	
10. Site Building Structure Object		21. Original Use, if apparent Residence	
11. On National Register? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		22. Present Use Residence	
12. Is It Eligible? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		23. Ownership Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
13. Part of Estab. Hist. Dist.? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		24. Owner's Name & Address, if known Alfred Rumel 23872 Lucile Drive N. Olmstead, Ohio	
14. District Potent'ly? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		25. Open to Public? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
15. Name of Established District Kelleys Island South Shore		26. Local Contact Person or Organization Kevin Pape: KI.Hist. Survey	
42. Further Description of Important Features (Continue on reverse if necessary) The original house is a simple, side-gabled building with a gable end, exterior chimney, three bays across the front, and two side bays. It rests upon a raised basement that has an exterior entrance in the gable end (basement highlighted by undressed stone water table). Two original 6/6 windows are extant, the others are a mix of 2/2 and 1/1; windows are treated with flush lintels and plain lug sills; interior window hardware is intact. Additios and alterations include a small		27. Other Surveys in Which Included N/A	
43. History and Significance This house was built by Julius Kelley, second son of Datus Kelley, c. 1866, during his second sojourn on Kelleys Island. Born in Rockport, Ohio, 1814, Julius first came to the island with his father in 1841, and was one of the first to buy land here. While his first house was being erected on the site of the later Norman Kelley home (ERI-1721), he lived in Mrs. Krowlton's		30. Foundation Material rubble limestone	
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings Kelleys Island's only river, "The Tiber", once flowed into the lake just east of this house. On a flat at its mouth Jake Hay built the scow, "Argus" and George Kelley's "Island Queen" was built here also. George Huntington set out some of the first grape cuttings to be planted on the island just		31. Wall Construction limestone bearing wall	
45. Sources of Information Census Records; 1850, 1880 Sched 2, Prod. of Agric Aldrich, History of Erie Co., 1889 Hill, History of Kelleys Island, Ohio Huntington, Historic Sketches of K.I., Firelands Pioneer (Cont'd. p. 2)		32. Roof Type & Material Gable/asph shingle	
		33. No. of Bays Front Side	
		34. Wall Treatment stucco	
		35. Plan Shape "I"	
		36. Changes (Explain in #42) Addition <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	
		37. Condition Interior good Exterior good	
		38. Preservation Underway? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input 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 40'	
		46. Prepared by Kevin Pape & Betty Pape	
		47. Organization KI Planning Commis.	
		48. Date 10/85	
		49. Revision Date(s)	



50. House Type No.

Code No. Name

53. Farmstead Plan



51. Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies

Barn Type(s)

Code No. Type

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

Roll No. 7 Picture No(s) 29-30
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gabled dormer in the front; a shed-roofed, screened porch across the front elevation; and a second entranceway in the front facade (necessitated by the telephone exchange). A shed-roofed, frame addition, with recessed screen porch, is attached to the north wall.

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two story boarding house located where Datus Kelley was later to build his second house, known as The Island House. (ER-349) Julius Kelley's first land purchase was for 22 acres, and on this land, in the garden of his home he set out a part of the early grape cuttings his father had brought from the Rev. Dr. Aiken of Cleveland. The 1850 Census shows Julius Kelley, at age 36, married with 4 children operating a farm of 124 acres with a val. of \$3420, producing 1360 bushels of grains. He had 1 horse, 3 cows, 4 working oxen and 8 swine. In the household were 3 laborers and a domestic. He sold these considerable holdings to William S. Webb, a near neighbor, in 1851 and moved with his family to Henry County, Ohio. He later joined the Union Forces of the Civil War, serving as a Lt. in Co. B, 38th Reg. OVUSA. 1861 found him serving in various camps in Ohio and Kentucky from which he wrote to "The Islander" of camp life. By 1870 he and his wife, Mary, had returned to the island's south shore, but as shown in 1880's Agriculture Schedule, to much smaller holdings of 42 acres, 23 of which were under tillage, 9 in orchards and vineyards, and 10 in woodlot. He bought the land on which this present house stands from Edwin and Charles Kelley c. 1864. The exact date the house was built is not known, but it seems fairly certain that it was probably 1866 as oral tradition indicates. It is known that he remained here until some time after 1880. The census for that year indicates that his son, Zino, now 33, had returned an invalid suffering from malaria. His other children had left the island. We know that Douglas, born on Kelleys in 1841, had left to study law, entered the Civil War, was imprisoned at Libby Prison, Richmond, Va., and eventually settled in the SanJoaquin Valley as an Episcopalian Minister. By 1896 the house was under the ownership of Louis Brown. He had bought this land as well as the adjacent farm lands

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of both George and Norman Kelley, totalling about 82 acres. Born in Sandusky, Ohio, 1859, of German parentage, Louis Brown came to Kelleys Island c.1880 as a young man of 20, hiring on as a farm-hand in the household of Edwin Ward (ERI-1673). He married Mary Beatty, daughter of Lewis and Mary Beatty (ERI-1653), and in 1896 was living with his family in this house. The initials of his oldest son, Roland, can be seen etched in the glass of a front, first floor window. With his farm prospering, Louis was soon able to buy the imposing Estes home (ERI-1656) c 1899. The next known owner was the KIL&T Co. who purchased the house and installed the island's first public telephone exchange in 1907. The exchange was set up in the first floor east room under the management of Norman Upp with Lillian Schardt, daughter of George Schardt (ERI-1731) as the first operator. The rest of the house was then rented out to various families, some of whom also operated the switchboard. Early operators included the Foley family, Maime Guerin, and Meta and Ellies Lincoln (ERI-1593). C1926 the switchboard was moved out of the house into a small building erected for it on the bank of the Tiber just to the east. (This building was eventually moved by Frank Hamilton to the lake shore in front of his home, ERI-1707.) C1930 Charles Dwelle and his widowed sister, Harriet Van Nostrand, the children of Sylvester Dwelle, moved into this house after selling their large family home on the east side (ERI-1633). It then went to George Topley for a summer home and remains under this usage to the present time.

It should also be noted that this house lies on or near the sight of the cabin where the island's first white child, Cyms Ellithorpe, was born in 1832. His parents, Henry and Elizabeth Ellithorpe, had spent the winter of 1830-31 in the home of Elisha Ellis on land later owned by James Estes. The following spring they built "a cedar house on the banks of the lake a few rods west of the creek known as the River Tiber". This cabin was torn down c1859 and the cedar cut into grape stakes by George Kelley.

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north of the river believing that the damp soil would be beneficial to the roots. Before 1852 the stream was forded by teams, and a plank bridge sufficed for foot traffic. In 1852 the Supv. of Roads, Dist. #2 was authorized to build a culvert and raise the level of the road 15 feet. Though marring rings can still be seen on the river banks near the house, and vestiges of the river's configurations are still apparent, it is now almost completely silted up. Four outbuildings lie to the north of the house: a small asphalt shingled, gable roofed storage shed with board and batten siding, one of concrete block with shed roof of asphalt shingles added in 1954, and a 32x32 foot concrete block garage built in 1980. A drive to the west of the house provides the access.

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Erie Co. Court and Tax Records

Elizabeth Kelley Bauer

Kelley Family Papers

Al & Marge Rumel; Ellies Lincoln Hughes; Frank Pohorence;

Paul & Lee Brown; Henry Beatty