

OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

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| 1. ERI-1749 | | 4. Present Name(s) Homer Woodford House | |
| 2. County ERIE | | 5. Other Name(s) Schlesselman / Overcashier House | |
| 3. Location of Negatives O.H.S. | | | |
| 6. Specific Location North side of Woodford Rd. 1250 ft. west of lake, & west of ERI-1751 | | 16. Thematic Category Agriculture | 28. No. of Stories 1 1/2 |
| 7. City or Town If Rural, Township & Vicinity Kelleys Island, Ohio | | 17. Date(s) or Period c.1859 | 29. Basement? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. Site Plan with North Arrow | | 18. Style or Design Vernacular | 30. Foundation Material lime str rubble |
| | | 19. Architect or Engineer - | 31. Wall Construction Wood frame |
| | | 20. Contractor or Builder Jesse Woodford | 32. Roof Type & Material gabl & hip gable/asph sh |
| 9. U.T.M. Reference | | 21. Original Use, if apparent Residence | 33. No. of Bays Front Side |
| 10. Easting Northing | | 22. Present Use Residence | 34. Wall Treatment beveled board |
| 11. On National Register? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | 23. Ownership Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 35. Plan Shape irregular |
| 12. Is It Eligible? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | 24. Owner's Name & Address, if known Elizabeth Kirk 2535 Scottwood Rd. Toledo, Ohio, 43610 | 36. Changes (Explain in #42) Addition <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 13. Part of Estab. Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Hist. Dist.? No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | 25. Open to Public? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 37. Condition Interior good Exterior good |
| 14. District Potent'l? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | | 26. Local Contact Person or Organization Kevin Pape: KI Hist Survey | 38. Preservation Underway? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15. Name of Established District N/A | | 27. Other Surveys in Which Included N/A | 39. Endangered? By What? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 42. Further Description of Important Features (Continue on reverse if necessary) This house displays a high level of architectural integrity. It is square in plan with a front and side gable. Chimneys are located in the north gable end and offset in the southern gable. Another roof feature is the lighting arrestors with wrought spikes and glass insulators located along the gable ridges. The house has two wings: a one-story, hipped wing on the west gable end and a | | | |
| 43. History and Significance The house and its outbuildings comprise one of a few intact farmsteads on the island. This area of the island has some of the deepest and richest soil, and at one time was a community of thriving farms from Woodford Rd., south to the lake, most owned by families of German origin. The house was built for Homer Woodford by his father, Master Carpenter Jesse Woodford | | | |
| 44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings Outbuildings consist of a privy; gabled, board-and-batten garage, trimmed w/ frieze boards, this once contained a Delco generating system; and a barn. The barn is an Erie Shore type with gambrel roof and entrance in the end of one eave wall. House is located in undeveloped part of island, surrounded by | | | |
| 45. Sources of Information Census Records Hamilton Collection, Hayes Presidential Center The Islander: Vol. 1 1865 Nunan Map; 1874 Atlas S.W.R.; 8/19/85 D. Schlesselman, A. Erne | | 46. Prepared by Betty Pape Kevin Pape 47. Organization KI Planning Commis 48. Date 8/85 49. Revision Date(s) | |

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Homer Woodford House
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50. House Type No.

Code No. Name

51. Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies

Barn Type(s)

Code No. Type

Erie Shore

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

Other *now attached as rear wing

52. Archaeological Site on Property?

Yes
 No

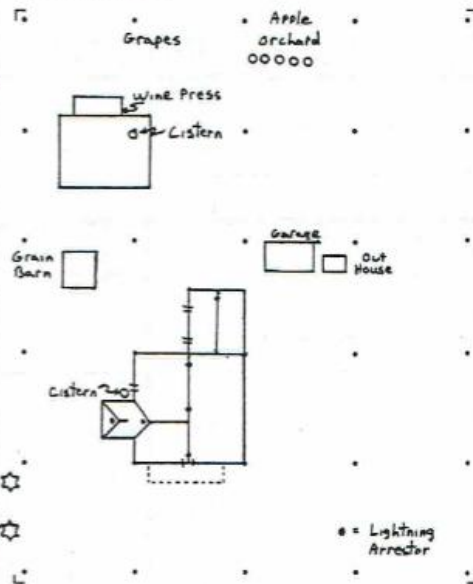
Basis for Information

Owner Collection
 Above Ground Earthworks or Mound
 Cultural Materials Noted

OAI No. _____



53. Farmstead Plan



54. Photo

Roll No. 27 Picture No(s). 10, 11

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who had built his own home (ERI-1751) to the east in 1840. Information from the Hamilton Collection suggests the date of construction as "before 1860". Homer married Rosetta Moore in 1860; the Nunan Map shows this house in place in 1865. From this data, the date of c.1859 for construction can be supported. Born on the island in 1839, Homer, like his father, was a farmer and grape grower. He served the union as a 100 Day Man in 1864. In addition to farming he raised Jersey dairy cows for sale, in partnership with James Hamilton, Jr., c.1885. (James had purchased Jesse Woodford's farm in 1878.) The next known owner of the Homer Woodford farm was the family of Henry Schlesselman.* Henry's father, William, had worked as a farm hand for Jesse Woodford as a young man of 20. Henry was a fisherman, and was "Boss" of the large northside fish gang but continued to work the farm. His son, Marvin, also born on the island, married Dorothy Jean Hummel (ERI-1647). Before inheriting this farm he worked as a brakeman for the KIL&T Co., then as a fisherman with his father. After taking over the family farm he and his brother, Clayton, raised corn, wheat, and soy beans, as well as grapes. They had 6 dairy cows whose milk was sold to neighboring families. 5-6 barrels of wine were pressed each year from their own 6' press for the family consumption. Orchards were set out in the north section of this lot, and vineyards on 11 acres of land east of Harbor Lane. An electric Delco system was installed to generate power for their home and equipment. Since the Schlesselman ownership, the house and land has been used primarily for summer residency.

42. rear gabled wing with chimney. The front shed porch rests upon tapered columns and limestone piers with sawn balustrades. Windows are a mix of 2/2 and 1/1 types, except for 6/6 windows in the rear wing. Trim elements consist of frieze and end boards, and small cornice returns.

44. second growth fields. Information from the Frank Hamilton (Pvt. collect.) suggests that the earliest 2nd District school was located on this farm c1852.

* C.1910