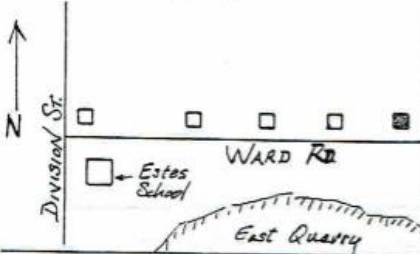




OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

1. No. ERI-1677		4. Present Name(s) Robert and Kim Watkins Residence	
2. County ERIE		5. Other Name(s) William Becker House	
3. Location of Negatives O.H.S.			
6. Specific Location The north side of Ward Rd., 1900 ft. west of its inter- section with Monaghan Rd.		16. Thematic Category Manufacturing, agriculture	
7. City or Town If Rural, Township & Vicinity Kelleys Island		17. Date(s) or Period 1885	
8. Site Plan with North Arrow 		18. Style or Design Italianate	
9. U.T.M. Reference 17 3 5 8 6 2 0 4 6 0 7 3 7 0		19. Architect or Engineer	
10. Easting Northing Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>		20. Contractor or Builder	
11. On National Register? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		21. Original Use, if apparent Residence	
12. Is It Eligible? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		22. Present Use Residence	
13. Part of Estab. Hist. Dist.? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		23. Ownership Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
14. District Potent'l? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		24. Owner's Name & Address, if known Robert and Kim Watkins Kelleys Island, Oh. 43438	
15. Name of Established District N/A		25. Open to Public? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
16. Further Description of Important Features (Continue on reverse if necessary) A central brick chimney and narrow eave board highlight the roofline. Windows are mostly double-hung 2/2 lights with front facing windows treated with pedimented hoodmolds. A single pane attic window under the front gable and the front door with transom light are also topped by pedimented hoodmolds. A wood water table runs above the foundation. A 1 1/2 story, roofed, wing-like section.		26. Local Contact Person or Organization Kevin Pape: KI Hist Survey	
17. History and Significance The house reflects the prosperous and substantial state of its builder, winemaker, William C. Becker. Mr. Becker began winemaking in 1861 on his farm on the island's east side, and became one of the first directors of the Kelley Island Wine Co. around 1866. Soon after the building of his own fine new home (ERI-1635), he acquired 18 ac. of vineyards and a winery from		27. Other Surveys in Which Included N/A	
18. Description of Environment and Outbuildings The house is located in a rural area adjacent to the island's 4-H camp. Outbuildings include a gambrel-roofed, shiplap sided barn with double door hayloft opening, gable peak sliding first floor doors and one-story lean-		28. No. of Stories 2	
19. Sources of Information Census Records, Erie Co. 1874 Atlas of Erie Co. 1905 Sanborn Insurance Map * Hamilton Collection, Hayes Presidential Center Kim Watkins, Cleo Starkweather		29. Basement? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
		30. Foundation Material Limestone rubble	
		31. Wall Construction Wood frame	
		32. Roof Type & Material Gable/asph shingle	
		33. No. of Bays Front 3 Side 4	
		34. Wall Treatment Beveled siding / end boards	
		35. Plan Shape Rectangle	
		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 type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" 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 60'	
		42. Prepared by Kevin Pape Kyle Johannsen	
		43. Organization KI Planning Commiss	
		44. Date 8/85	
		45. 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

Erie Shore

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. 33ER-360

53. Farmstead Plan



54. Photo

Roll No. 24 Picture No(s) 8+10

42. (Cont'd)
 in back features an open west side porch with lattice and sawn columns. The building has seen considerable additions and alterations including a large, one-story gable-roofed addition with recessed eastside porch/entry in back, a $\frac{1}{2}$ story wing section. A second floor east side window in the original 2 story section has been replaced by an outside door accessed by a metal and frame stairway. The basement has a large vaulted, brick-lined cistern with clean-out valve, drainage channel, and lead piping intact. A chart showing former grape production is chalked on the basement staircase. The foundation walls are two feet thick. Additions were built between 1893 and 1905.

43. (Cont'd.)

from Titus Hamilton in 1882 to add to his holdings. Three years later he built this house for his son, William F., who assumed management of the winery for his father. (See Becker Winery, ER-360)

The property was sold to Kaempfe in 1943 who rented rooms in the house and barn to summer vacationers. For several years they also served reserved dinners. Around 1950 they began developing what is now known as the Kaempfe Allotment or Subdivision on the land east of the house and winery ruins.

44. (Cont'd.)

to on the west. The site of the William Becker Wine Co. (ER-360) is east of the barn. The barn is intact with feed bins, exterior hay bale pulleys, etc. A second cistern for livestock lies outside the eastern wall. The original barn sat across from the house on the south side of Ward Road, (Burned 1924).