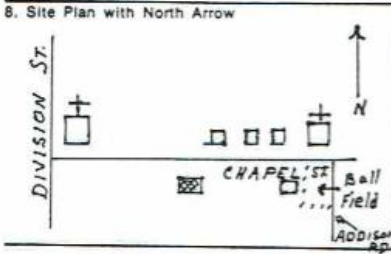



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# OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

1. No. <b>ERI-1554</b>		4. Present Name(s) <b>Helen and Mary Marchky Residence</b>		1. No. <b>ERI-1554</b>
2. County <b>ERIE</b>		5. Other Name(s) <b>Frederick Gehrkins Residence</b>		
3. Location of Negatives <b>C.H.S.</b>				
6. Specific Location <b>South side of Chapel St., second house west of Addison Pl.</b>		16. Thematic Category <b>Agriculture, ethnic</b>		2. County <b>Erie</b>
7. City or Town, If Rural, Township & Vicinity <b>Kelleys Island, Ohio</b>		17. Date(s) or Period <b>c. 1870</b>		
8. Site Plan with North Arrow 		18. Style or Design <b>Vernacular</b>		3. Present Name(s) <b>Helen &amp; Mary Marchky</b>
		19. Architect or Engineer <b>-</b>		
9. U.T.M. Reference <b>17 357700 4606130</b>		20. Contractor or Builder <b>-</b>		4. Present Name(s) <b>Helen &amp; Mary Marchky</b>
10. None <input type="checkbox"/> Easting <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Northing <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>		21. Original Use, if apparent <b>Storage and wine making</b>		
11. On National Register? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		22. Present Use <b>Residence</b>		5. Other Name(s) <b>Frederick Gehrkins Residence</b>
12. Is it Eligible? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		23. Ownership Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
13. Part of Estab. Hist. Dist.? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		24. Owner's Name & Address, if known <b>Helen &amp; Mary Marchky, Kelleys Island, Ohio</b>		6. Other Name(s) <b>Frederick Gehrkins Residence</b>
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 <b>N/A</b>		26. Local Contact Person or Organization <b>Kevin Pape, K.I. Hist. Survey</b>		7. Other Name(s) <b>Frederick Gehrkins Residence</b>
		27. Other Surveys in Which Included <b>N/A</b>		
28. No. of Stories <b>1 1/2</b>		29. Basement? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		8. Other Name(s) <b>Frederick Gehrkins Residence</b>
30. Foundation Material <b>Lime stone rubble</b>		31. Wall Construction <b>Wood frame</b>		
32. Roof Type & Material <b>Gabled/asph. shing</b>		33. No. of Bays Front <b>Side</b>		9. Other Name(s) <b>Frederick Gehrkins Residence</b>
34. Wall Treatment <b>Bevelled board</b>		35. Plan Shape <b>irregular</b>		
36. Changes (Explain in #42) Addition <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moved <input type="checkbox"/>		37. Condition Interior <b>Good</b> Exterior <b>Good</b>		10. Other Name(s) <b>Frederick Gehrkins Residence</b>
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 <b>75' / 4 A+</b>		11. Other Name(s) <b>Frederick Gehrkins Residence</b>
42. Further Description of Important Features (Continue on reverse if necessary) <b>The original part of this house is a front-gabled structure with a moderately sloping roof and central-ridge, brick chimney. The front facade features 3 bays with central entrance and a shed-roofed porch supported by chamfered columns. A later, single-story wing was added to the eastern eave wall and a screened porch was built into the "L" of the wing. Windows in the original</b>				
43. History and Significance <b>Frederick Gehrkins, born in Hanover, Germany in 1834, immigrated to the United States in 1857, and had an established farm on Kelleys Island by 1860. He first lived in Alvin Hays' boarding house and worked as a vine dresser. By 1870 he had married his Prussian born wife, Elizabeth, and</b>				
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings <b>The house is surrounded by 4 acres of farm land and vineyards, and is one of the last working farms on the island. A new garage, recently resided barn, two storage sheds, and a five sided, slatted corn-crib lie to the s.</b>		45. Sources of Information <b>census Records, Erie County 1860 Products of Agric. Schedl 2, Erie Co. Census 1874 Atlas, Erie Co. Oral History: Helen Marchky Court House Records, Erie Co. (Cont'd on reverse)</b>		12. Other Name(s) <b>Frederick Gehrkins Residence</b>
46. Prepared by <b>K. Pape Helen Marchky</b>		47. Organization <b>K.I. Planning Comm.</b>		
48. Date <b>10/85</b>		49. Revision Date(s)		

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

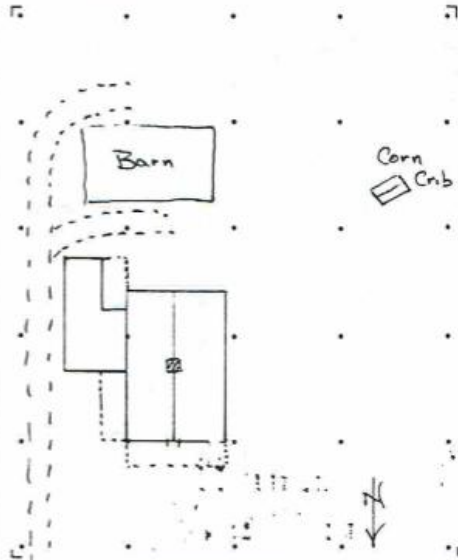
## 52. Archaeological Site on Property?

Yes   
No 

Basis for Information

Owner Collection   
 Above Ground Earthworks or Mound   
 Cultural Materials Noted  OAI No. \_\_\_\_\_

## 53. Farmstead Plan



## 54. Photo

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## 42. (Cont'd)

section are 6/6 and protected by aluminum storms. The house lacks any trim features.

This is one of the few remaining intact farmsteads on the island.



## 43. (Cont'd.)

resided in his own home, probably the Tom Lange house (ERI-1555). At that time his farm and vineyards extended on both sides of Chapel Street, and he was making some wine, with an annual production of 500 gallons in 1872. Around 1870 he built the first section of this house for storage and for grape processing and the making of wine. A short time later he enlarged this structure to accommodate a growing family, adding a kitchen, pantry, and summer kitchen on the east side, and took up his residency here. After his death, his son, Elmer, continued to operate a successful farm and vineyard. Three of Elmer's children, Karl, Edward and Mary, gained honors in the fields of music, electrical engineering, and childhood education respectively. Elmer sold to Henry and May Marchky who expanded the vineyards, and lived there until their deaths. The house remains in the family, and is presently owned by Helen and Mary Marchky. \*Helen Marchky is now retired from her position as principal in the Sandusky school system, & a former mayor of K.I., 1974.

Johannsen, Winegrowing Industry of the Lake Erie Island Region.

\* in 1924

\*\*This was the last working farm on the island.