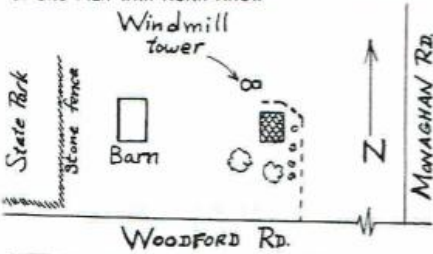


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# OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

1. ERI-1746		4. Present Name(s) "The Big House"		ERI-1746
2. County ERIE		5. Other Name(s) George Becker Farm		
3. Location of Negatives O.H.S.				
6. Specific Location North side of Woodford Rd., east of the State Park Land and 2200 ft. west of Monoga		16. Thematic Category Ethnic, agriculture	28. No. of Stories 2	"The Big House"
7. City or Town If Rural, Township & Vicinity Kelleys Island, Ohio		17. Date(s) or Period c.1870 /1896 (add)	29. Basement? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
8. Site Plan with North Arrow 		18. Style or Design Transitional Stick - Queen Anne	30. Foundation Material limestone block	
9. U.T.M. Reference Zone 18 Easting 358610 Northing 4606130		19. Architect or Engineer -	31. Wall Construction WOOD FRAME	
10. Site Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>		20. Contractor or Builder -	32. Roof Type & Material Gable/asph shingle	
11. On National Register? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		21. Original Use, if apparent Residence	33. No. of Bays Front Side	
12. Is it Eligible? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		22. Present Use Residence	34. Wall Treatment beveled board	
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"/>	35. Plan Shape Irregular	
14. District Potent'ly? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		24. Owner's Name & Address, if known N/A	36. Changes (Explain in #42) Addition <input type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	
15. Name of Established District N/A		25. Open to Public? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	37. Condition Interior Exterior good	
16. Further Description of Important Features (Continue on reverse if necessary) This property is another example of a substantial addition being built onto the front of a smaller, earlier house. The initial structure is 1½ story, front-gabled building with a single-story, rear wing. The two-story addition is a cross gabled structure with a centered gable front. The front gable features a cut-away, first story bay; central bay window is Queen Anne style with		26. Local Contact Person or Organization Kevin Pape; KI Hist Survey	38. Preservation Underway? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	George Becker House and Dairy
43. History and Significance This house was the site of the largest and most modern dairy farm on the island when it was owned and operated by George Becker, c.1905-1940. Built by August Schaedler before 1874 (the 1874 Atlas Map shows house in place), it was enlarged for his son, David in 1896. August Schaedler had his home and winery on the southeast shore (ERI-1654), but used this land to pasture		27. Other Surveys in Which Included N/A	39. Endangered? By What? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings The house sits far back from the road shaded by mature trees. A gravel drive on the east edge of the property leads to the back of the house. The tower of a windmill stands to thenorth west of the house with a small gable roofed board & batten shed at its base. Cedars and apple trees line the		40. Visible from Public Road? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
45. Sources of Information Census Records 1874 & 1896 Atlas Maps; 1909 Platt Map, KI. 1890, 1910 Grand List, KI., Erie Co. * D. Schlesselman, C. Martin, A. Vest, F.W.Pape		46. Prepared by Kevin Pape		
		47. Organization KI Planning Commis		
		48. Date   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 32 33, 34, 35  
 Roll No. 5 Picture No(s) 10, 11

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his cows, and probably rented the house to tenant farmers. C.1912 the \*house and 32 acres was purchased by the Beckers. George Becker was the son of William Becker (ERI-1635), vintner and winemaker. He married Emma Trieschman, daughter of Henry Trieschman (ERI-1573), owner of the island's meat market, and brought her to this house. In 1917 they built a large barn for their growing herd of Jersey dairy cows, incorporating many modern facilities (See ERI-1744), and in 1920 added a hog house. In 1916 a small stone house and 5 acres (ERI-1748) which they purchased from H. Trieschman was given to their son, Reuben, upon his marriage. After the death of his father, Reuben and his wife, Elsie, returned to the homestead to help with its operation, remaining here until c 1950. The products of their \*dairy were sold to local residents and marketed through the island grocery (ERI-1563).

44 western edge of the drive. The large dairy barn stands in an open but overgrown field 200 ft. west. A stone wall (ERI-1670) lies west of the barn, perpendicular to the road, and separates the pasture from the adjacent property.

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oversized lower sash and transom sash of multiple colored lights. Other windows are 1/1 or 2/2 with 8-light storms. Details include vergeboards and front gable truss; continuous sill and lintel bands on first and second story windows; vertical bands highlighting corners of bay; and, frieze, end, and water table boards. The hipped porch is supported by Tuscan columns with sawn balustrades. The front entrance flanks the bay and is enclosed within a vestibule. This house displays a significant degree of architectural integrity.