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# OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

1. No. <u>ERI_1644</u>		4. Present Name(s) <u>Seeholzer House</u>	
2. County <u>ERIE</u>		5. Other Name(s) <u>Henry Lang Residence and Winery</u>	
3. Location of Negatives <u>O.H.S.</u>			
6. Specific Location <u>E. Lake Shore Drive, 2nd house west of Addison Place</u>		16. Thematic Category <u>Ethnic, Agric., Manufact.</u>	28. No. of Stories <u>1 1/2</u>
7. City or Town If Rural, Township & Vicinity <u>Kelleys Island, Ohio</u>		17. Date(s) or Period <u>c. 1861</u>	29. Basement? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
8. Site Plan with North Arrow 		18. Style or Design <u>Greek Revival</u>	30. Foundation Material <u>Coursed l.s. rubble</u>
9. U.T.M. Reference <u>17 3577100 4605850</u>		19. Architect or Engineer <u>-</u>	31. Wall Construction <u>Limestone rubble</u>
10. Zone Easting Northing Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>		20. Contractor or Builder <u>-</u>	32. Roof Type & Material <u>Gable/asph rf. pap.</u>
11. On National Register? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		21. Original Use, if apparent <u>Residence and Winery</u>	33. No. of Bays Front Side
12. Is it Eligible? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		22. Present Use <u>Residence</u>	34. Wall Treatment <u>Stucco over l.s.</u>
13. Part of Estab. Hist. Dist.? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		23. Ownership Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	35. Plan Shape <u>Irregular</u>
14. District Potent? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		24. Owner's Name & Address, if known <u>Eugene Matso 1422 Mills Ave., Sandusky Ohio, 44870</u>	36. Changes (Explain in #42) Addition <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input type="checkbox"/>
15. Name of Established District <u>K.I. South Shore National Register District</u>		25. Open to Public? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	37. Condition Interior <u>Good</u> Exterior <u>Fair</u>
16. Further Description of Important Features (Continue on reverse if necessary) <u>A central, iron-gabled block with flanking, symmetrical half-hipped wings. Single brick chimneys rise from the ridge of each wing at its junction with the central eave wall. The central block is 1 1/2 stories, and wings are 1 story. An open, flat-roofed "Craftsman" style porch crosses the front of the house. A later addition, its heavy, squared, limestone piers support tapered, front d. sheet 2</u>		26. Local Contact Person or Organization <u>Kevin Pape; K.I. Hist. Survey</u>	38. Preservation Underway? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
17. History and Significance <u>This house, built by Henry Lang, Sr., in c1861, was one of the island's earliest wineries. Henry, born in Hanover, Germany, 1830, emigrated to the Unite States with his parents in 1838, settling first on the mainland of Erie County, Ohio. Here he met and married Balbina Riedy, born in Baden, Germany, 1830. Sometime before 1859 he and his wife came to</u>		27. Other Surveys in Which Included <u>N/A</u>	39. Endangered? By What? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
18. Description of Environment and Outbuildings <u>A gable-roofed, vertical board privy stands near the north west corner of the lot. Across the road, on the lake bank, is a dilapidated, coursed limestone rubble structure that was once a pump house; prior to the gas</u>		40. Visible from Public Road? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	41. Distance from and Frontage on Road <u>50' / 110'</u>
19. Sources of Information <u>Aldrich, History of Erie County, Ohio 1889 Nichols, Handy Guidebook to Put-In-Bay, Mid. Bass &amp; K.I. Johannsen, Winegrowing Indust. of Lake Erie Isl. 1888 History of St. Michael's Parish, Ms.</u>		42. Prepared by <u>Kevin Pape &amp; Betty Pape</u>	43. Organization <u>K.I. Planning Comm.</u>
44. Date <u>9/85</u>		45. Revision Date(s)	



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## 50. House Type No.

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## 51. Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies

## Barn Type(s)

Code No. Type

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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

Roll No. 258 Picture No(s). 142

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Kelleys Island, probably at the urging of his wife's relative, John Riedy, who was then working for Charles Carpenter. In 1859 Henry purchased a large tract of land from Addison Kelley extending from the island's south shore, north beyond Chapel St., and abutting the western boarder of Herman Koster's land, purchased about this same time. Mr. Lang's first home was probably the small house on Chapel Street (ERI-1553). His vineyards were set out on his land north of this road. The construction of this house and cellar was begun in 1861 just before the onset of the Civil War, and in 1864, helped to organize Co. K of 130th Reg. of 100 Day Call, serving as its 2nd Lt. Living with him and helping in the vineyards were his wife's brothers, Robert and Paulin Riedy. The later purchased Henry's north tract in 1867 and set up a small winery of his own (ERI-1557). By 1870, Henry's cellar was prospering, having a capacity of 40,000 gal. In 1880, to have a local outlet for his wines, he built a combination saloon and small hotel catering to the summer trade near the road and west of his home. (This building has only recently been demolished.) After her husband's death, c. 1900, Balbina took in boarders, later converting the press house and saloon into rental property. Her son, Henry, Jr., continued to operate the winery and saloon until the onset of Prohibition.

The elder Henry Lang also helped to organize the first Roman Catholic Congregation on the island, opening the west wing of his home for the saying of Mass until a church could be built. (St. Michael's, ERI-1558). It is known that he had a niche constructed in the chimney wall of this wing especially to hold the Holy Eucharist, and it is possible that he built this wing specifically to serve as a chapel, as there is evidence that it was added at a later date than the main section. At the time this land was purchased from Addison Kelley, 1/4 A was set aside for the construction of a church, and deeded to Bishop Amadeus Rapp, Bishop of Cleveland. It



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rectangular wood posts and sawn balustrades. Projecting eaves on the central block are trimmed with cornice returns and wide frieze boards. The wings have narrower frieze boards. The exterior walls are stucco and incised to produce a block pattern. Window and door openings have flush stone lintels and plain lug sills. Windows are double-hung, single light replacements except for three bi-swing, floor to ceiling casement windows (each panel having five lights). Two of these are located in the front wall of the west wing and one in the second floor gable-end of the central block. A frame press house is attached at the rear through an enclosed, single room, shed-roofed utility room. The press room was once two stories but is now one story. It has a gable roof and single ridge chimney in the gable end. Windows are double-hung, 6/6 lights. A large double-door pressing floor entrance is located in the east wall and the cellar entrance is through a ground-level door in the north end. Walls are finished with beveled siding. An interesting interior feature of the west wing is a niche constructed in the chimney wall that was once used as a tabernacle when this section served as a chapel. This wing is one step higher than the main block giving credence to the oral tradition that this section was added later to provide accommodations for the temporary Catholic services. A cistern lies under the east kitchen wing, and a room size vaulted ceilinged older cistern under the press house. At one time there was a small frame buggy shed at the northwest corner of this press house with four 3x5' compartments for storage recessed into the ground under the floor. Another popular story tells that these units were used to hide runaway slaves, or possibly deserters during the Civil War.

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comprised the southeast corner of the tract that was later purchased by Paulin Riedy. Oral tradition credits Henry Lang with donating the  $\frac{1}{4}$  ac. for the construction of the Catholic Church. (Verified by deed\*) Henrietta, daughter of Henry Lang, Jr., married Hugo Seeholzer, son of Charles Seeholzer, another island winery owner (ERI-1701). Hugo was a crane operator for the KIL&T Co. They continued living in the Lang family home until their deaths. The property remains in the hands of descendents, James Seeholzer (ERI-1596), and his sister, Emma Jane Matso.\* It was James Seeholzer who razed the old saloon using the timber of the rear section to build a storage and work shop to the north of this lot. \*(Son of Joseph Matso, ERI-1578)

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engine, it was topped by a windmill. The house stands in an open, mowed

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lot. A frame two story building that once housed the Lang saloon and hotel, stood near the road just west of the Lang Residence.

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Census Records  
\*Vol.20, Pg.172 Erie Co. Deeds, Oct. 1863  
1867 Grand Tax List, KI.  
James Seeholzer  
Maybelle Kekilik, Ms Hist of Cath Church on KI  
Kurt Boker  
F.Wm. Pape