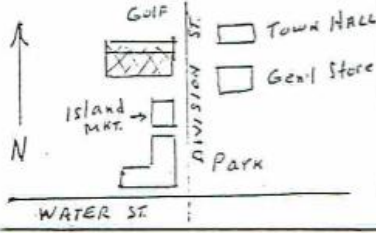


OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

No. ERI-1564		4. Present Name(s) Elfer's Store		1. No. ERI-1564
County ERIE		5. Other Name(s) Elfer's Store		
Location of Negatives O.H.S.				
Specific Location On west side of Division S in commercial section, 3rd building from Water St., N		16. Thematic Category Commercial		2. County Erie
City or Town If Rural, Township & Vicinity Kelleys Island, Ohio		17. Date(s) or Period 1890 and 1893		
Site Plan with North Arrow 		18. Style or Design		4. Present Name(s) Elfer's Store
U.T.M. Reference 7 357400 4605960		19. Architect or Engineer		
On National Register? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		20. Contractor or Builder August Schaedler		5. Other Name(s) Elfer's Store
Part of Estab. Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hist. Dist.? No <input type="checkbox"/>		21. Original Use, if apparent Mercantile/General Store		
12. Is It Eligible? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		22. Present Use Warehouse		
14. District Potent? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		23. Ownership Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Name of Established District Kelleys Island South Shore		24. Owner's Name & Address, if known Robert & Kim Watkins Kelleys Island, Ohio		
Further Description of Important Features (Continue on reverse if necessary) The large store-front window and doors are topped by Queen Anne style windows. Windows are predominantly double-hung either 2/2 or 1/1 lights, and are treated with pedimented hood-molds with flanking semi-circular molded wood surrounds. Several loft openings are found on the west and north. The front facade features brackets and fanlights.		25. Open to Public? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
History and Significance Elfer's Store is one of only a handful of commercial buildings on Kelleys Island and unlike most of them has seen little alteration. Fred Elfers was a German immigrant from Hanover who came to the island in 1861 and established himself in the mercantile business in 1876, his first store		26. Local Contact Person or Organization K. Pape: KI Hist. Survey		
Description of Environment and Outbuildings Located in the island's small business section, it is bounded on the south by the Island Market, for which business it is used as a warehouse, on the north by a Miniature Golf park and golf cart and bike rental.		27. Other Surveys in Which Included N/A		
Sources of Information Aldrich, History of Erie Co., Ohio, 1889 Sanborn Insurance Maps, 1893, 1905 S.W.R. newspaper, 4/15/1885 Hamilton Collection, Hayes Presidential Center		28. No. of Stories 2		
		29. Basement? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
		30. Foundation Material Limestone rubble		
		31. Wall Construction plank wood frame		
		32. Roof Type & Material Lead-10, built up tar		
		33. No. of Bays Front 2 Side 3		
		34. Wall Treatment Stamped tin		
		35. Plan Shape rectangl		
		36. Changes (Explain in #42) Addition <input type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input type="checkbox"/>		
		37. Condition Interior Fair Exterior Fair		
		38. Preservation Underway? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
		39. Endangered? 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 10'		
		46. Prepared by D. Pape, Kyle Johansen		
		47. Organization K.I. Planning Comm.		
		48. Date 8/05 49. Revision Date(s)		

House Type No.

Code No. Name

Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies

Barn Type(s)

Code No. Type

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

Other

2. Archaeological Site on Property?

Yes
No

Basis for Information

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

53. Farmstead Plan



54. Photo

Roll No. 17 Picture No(s). 18

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43. (Cont'd.)

being located two blocks north on Division St. (ERI-1626). While operating the General Store across Division Street (ERI-1559), he contracted with August Schaedler to build the store which makes up the southern section of this building. It incorporated many of the newest innovations and labor saving devices such as pressed tin wall and ceiling covering, a freight elevator, ceiling fans, and a coffee roaster, all powered by a Thomson-Houston arc lighting system, the first electric light system in Erie County, and the only electric system then on the island. It also had an engine and boiler for steam heat. Elfers carried a "complete" line of merchandise including dry goods, boots, shoes, hats, farm implements, hardware and groceries. In 1893 the second store was erected to the north using the north wall of the first as a common wall, and openings were put through on both the first and second floor. The line of merchandise was now so varied that the store was jokingly known as Noah's Arc. After Fred's death in 1923, his son, Arnold, continued its operation. Under various short term owners it was variously operated as hardware store and a second hand furniture store, remaining empty much of the time, until Frank Pohorence purchased it for storage for his Island Market next door, (ERI-1563).

45. (Cont'd.)

Oral History: Frank Pohorence
Fr. Richard Bauman
Marshall Bockerman