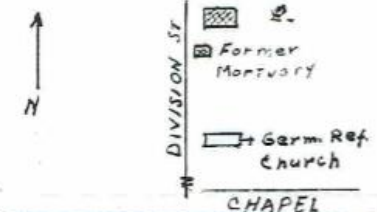


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OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

1. No. ERI-1611		4. Present Name(s) Teresa Bucsi Residence		ERI-1611
2. County ERIE		5. Other Name(s) * WILLIAM BURGER HOME AND MORTUARY		
3. Location of Negatives O.H.S.				
6. Specific Location East side of Division St. 1600 ft. north of stone Germ. Reform Church		16. Thematic Category Commerce, Social/Welfare		ERIE
7. City or Town If Rural, Township & Vicinity Kelleys Island, Ohio		17. Date(s) or Period * c. 1860		
8. Site Plan with North Arrow 		18. Style or Design Vernacular		TERESA BUCSI RESIDENCE
9. U.T.M. Reference 17 357590 4606700		19. Architect or Engineer -		
10. Zone Easting Northing Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>		20. Contractor or Builder -		WILLIAM BURGER HOUSE & MORTUARY
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 type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" 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 Teresa Bucsi Kelleys Island, Ohio		
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) This two-bay, front gabled house has overhanging eaves and a central ridge, brick chimney. An original porch, extending south from the rear of the house has been removed and the front porch has *been enclosed. A one-story, side-gabled addition is attached to the east gable wall of the house. It has a central ridge brick chimney and contains the large access doors to the wine cellar in		26. Local Contact Person or Organization		
43. History and Significance This house was the site of the island's first known mortuary. It was operated by William Burger, son of John and Christine Burger (aka Berger), German Immigrants who came to the island and built this house c. 1860's. The 6.23 acres of farmland and vineyards which comprise their homestead was purchased from the Reidy's, and by 1870, John was producing 1100 gallons of wine from his own press and seven casks. The cellar of this house was		27. Other Surveys in Which Included N/A		
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings Situating on flat open land, the house is backed by old fields, once vineyards. There is also a spring located on the right behind the house. Originally, there were two outhouses. The remaining one is not on its original site. The small building that housed the mortu-		28. No. of Stories 1 1/2		
45. Sources of Information Census Records; 1870 Sched. S, Prod of Indust.: Erie Co. 1865, 1874 Maps of Kelleys Island 1914 Directory of Kelleys Island KI. Township Min., Sept, 1887 * Hamilton Collection, Hayes Presidential Center Oral Hist: Theodore Blatt		29. Basement? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
		30. Foundation Material L.s. rubble under cement		
		31. Wall Construction Wood frame		
		32. Roof Type & Material Gable/asph. shingle		
		33. No. of Bays Front 2 Side 2		
		34. Wall Treatment Asbestos shingle over bev. bd.		
		35. Plan Shape Rectangle		
		36. Changes (Explain in #42) Addition <input type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input type="checkbox"/>		
		37. Condition Interior good Exterior good		
		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 30'		
		46. Prepared by Betty Pape & Kevin Pape		
		47. Organization KI. Planning Commission		
		48. Date 8/85		
		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

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54. Photo

Roll No. 26 Picture No(s). 8+12

42. (Cont'd)

its eastern eave wall. The cellar has 10' ceilings and is divided into a large and small room; it was excavated to limestone bedrock. A large, enclosed cistern is also located beneath this section of the house. Windows were originally 6/6, double hung sashes with 4/4 type windows located in the east gable wall. Some windows have been replaced and any original trim elements such as frieze, end and water table boards have been obscured by asbestos shingle siding. Some original interior doors and hardware are intact.

43. (Cont'd.)

excavated to bedrock and the floor is made of glacially striated limestone. A large utility entrance, the spacious layout of the cellar, and its abnormal depth suggests that it was used for the manufacturing and storing of wine. By 1880, John Burger had died, and William, age 15, was boarding with Henry Vogt and working as a clerk in a store, probably the General Store (ERI-1559). Just when William became the island mortician is not known, but it would have been after 1887. It is known that a small building serving as a mortuary was added to the rear of the family home c.1900. In 1885, William married, bringing his wife, Christine, to his mother's home. By 1900 he had become manager of the General Store (ERI-1559), assisted by his brother, John Henry, and had established his mortuary office in the small wing added by Fred Elfers in 1884 to serve as a post office. Later the post office was moved to the building (ERI-1690) erected by Gus Kelley in 1890 to hold it and a barber shop. Mr. William Burger was a staunch supporter of the German Reformed Church, and his funeral was the last service to be held there.

44. (Cont'd.)

are and lay close to the rear of the house, has been moved up to the road, south of the house, enlarged, and is now used as rental property by the present owner.