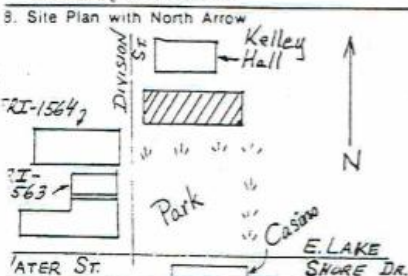




# OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

1. No. ERI-1559		4. Present Name(s) The General Store		1. No. ERI-1559	
2. County ERIE		5. Other Name(s) Brown's General Store			2. County Erie
3. Location of Negatives O.H.S.					
6. Specific Location East side of Division St. between the Village Park and Kelleys Hall		16. Thematic Category Commerce, political		4. Present Name(s) The General Store	
7. City or Town If Rural, Township & Vicinity Kelleys Island		17. Date(s) or Period 1885			
8. Site Plan with North Arrow 		18. Style or Design Italianate		3. County Erie	
9. U.T.M. Reference 17 31 5 74 2 0 4 6 0 59 6 0		19. Architect or Engineer -			
10. Name Easting Northing 0. Site Building X Structure Object		20. Contractor or Builder August Schaedler		4. Present Name(s) The General Store	
11. On National Register? Yes No		21. Original Use, if apparent Retail Store			
12. Is it Eligible? Yes X No		22. Present Use Retail Store		5. Other Name(s) Brown's General Store	
13. Part of Estab. Hist. Dist.? Yes X No		23. Ownership Public Private X			
14. District Potent'l? Yes X No		24. Owner's Name & Address, if known Cindy Curilla Terry Kelleys Island, Oh		3. County Erie	
15. Name of Established District KI So. Shore Hist Dist		25. Open to Public? Yes X No			
16. Further Description of Important Features (Continue on reverse if necessary) This store is a good example of Italianate commercial architecture. The roofline of its front elevation is dominated by a false facade which features a centered gable, cornice brackets, frieze panels, and two pairs of pilasters. Second story window crowns are peaked to follow the line established by the facade roofline. A shed porch, supported by chamfered columns and decora-		26. Local Contact Person or Organization Kevin Pape:KI Hist Survey		3. County Erie	
17. History and Significance The land on which this store was built was once part of the Kelley-Rush Isl and House property (ER-349). After that hotel's disastrous fire of 1877, wealthy wine maker, August Schaedler, (ERI-1654), purchased the land at a Sheriff's sale. On the north section, in 1885, he erected this retail establishment, and two years later, along the lake shore section, built a		27. Other Surveys in which Included N/A			
18. Description of Environment and Outbuildings The open porch across the front of the building is reached by a short flight of steps directly from the sidewalk. A driveway on the south separates the narrow lot on which the store is built from the village park. Kelleys Hall is immediately to the north, and across Division St. to the west are		28. No. of Stories 2		3. County Erie	
19. Sources of Information Census Info. & Records Hills: History of Kelleys Island, Ohio S.W.R., Aug 19, 1895; Hayes President Center Sanborn Insurance Maps, 1886, 1893 (Cont'd.)		29. Basement? Yes X No			
		30. Foundation Material l.s. rubble		4. Present Name(s) The General Store	
		31. Wall Construction Wood frame			
		32. Roof Type & Material Gabled/asph shingle		3. County Erie	
		33. No. of Bays Front Side			
		34. Wall Treatment beveled-bd. & tongue & groove		4. Present Name(s) The General Store	
		35. Plan Shape Rectangle			
		36. Changes (Explain in #42) Interior v. good Exterior v. good		3. County Erie	
		37. Condition Interior v. good Exterior v. good			
		38. Preservation Underway? Yes X No		4. Present Name(s) The General Store	
		39. Endangered? By What? Yes X No			
		40. Visible from Public Road? Yes X No		3. County Erie	
		41. Distance from and Frontage on Road 5'			
		46. Prepared by Kevin Pape & Betty Pape		5. Other Name(s) Brown's General Store	
		47. Organization KI Planning Commiss			

3. House Type No.

Code No. Name

1. Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies

Barn Type(s)

Code No. Type



52. Archaeological Site on Property?

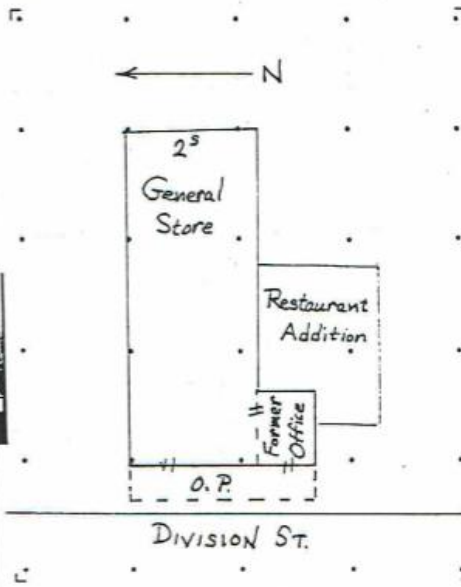
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Basis for Information

Owner Collection   
Above Ground Earthworks or Mound   
Cultural Materials Noted

OAI No. \_\_\_\_\_

53. Farmstead Plan



54. Photo

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42. (Cont'd)

ted by milled frieze boards, ties together the store and Post Office annex. This post office doorway with transom light is original, but display windows and store entrance door are replacement types. A large service door is located in the northwall at the rear of the building. Additions/alterations include a fire escape on the north wall, a partially enclosed front porch, and shed roofed restaurant addition on the south wall.

43. (Cont'd.)

saloon-restaurant which later became the Casino (ERI-1561).

Frederick Elfers was the store's first manager, having given up his old place to the north (ERI-1626). The building included many modern conveniences, carrying a complete line of groceries, dry goods and housewares on the first floor, and providing a meeting hall and kitchen facilities for a fraternal organization, The Macabee Temple, on the second floor. Having been appointed post master in 1884, Mr. Elfers added a small annex to the store's south wall and moved the post office from "The Lodge" (ERI-1562) where it had been for 30 years, into these new quarters. In less than 5 years Mr. Elfers built an even more modern store across the street (ERI-1564), and moved there in 1890.

The next manager of the store was William Burger who had learned his trade as a clerk under Elfers as early as 1880. Burger (see ERI-1611 and 1691) then operated the store for 30 years in conjunction with his work as the island mortician. For this latter purpose he converted the post office annex to his undertaker office, and the post office was moved to its new quarters on Water St. (ERI-1682). (1890)

When Burger left to become manager of the KI Dock & Steam Boat Co. c. 1911, the store business was briefly managed by a Mr. Seymour. It then passed to Frank Reinheimer (ERI-1588 and 1567) who had been manager of the KIL&T