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Lake Erie Island Pictures by Harley Hoffman

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In the “Neighboring Communities” collection of the Sandusky Library Archives Research Center are several photographs taken by Harley Hoffman, a commercial photographer who had a studio in Castalia, Ohio in the 1950s. Above is a picture of ferry boat passengers approaching Middle Bass Island. You can see the Lonz Winery on the shore.



This picture was taken at the Put-in-Bay dock. A sun bather can be seen soaking up the sun on the pier.



Vintage vehicles are visible along the streets of Kelleys Island in this picture of the business district. Businesses pictured include Matso's Place and the Island Market.



Mr. Hoffman snapped this picture of someone standing by the sign at Inscription Rock along the lakefront at Kelleys Island.



The community oven at Kelleys Island allowed residents to bake bread in the late 1800s and early 1900s.



These men are enjoying an afternoon of fishing at Kelleys Island.

Harley W. Hoffman passed away in 1986. His obituary, which appeared in the May 28, 1986 issue of the *Sandusky Register*, stated that he had been a salesman for the Mr. Wiggs Department Store.

In the decade of the 1950s, Mr. Hoffman is credited with dozens of photographs that appeared in the *Sandusky Register Star News*. Because of Harley Hoffman's photographs, we have a better understanding of what everyday life was like in a by-gone era.