


KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

Site No. CP-61

1. Historic Name(s) <u>Blau's Four Mile House</u> ✓ Original Owner <u>Stephen Blau</u>			22. ADD/County <u>Campbell</u> <span style="float:right">0 1 9</span> 23. U.S.G.S. Quadrant (15'/75') <u>New Richmond</u> <span style="float:right">G.I.S. Mod. 1,3,6</span>		
2. Present Name <u>Reitman House</u>			24. UTM Reference <u>16</u> <u>72</u> <u>83</u> <u>90</u> <u>43</u> <u>19</u> <u>53</u> <u>10</u> Zone Easting Northing		
3. Location ✓ <u>Four Mile Pike, Camp Springs</u> ✓			25. Coordinate Accuracy <span style="float:right">□</span>		
4. Owner's Name <u>Helen Reitman</u>			26. Prehistoric Site Object Historic Site Structure <u>Building</u> Other		
5. Owner's Address <u>163 Fender Road, Melbourne, Kentucky</u>			27. National Register District Name: <u>GERMAN SETTLEMENT PROPERTIES</u> <u>FOUR MILE CREEK AREA</u> <span style="float:right">□ □ □ □</span>		
6. Open to Public Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	7. Visible from road Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	8. Ownership <span style="float:right">X</span> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/>			
9. Local Contact/Organization <u>Campbell County Heritage League</u>			28. Significance Evaluation <u>National Register</u> <span style="float:right">D</span>		
10. Site Plan with North Arrow			11. Architect	29. Status <span style="float:right">Date</span> National Landmark <input type="checkbox"/> National Register <input type="checkbox"/> Landmark Certificate <input type="checkbox"/> Kentucky Survey <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>May 10, 1979</u> Local Landmark <input type="checkbox"/> HABS/HAER <input type="checkbox"/>	30. Historic Theme Primary <u>Architecture</u> <span style="float:right">C</span> Secondary <u>Ethnic Settlement</u> <span style="float:right">C C</span> Other <span style="float:right">□ □</span>
12. Builder <u>Nicholas Reitman*</u>			13. Date <u>c.1850-1870</u> A. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B. <input type="checkbox"/>	31. Endangered Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	32. Preservation Project Status <span style="float:right">□</span>
14. Style A. Vernacular <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B. <input type="checkbox"/>			15. Original Use <u>Tavern/Dwelling</u> <span style="float:right">□</span>	33. ATTACH PHOTO <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">  </div>	
16. Present use <u>Residence</u>			17. Condition <u>good</u> <span style="float:right">B</span>	Actual Cost in \$1,000s <span style="float:right">□ □ □ □ □ □</span>	
18. Description Two and one-half story rubble limestone dwelling built into the side of a hill. Ground floor center passage is oriented toward Route 547 while a direct entrance to the second floor is located on the rear elevation. The two left-front, first floor rooms have been used for storage, with the second and attic stories reserved for the main living quarters. (Continue on Back)			No. Stories <u>2</u> <span style="float:right">C</span> Single Pile <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> Double Pile <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	34. Prepared by: <u>Carolyn M. Torma</u> <u>Edward A. Chappell</u>	
19. History The 1883 Campbell County Atlas indicates a building known as Blau's Four Mile House existed at this location. Tax records taken in 1874 assessed Stephen Blau of Indian Springs for holding a tavern license. These records and the floor plan of the building support the			floor Plan <u>four room plan</u> <span style="float:right">H</span> Structural Fabric <u>stone</u> A. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B. <input type="checkbox"/> Decorative Fabric <u>rubble limestone</u> A. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B. <input type="checkbox"/> Roof Form <u>Gable: metal</u>	Roll No. <u>19/20</u> Picture No. <u>32-35/1-5</u> Direction _____	
20. Significance Significant as a distinctive example of German stone architecture and for its historical context within the commerce of Four Mile Creek. One of two early			35. Organization <u>Kentucky Heritage Council</u>	36. Date <u>May 10, 1979</u>	
21. Source of Information <u>Margaret Kopp Knable*</u> <u>Eighth and Tenth Census of the United States; 1860, 1880, Campbell County.</u> <u>Griffing, Atlas of Boone, Kenton, and Campbell Counties, 1883.</u>			37. Revision Dates <u>10/82</u> <u>Steve Gordon</u>	38. Staff Review	

18. Bedroom spaces in the attic are plastered and finished. Primary sash are double hung six-over-six with two small six pane attic windows in the gable end. The most distinctive features on this building are its hillside setting and segmental arched bays with stone voussoirs. Later alterations include an external stone chimney and canopy over the front entrance.

To the north of the house and adjacent to Four Mile Pike is a small bank barn with limestone foundation. A low dry limestone retaining wall links the house and the barn.



19. fact that it originally operated as an inn. Stylistically the building is very similar to the Reitman House (CP-60); both buildings are said to have been built by Nicholas Reitman. The 1860 census lists Anna Blau, a native of Prussia, as the head of a household in Indian Springs. Her property was assessed at \$1,500. Her two sons, Matthias and Peter, were born in Prussia while her 16 year old daughter, Barbara, was born in Louisiana. This would seem to indicate that the Blaues came to the United States c.1844. Also listed as a head of household and next to Anna Blau was Stephen Blau, a farmer and native of Prussia. His twenty year old wife Mary was also from Prussia, Perhaps Stephen and Mary Blau built and lived in this house.

20. taverns included in the nomination.



21. Campbell County Tax Lists, 1874.

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY SUPPLEMENT  
BOUNDARY AND LOCATION INFORMATION

Historic Property Name Blau's Four Mile House Site # CP-61  
Multiple Resource/Thematic Nomination Title German Settlement Properties  
Four Mile Creek Area

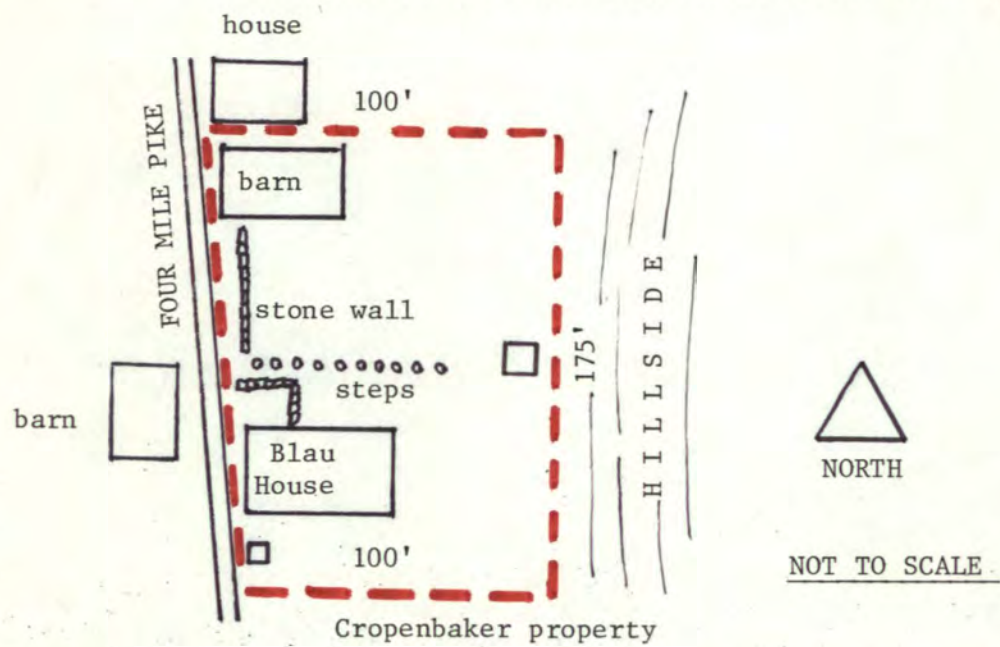
U.T.M. Coordinates - List multiple UTMs if property is ten or more acres.

A. 16      728390      4319530      D. \_\_\_\_\_  
B. \_\_\_\_\_      E. \_\_\_\_\_  
C. \_\_\_\_\_      F. \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal Boundary Description \_\_\_\_\_ Acreage .4 acre

Beginning at a point on the east side of Four Mile Pike where Cropsenbaker property intersects, proceed north 175' along east side of said road, then proceed east 100' to a point behind the barn, then proceed south 175' along fencerow until reaching Cropsenbaker property, then proceed west along Cropsenbaker property line to the point of origin. Boundaries include stone house, stone wall, and bank barn.

Sketch of Site Plan (Showing outbuildings, structures, landscape features and the site boundary as described above.)



Official Courthouse Property Reference:

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name German Settlement, Four Mile Creek Area Thematic Resources  
State Kentucky

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

21. Bishoff House

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

3/9/83 Delores Byrum

Attest

22. Trutschell House (Roth House)

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

3/9/83 Delores Byrum

Attest

23. Kremer, Nicholas, House

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

3/9/83 Delores Byrum

Attest

24. Ritter, Andrew, Farm

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

3/9/83 Delores Byrum

Attest

25. Blau's Four Mile House

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

3/9/83 Delores Byrum

Attest

26. Hilbert Farm

Substantive Review

Keeper

Linda McClelland 3/9/83

Attest

accept Patrick Andrews 3/9/83

27. Sauser Farm

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

3/9/83 Delores Byrum

Attest

28. Kort Grocery

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

3/9/83 Delores Byrum

Attest

29. Walter House

Substantive Review

Keeper

Determined Eligible

Linda McClelland 3/9/83

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Attest

Eligible Patrick Andrews 3/9/83

30.

Keeper

Attest

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

Blau's Four Mile House (German Settlement,  
Four Mile Creek Area TR)  
Campbell County  
KENTUCKY

Working No. JAN 24 1983

Fed. Reg. Date: 2.7.84

Date Due: 2/24/83 - 3/10/83

Action:  ACCEPT 3/9/83

Entered in the  RETURN

National Register  REJECT

Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_

Discipline \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for:  technical corrections cited below  
 substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates

## 8. Significance

Period \_\_\_\_\_ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates \_\_\_\_\_ Builder/Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- \_\_\_\_\_ summary paragraph
- \_\_\_\_\_ completeness
- \_\_\_\_\_ clarity
- \_\_\_\_\_ applicable criteria
- \_\_\_\_\_ justification of areas checked
- \_\_\_\_\_ relating significance to the resource
- \_\_\_\_\_ context
- \_\_\_\_\_ relationship of integrity to significance
- \_\_\_\_\_ justification of exception
- \_\_\_\_\_ other

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Address of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Geographic name \_\_\_\_\_

USRT References \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is

\_\_\_\_\_ national \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## 13. Other

- \_\_\_\_\_ Maps
- \_\_\_\_\_ Photographs
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: 202 272-3504









Please refer to the map in the  
Multiple Property Cover Sheet  
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000220