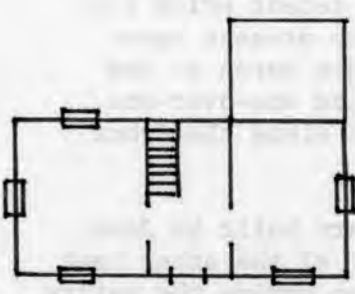



KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

Site No. CP-64

1. Historic Name(s) <u>John Braun House</u> ✓		22. ADD/County <u>Campbell</u> ✓ <span style="float:right">0 1 9</span>
Original Owner <u>John Braun</u> <span style="float:right"><i>Camp Springs v.c.</i></span>		23. U.S.G.S. Quadrant (15'/75') <u>Withamsville</u> <span style="float:right">G.I.S. Mod. 1 3 5</span>
2. Present Name <u>Braun-Kort House</u>		24. UTM Reference <u>1 6   7 2 9 1 7 0   4 3 2 0 4 3 0</u> Zone Easting Northing
3. Location <u>Eight Mile Road</u> ✓		25. Coordinate Accuracy <input type="checkbox"/>
4. Owner's Name <u>Mr. Ralph Giar</u>		26. Prehistoric Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object Historic Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <u>Building</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Other
5. Owner's Address <u>Box 60, Upper Eight Mile Road, Melbourne</u>		27. National Register District Name: <u>German Settlement Properties Four Mile Creek Area</u> <span style="float:right">     </span>
6. Open to Public Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> XX	7. Visible from road Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	28. Significance Evaluation <u>National Register</u> <span style="float:right">D  </span>
8. Ownership <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/>		29. Status <input type="checkbox"/> National Landmark <input type="checkbox"/> National Register <input type="checkbox"/> Landmark Certificate <input type="checkbox"/> Kentucky Survey <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nov. 17, 1982 <input type="checkbox"/> Local Landmark <input type="checkbox"/> HABS/HAER
9. Local Contact/Organization <u>Campbell County Heritage League</u>		30. Historic Theme Primary <u>Architecture</u> <span style="float:right">C  </span> Secondary <u>Ethnic History</u> <span style="float:right">C C  </span> Other <u>Agriculture</u> <span style="float:right">A  </span>
10. Site Plan with North Arrow 	11. Architect	31. Endangered Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> XX
	12. Builder <u>John Braun</u>	32. Preservation Project Status <input type="checkbox"/>
	13. Date <u>c.1863</u> A. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 B. <input type="checkbox"/>	Actual Cost in \$1,000s <span style="float:right">         </span>
	14. Style A. <u>Vernacular</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> V <input type="checkbox"/> B. <input type="checkbox"/>	33. ATTACH PHOTO
	15. Original Use <u>Farmhouse</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A	
	16. Present use <u>Farmhouse</u>	
	17. Condition <u>Good</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B	Roll No. <u>41</u>
18. Description	Picture No. <u>0-18/27-34</u>	
<p>Two story, three bay single pile stone farmhouse sited on a high hill overlooking Eight Mile Road. Center passage flanked by two small rooms on both first and second floors. Two story frame ell attached to the right rear was added prior to 1900. Eighteen inch walls constructed of rubble limestone. Distinguishing features on this house are the bush hammered limestone door and window</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Continue on Back)</p>	No. Stories <u>Two</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C	Direction _____
	Single Pile <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA _____	34. Prepared by: <u>Stephen Gordon</u>
	Double Pile _____	35. Organization <u>Kentucky Heritage Commission</u>
	Floor Plan <u>Center Passage</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I	36. Date <u>November 18, 1982</u>
Structural Fabric <u>Stone</u> A. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B. <input type="checkbox"/> D	37. Revision Dates _____	38. Staff Review _____
Decorative Fabric <u>Rubble and Cut Limestone</u> A. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> H B. <input type="checkbox"/> J	21. Source of Information <u>Research and papers provided by Ralph Giar Mrs. Mary Kort Giar Tenth Census of the United States; 1880, Campbell County.</u>	
Roof Form <u>Gable: Slate</u>		

18. enframements and the hammered stone pilasters at the corners of the main block. The flat cornerstones are raised and appear to have been laid over the rubble limestone. In addition to this unique variation, the corners are accentuated by horizontal stone keepers with a pecked finish. Since the corners are painted white, the building appears to have frame pilasters when viewed from a distance. Another unique variation is the basement entrance on the gable end, which has an arched stone lintel with keystone. The foundation on the front elevation projects outward about two inches and is pierced by two small windows. Originally, a large flagstone served as the front stoop but it was removed when Jack Powell built the small open porch.

Other features include small attic vents in the gable ends and a slate gable roof supported by common rafters and board struts identical to the Reitman House (CP-78). Although there are two interior end chimneys, there is no visible evidence of interior fireplaces. A recent brick flu marks the north gable end. Sometime during the 1950s the present caretaker of the house, Jack Powell, replaced the small wooden porch to the rear with a glass enclosed room. At the same time he installed one-over-one replacement windows and built a limestone retaining wall along the front of the house. The house was tuck pointed in 1975.

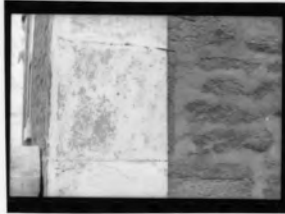
Approximately 200' south of the house is the original barn built by John Braun. Measuring 30' x 45', this barn differs from most of the other bank type structures in the Four Mile Creek area. Rather than having the entire lower level devoted to the feeding of livestock, this symmetrical plan barn has two slightly raised feeding areas that flank the center passage. This interesting plan enables the hay to be passed down from the loft space above and through a series of small rectangular bays that face the center passage. These bays offer easy access to the livestock mangers below. Broadly speaking, the plan of the barn is somewhat similar to an I house except that the rooms flanking the center passage are one-half story above and 1/2 story below the plane. The manger area on the east side of the center passage was originally for horses while the space on the west side is still used cattle. Both feed-boxes are carved from tree-trunks. Like the house, the barn has tooled limestone corners.

19. and stone-mason. Family members living today claim that Braun and his son-in-law, Nicholas Kort, were instrumental in building St. Joseph's Church (CP-62) in Camp Springs and other stone houses along Four Mile Creek. Jacob Kort, a native of Prussia, built a stone house in a nearby ravine that has recently burned. Nicholas Kort married Elizabeth Braun and raised his family in this house. One of his granddaughters, Elizabeth Kort, lived in this house until her recent death. The farm is presently owned by Ralph Giar, a direct descendant of John Braun. Members of both families are buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery.
20. Stylistically, the house is the only one recorded to have the bush hammered window enframements and corner pilasters.

JOHN BRAUN HOUSE (CP-64)



south & east elevations  
looking NW



hammered stone pilasters



bush hammered window  
frames



barn, north elevation



barn, south & east elevations  
looking NW



hammered stone quoins,  
barn foundation



barn: interior bays

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY SUPPLEMENT  
BOUNDARY AND LOCATION INFORMATION

Historic Property Name John Braun House Site # CP-64  
Multiple Resource/Thematic Nomination Title German Settlement Properties Four Mile Creek

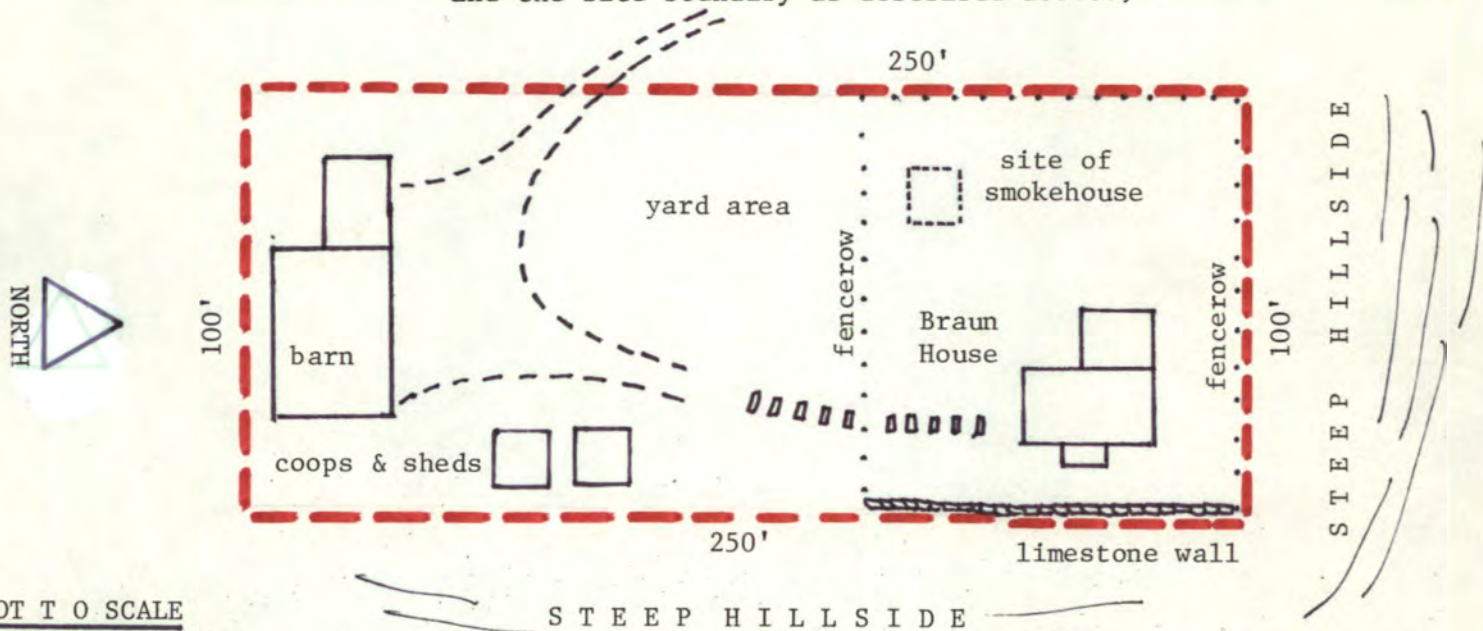
U.T.M. Coordinates - List multiple UTMs if property is ten or more acres.

A. 16 729170 4320430 D. \_\_\_\_\_  
B. \_\_\_\_\_ E. \_\_\_\_\_  
C. \_\_\_\_\_ F. \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal Boundary Description .56 acres

Beginning at a point approximately 25' northeast of NEC of Braun farmhouse, proceed SE 250' along east side of limestone wall, then SW 100', then NW 250', then NE 100' until the point of origin. Boundaries include house, barn, and out-buildings.

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



Official Courthouse Property Reference:

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

dnr-11

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

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

- |   |                                     |  |
|---|-------------------------------------|--|
| 1. Braun, John, House                           | Entered in the<br>National Register | Keeper <u>3/9/83</u> <u>Delores Byers</u>  |
|   |                                     | Attest _____   |
| 2. Reitman House                                | Entered in the<br>National Register | Keeper <u>3/9/83</u> <u>Delores Byers</u>  |
|   |                                     | Attest _____   |
| 3. Gubser-Schuchter Farm                        | Entered in the<br>National Register | Keeper <u>3/9/83</u> <u>Delores Byers</u>  |
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| 4. Tiemeyer House                               | Entered in the<br>National Register | Keeper <u>3/9/83</u> <u>Delores Byers</u>  |
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| 5. Heiert Farm                                  | Entered in the<br>National Register | Keeper <u>3/9/83</u> <u>Delores Byers</u>  |
|   |                                     | Attest _____   |
| 6. St. Joseph's Catholic Church<br>and Cemetery | Substantive Review                  | Keeper <u>Linda McClelland 5/16/83</u><br>Attest <u>accept Patrick Andrews 5/16/83</u><br><u>accept Patrick Andrews 3/9/83</u> |
| 7. Barth, Peter, Farm                           | Entered in the<br>National Register | Keeper <u>3/9/83</u> <u>Delores Byers</u>  |
|   |                                     | Attest _____   |
| 8. Uebel House                                  | Entered in the<br>National Register | Keeper <u>3/9/83</u> <u>Delores Byers</u>  |
|   |                                     | Attest _____   |
| 9. Leick House                                  | Entered in the<br>National Register | Keeper <u>3/9/83</u> <u>Delores Byers</u>  |
|   |                                     | Attest _____   |
| 10. Blenke House                                | National Register                   | Keeper <u>3/9/83</u> <u>Delores Byers</u>  |
|   |                                     | Attest _____   |

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

Braun, John, 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"/> unentered	<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

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

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

USIT References \_\_\_\_\_

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

## 11. Form Prepared By

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

## 13. Other

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

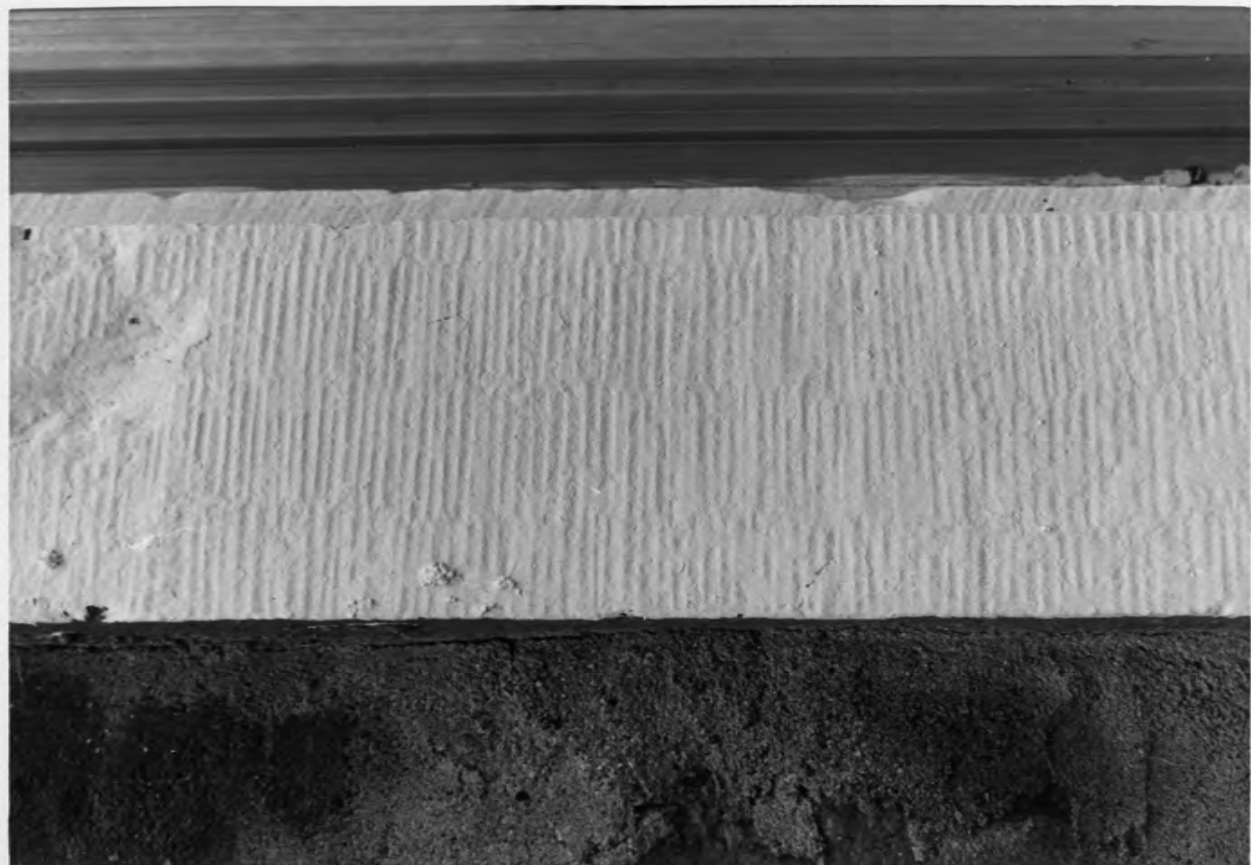
Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: 202 272-3500



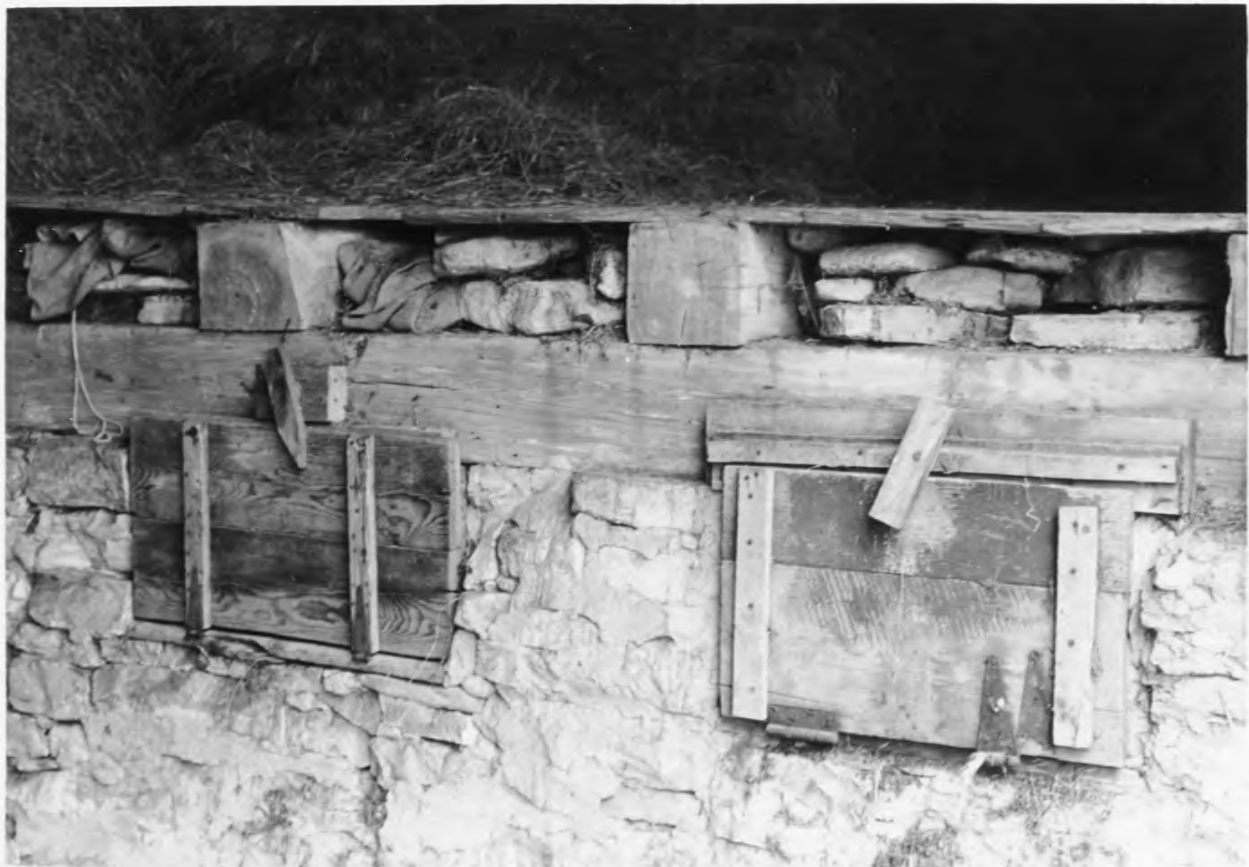












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