

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

Site No. CP-92

1. Historic Name(s) <u>Andrew Ritter Farm (65 TR)</u> Original Owner <u>Alexandria vic.</u>		22. ADD/County <u>Campbell</u> 019	
2. Present Name <u>Ritter Farm</u>		23. U.S.G.S. Quadrant (15'/75') <u>New Richmond</u> G.I.S. Mod. 136	
3. Location <u>1/2 mile east Four Mile Pike</u>		24. UTM Reference Zone <u>16</u> Easting <u>728850</u> Northing <u>4318060</u>	
4. Owner's Name <u>Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Ritter</u>		25. Coordinate Accuracy <input type="checkbox"/>	
5. Owner's Address <u>Box 196, Melbourne, Kentucky 41059</u>		26. Prehistoric Site <u>Historic Site</u> Object <u>Structure</u> <u>Building</u> Other	
6. Open to Public Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		7. Visible from road Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
9. Local Contact/Organization <u>Campbell County Heritage League</u>		8. Ownership Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/>	
10. Site Plan with North Arrow		27. National Register District Name: <u>GERMAN SETTLEMENT PROPERTIES</u> <u>FOUR MILE CREEK AREA</u>	
11. Architect		28. Significance Evaluation D	
12. Builder <u>Andrew Ritter</u>		29. Status Date National Landmark <input type="checkbox"/> National Register <input type="checkbox"/> Landmark Certificate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>5/18/81</u> Kentucky Survey <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>5/18/79</u> Local Landmark <input type="checkbox"/> HABS/HAER <input type="checkbox"/>	
13. Date <u>c. 1880-1891</u> A. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B. <input type="checkbox"/>		30. Historic Theme Primary <u>Architecture</u> C Secondary <u>Ethnic Settlement</u> C C Other <u>Agriculture</u> A	
14. Style A. Vernacular <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B. <input type="checkbox"/>		31. Endangered Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
15. Original Use <u>Farm Complex</u> A		32. Preservation Project Status	
16. Present use <u>Farm Complex</u>		Actual Cost in \$1,000s	
17. Condition B		33. ATTACH PHOTO	
18. Description Important farm complex situated in a ravine approximately 1/2 mile east of Four Mile Creek Valley. Multiple buildings comprised of stone house, stone barn, stone smokehouse, stone chickenhouse, and two additional frame barns. House is a frame and stone structure built in stages. Original one room log house is now encased in metal siding on the south elevation. (Continue on Back)		No. Stories C Single Pile <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/> Double Pile <input type="checkbox"/> Floor Plan A Structural Fabric <u>stone & log</u> A. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decorative Fabric <u>rubble stone</u> A. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>metal siding</u> B. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roof Form <u>Gable: Metal</u>	
19. History Log structure, now encased by later additions, appears to have been built by H. J. Bell prior to 1880. During the period from 1880 to 1891 Andrew Ritter purchased this 58 1/2 acre parcel from Bell and Charles Greis. These conveyances suggest the stone buildings were		Roll No. <u>28/29</u> Picture No. <u>30-35/1-30</u> Direction _____	
20. Significance Among the most significant German farm complexes in the Four Mile Creek area. The Ritter farm features the		34. Prepared by: <u>Carolyn M. Torma</u> <u>Edward A. Chappel</u>	
21. Source of Information <u>Mrs. Edwin Ritter</u>		35. Organization <u>Kentucky Heritage Council</u> 36. Date <u>May 18, 1979</u>	
		37. Revision Dates <u>11/1/82</u> 38. Staff Review <u>Steve Gordon</u>	



18. Attached to it on the north is a single cell, two-story stone wing built by Andrew Ritter c.1883. At the same time Ritter apparently added another one room ell to the rear (east) and a detached stone building with vaulted cellar and wine press. The wine press occupies a higher elevation and was later connected (c.1891?) with the ell by constructing a narrow stone kitchen hyphen between the two structures. A porch, now enclosed, extended along the south facade of the ell and kitchen.

Although some of the stone houses and taverns in the Four Mile Creek area incorporate a vaulted cellar in the main block, this is the only observed example of connecting an agricultural building to the dwelling unit. Both structures feature the distinctive segmental lintels and hammered cornerstones.

Outbuildings include, built by Andrew Ritter, a large stone bank barn (23' x 28'), the framing done by Joseph Blenke, a friend of Ritter's; a stone chicken house (14' x 14') built into the hillside with floor for hogs above; stone smokehouse on north side of house (10' x 10') with vaulted cellar below containing spring-house where butter and milk was stored in crocks (cheese, wine and vegetables were stored in main cellar). A frame crib (17' x 20') and large frame barn (35' x 27') are probably late nineteenth century and contribute to the utility and importance of this complex.



19. probably built by Ritter between 1880 and 1895.

20. only observed stone bank barn in the area and one of the few wine cellars still extant. Collectively the buildings represent an important vestige of late nineteenth century German agricultural activities in Campbell County.

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY SUPPLEMENT
BOUNDARY AND LOCATION INFORMATION

Historic Property Name Andrew Ritter Farm Site # CP-92
 Multiple Resource/Thematic Nomination Title German Settlement Properties
Four Mile Creek Area

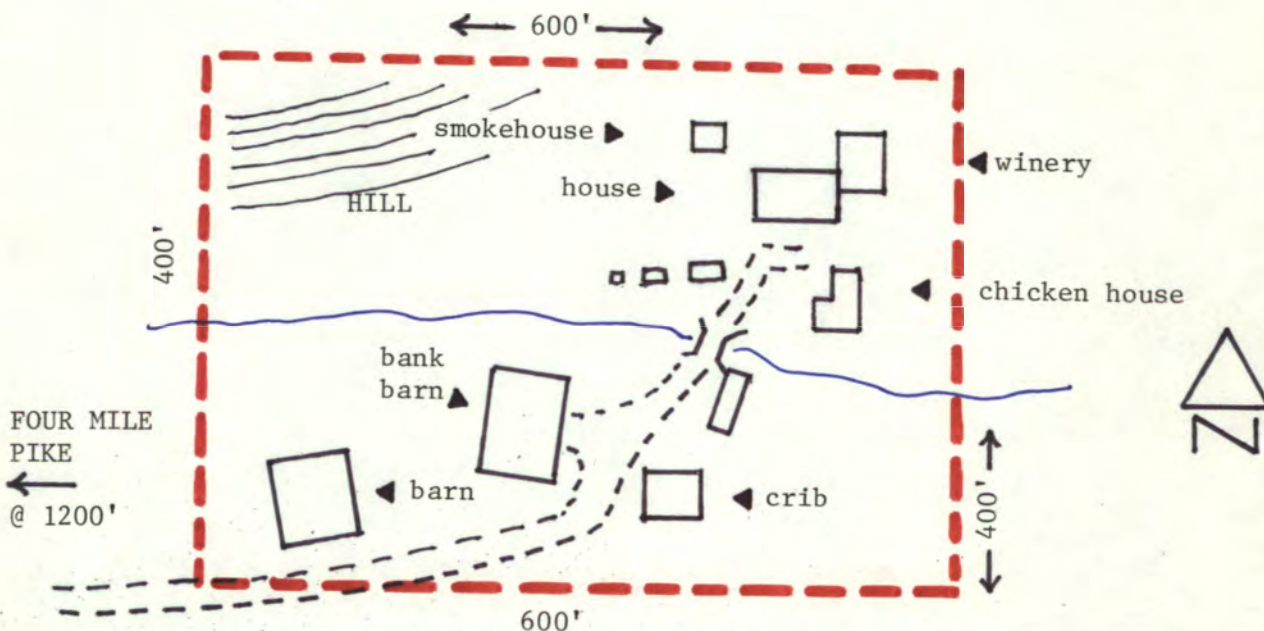
U.T.M. Coordinates - List multiple UTMs if property is ten or more acres.

A. 16 728850 4318060 D. _____
 B. _____ E. _____
 C. _____ F. _____

Verbal Boundary Description 5.5 acres

Beginning at a point on gravel driveway 1200' east of Four Mile Pike, proceed north 400', crossing small creek, then proceed east 600', then proceed south 400', again crossing small creek, then proceed west 600' along gravel driveway until reaching the point of beginning. Boundaries include all structures on the Ritter farm complex and provide a buffer zone.

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 3/17/83
- 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 Determined Eligible Keeper Linda McClelland 3/9/83
DAE/OWNER OBJECTION Attest Eligible Patrick Andrews 3/17/83
- 30. Keeper _____
Attest _____

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Ritter, Andrew, Farm (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
 RETURN
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
 excellent deteriorated unentered original site
 good ruins altered moved date _____
 fair unexposed

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

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

8. Significance

Period _____ Area 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

Address of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

USIT Reference _____

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

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet









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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000220

W A I V E R

(by Property Owner)

Mrs. Mary Cronan Oppel, Director
Kentucky Heritage Council, and
State Historic Preservation Officer
Education and Humanities Cabinet
Nineth Floor, Capital Plaza Tower
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Dear Mrs. Oppel:

This will confirm that I am fully aware of the effects of listing a property in the National Register of Historic Places. I recognize that, under the National Historic Preservation Act, I am entitled to object to the proposed listing of my property by a notarized, written statement. If I am the sole owner and I object, my property will not be listed. If there are multiple owners of this property and a majority of the owners object, the property will not be listed.

Following is the name and address of my property.

Andrew Pitter House + Farm
Historic Name of Property
Box 196, Canip Springs
Street
Melbourne Ky 41059
City State Zip

I hereby waive my right to object to the proposed listing and notify you that I request that my property be listed in the National Register at the earliest possible date.

Sincerely,

Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Pitter

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COMMISSION**