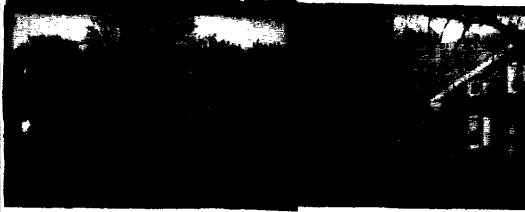


KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

Site No. CP-61

1. Historic Name(s) <u>Blau's Four Mile House</u> ✓		22. ADD/County <u>Campbell</u> ✓ 0 1 9			
Original Owner <u>Stephen Blau</u>		23. U.S.G.S. Quadrant (15'/75') <u>New Richmond</u> G.I.S. Mod. 1 3 6			
2. Present Name <u>Reitman House</u>		24. UTM Reference <u>1 6</u> <u>7 2 8 3 9 1 0</u> <u>4 3 1 9 5 3 1 0</u>			
3. Location ✓ <u>Four Mile Pike, Camp Springs</u>		Zone Easting Northing			
4. Owner's Name <u>Helen Reitman</u>		25. Coordinate Accuracy <input type="checkbox"/>			
5. Owner's Address <u>163 Fender Road, Melbourne, Kentucky</u>		26. Prehistoric Site Object Historic Site Structure <u>Building</u> Other			
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 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>		27. National Register District Name: <u>GERMAN SETTLEMENT PROPERTIES</u> <u>FOUR MILE CREEK AREA</u>			
10. Site Plan with North Arrow		28. Significance Evaluation <u>National Register</u> D			
11. Architect		29. Status _____ Date _____ 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"/>			
12. Builder <u>Nicholas Reitman*</u>		30. Historic Theme Primary <u>Architecture</u> C Secondary <u>Ethnic Settlement</u> C C Other _____			
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"/>			
14. Style A. Vernacular <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B. <input type="checkbox"/>		32. Preservation Project Status <input type="checkbox"/>			
15. Original Use <u>Tavern/Dwelling</u> <input type="checkbox"/>		Actual Cost in \$1,000s _____			
16. Present use <u>Residence</u>		33. ATTACH PHOTO			
17. Condition <u>good</u> B					
18. Description <u>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.</u> <small>(Continue on Back)</small>				Roll No. <u>19/20</u>	
No. Stories <u>2</u> C				Picture No. <u>32-35/1-5</u>	
Single Pile _____ NA _____ Double Pile <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				Direction _____	
Floor Plan <u>four room plan</u> H		34. Prepared by: <u>Carolyn M. Torma</u> <u>Edward A. Chappell</u>			
Structural Fabric <u>stone</u> A. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B. <input type="checkbox"/>		35. Organization <u>Kentucky Heritage Council</u>			
Decorative Fabric <u>rubble limestone</u> A. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B. <input type="checkbox"/>		36. Date <u>May 10, 1979</u>			
Roof Form <u>Gable: metal</u>		37. Revision Dates <u>10/82</u> 38. Staff Review <u>Steve Gordon</u>			
19. History <u>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</u>		39. 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>			
20. Significance <u>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</u>					

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 Blaus 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 UTM's if property is ten or more acres.

A. 16 728390 4319530 D. _____

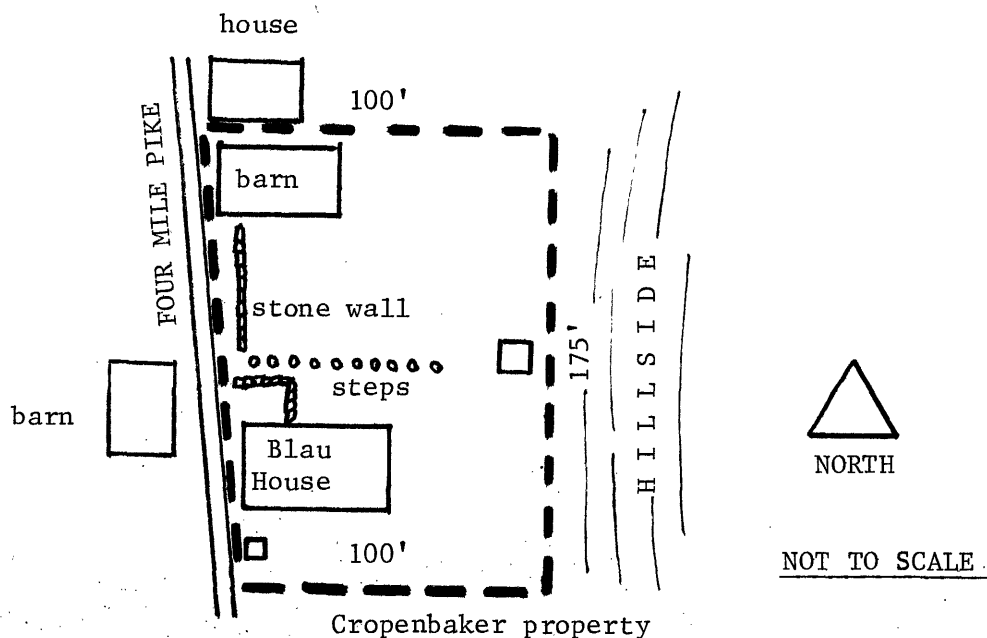
B. _____ E. _____

C. _____ F. _____

Verbal Boundary Description Acreage .4 acre

Beginning at a point on the east side of Four Mile Pike where Cropenbaker 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 Cropenbaker property, then proceed west along Cropenbaker 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: