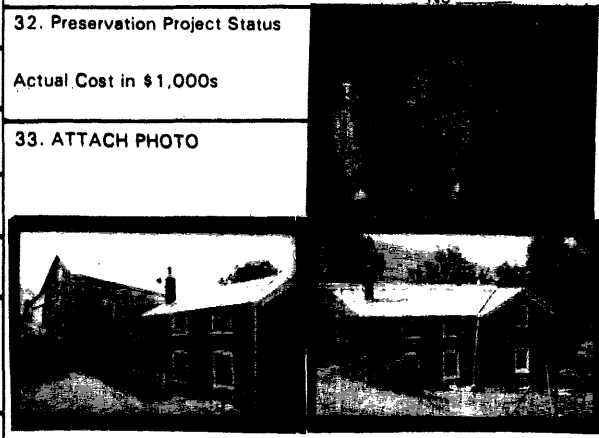


# KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

Site No. CP-92

1. Historic Name(s) <u>Andrew Ritter Farm (G S TR)</u> Original Owner <u>Alexandria via.</u>			22. ADD/County <u>Campbell</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <span style="float: right;">019</span>		
2. Present Name <u>Ritter Farm</u>			23. U.S.G.S. Quadrant (15'/75') <u>New Richmond</u> <span style="float: right;">G.I.S. Mod. 1,3,6</span>		
3. Location <u>1/2 mile east Four Mile Pike</u>			24. UTM Reference <u>16 728850 4318060</u> Zone Easting Northing		
4. Owner's Name <u>Mr. &amp; 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 Building</u> Object Structure 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"/>		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 FOUR MILE CREEK AREA</u>		
10. Site Plan with North Arrow			28. Significance Evaluation <span style="float: right;">D</span>		
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)			11. Architect		
			12. Builder <u>Andrew Ritter</u>		
			13. Date <u>c.1880-1891</u> <span style="float: right;">5 B.</span>		
			14. Style A. Vernacular <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B. <input type="checkbox"/>		
			15. Original Use <u>Farm Complex</u> <span style="float: right;">A</span>		
			16. Present use <u>Farm Complex</u>		
			17. Condition <span style="float: right;">B</span>		
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			29. Status <span style="float: right;">Date</span> 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"/>		
20. Significance Among the most significant German farm complexes in the Four Mile Creek area. The Ritter farm features the			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 <u>Agriculture</u> <span style="float: right;">A</span>		
21. Source of Information <u>Mrs. Edwin Ritter</u>			31. Endangered Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
32. Preservation Project Status			33. ATTACH PHOTO		
34. Prepared by: <u>Carolyn M. Torma Edward A. Chappel</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

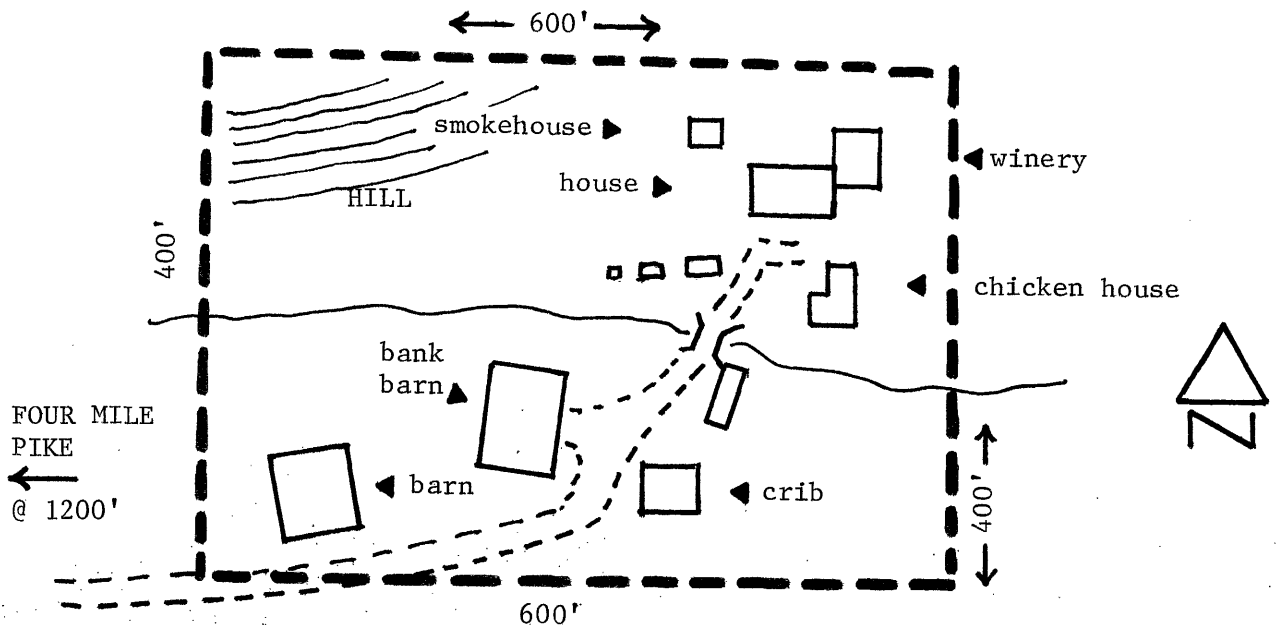
U.T.M. Coordinates - List multiple UTM's if property is ten or more acres.

A. 16 728850 4318060 D. \_\_\_\_\_  
 B. \_\_\_\_\_ E. \_\_\_\_\_  
 C. \_\_\_\_\_ F. \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal Boundary Description Acreage 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: