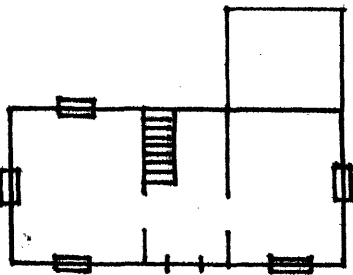



KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

Site No. CP-64

1. Historic Name(s) <u>John Braun House</u> ✓		22. ADD/County <u>Campbell</u> ✓ <table border="1"><tr><td>0</td><td>1</td><td>9</td></tr></table>		0	1	9																								
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2. Present Name <u>Braun-Kort House</u>		24. UTM Reference																												
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4. Owner's Name <u>Mr. Ralph Giar</u>		25. Coordinate Accuracy <input type="checkbox"/>																												
5. Owner's Address <u>Box 60, Upper Eight Mile Road, Melbourne</u>		26. Prehistoric Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Building</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>																												
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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 (Continue on Back)		34. Prepared by: <u>Stephen Gordon</u>																												
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Single Pile <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> XX NA _____		36. Date <u>November 18, 1982</u>																												
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19. History																														
Stone house and frame barn believed to have been built by John Braun ca.1863. Born in Prussia in 1823, Braun began acquiring land along Eight Mile Road during the mid and late 1850s from Washington and Taylor Berry. Braun, also spelled Brown, was a farmer, school teacher,																														
20. Significance																														
Significant for its historical association with German settlement and as a distinctive example of stone vernacular architecture built by a German immigrant.																														
21. Source of Information																														
Research and papers provided by Ralph Giar Mrs. Mary Kort Giar Tenth Census of the United States; 1880, Campbell County.																														

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 feedboxes 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)



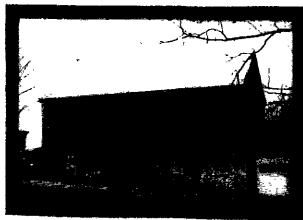
south & east elevations
looking NW



hammered stone pilasters



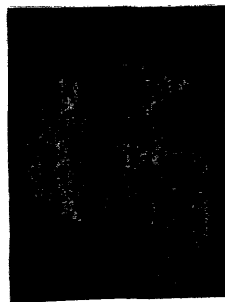
bush hammered window
frames



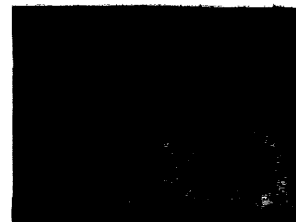
barn, north elevation



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

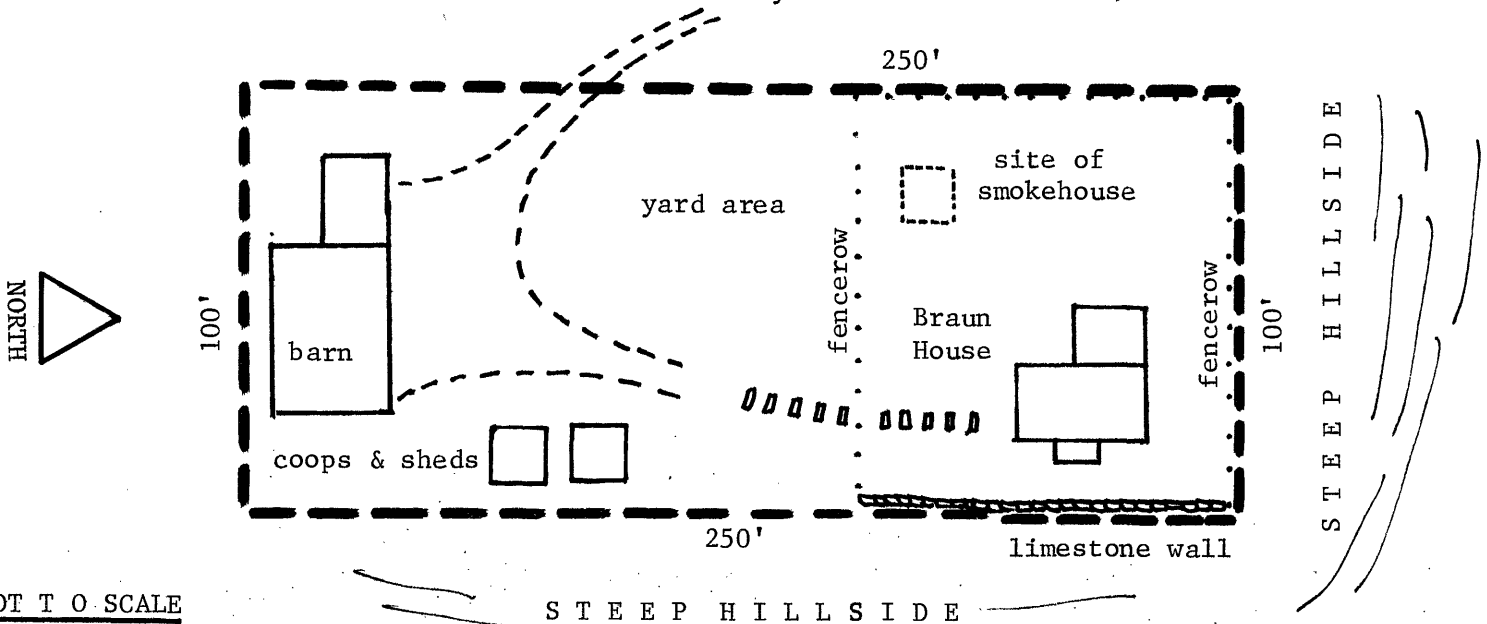
U.T.M. Coordinates - List multiple UTM's if property is ten or more acres.

A. 16 729170 4320430 D. _____
B. _____ E. _____
C. _____ F. _____

Verbal Boundary Description Acreege .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.)



NOT TO SCALE

Official Courthouse Property Reference: