

INDUSTRY / COMMERCE

INDIVIDUAL HISTORIC PROPERTY DOCUMENTATION FORM 09/12/94

Address: 313 BRAUN CT

Historic Name: Braun Court
Date Built: 1916

Category of Significance: INDUST/COMM

Architectural Style: Vernacular

Number of Stories: 2

Building Material: Stucco

Window Type: Double-hung
Window Panes: one-over-one

Plan Shape: Rectangular

Roof Shape: Front Gable
Roof Material: Asphalt
Dormer Type: Gabled

Porch Type: Enclosed
Porch Posts: Square, short
Porch Railings: stucco

Historic Use: Residential/SF/owner occ
Current Use: Food Processing/Agricultural

Special Features: Unique milieu - "mews" setting of narrow court running between main street and alley. Houses face court and were all alike.

First Map: 1916 SB
First City Directory: 1916
Architect: -0-
Builder: Samuel Braun
Notes: Inexpensive rental housing in a traditionally industrial area. Large Foundry on site 1853/4, a Lock Factory by 1870, gone by 1880. All 8 original buildings built within 2 years - 7 houses + carpenter shop (now gone). All converted to restaurant/commercial use 1980's.

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Statement of Significance

313 - 327 Braun Court

From 1916 to 1918, carpenter Samuel Braun built one of Ann Arbor's most unique examples of a worker housing complex. On a large, formerly industrial lot on North Fourth Avenue, he built seven identical stucco houses with the front porches and multiple windows typical of the period. The unique factor of the development was the placement of the houses facing each other across a central open space, thereby creating a self-contained "mews." Braun's carpenter shop, on the eighth lot next to the alley, was demolished in the 1970s and the lot remains vacant. In the 1980s, the court was converted to commercial uses, primarily ethnic restaurants.

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Address: 315 BRAUN CT

Historic Name: Braun Court
Date Built: 1916

Category of Significance: INDUST/COMM

Architectural Style: Vernacular

Number of Stories: 2

Building Material: Stucco

Window Type: Double-hung
Window Panes: one-over-one

Plan Shape: Rectangular

Roof Shape: Front Gable
Roof Material: Asphalt
Dormer Type: Gabled

Porch Type: Enclosed
Porch Posts: Square, short
Porch Railings: stucco

Historic Use: Residential/SF/owner occ
Current Use: Food Processing/Agricultural

Special Features: See #313

First Map: 1916 SB
First City Directory: 1916
Architect: -0-
Builder: Samuel Braun
Notes: See #313

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Address: 317 BRAUN CT

Historic Name: Braun Court
Date Built: 1917

Category of Significance: INDUST/COMM

Architectural Style: Vernacular

Number of Stories: 2

Building Material: Stucco

Window Type: Double-hung
Window Panes: one-over-one

Plan Shape: Rectangular

Roof Shape: Front Gable
Roof Material: Asphalt
Dormer Type: Gabled

Porch Type: Enclosed
Porch Posts: Square, short
Porch Railings: stucco

Historic Use: Residential/SF/owner occ
Current Use: Food Processing/Agricultural

Special Features: See #313

First City First Map: 1916 SB
Directory: 1916
Architect: -0-
Builder: Samuel Braun
Notes: See #313

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Address: 319 BRAUN CT

Historic Name: Braun court
Date Built: 1918

Category of Significance: INDUST/COMM

Architectural Style: Vernacular

Number of Stories: 2

Building Material: Stucco

Window Type: Double-hung
Window Panes: one-over-one

Plan Shape: Rectangular

Roof Shape: Front Gable
Roof Material: Asphalt
Dormer Type: Gabled

Porch Type: Enclosed
Porch Posts: Square, short
Porch Railings: stucco

Historic Use: Residential/SF/owner occ
Current Use: Food Processing/Agricultural

Special Features: See #313

First Map: 1925 SB
First City Directory: 1918
Architect: unknown
Builder: Samuel Braun
Notes: See #313

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