

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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HABS _____ HAER _____ NR 4 SHL _____ Loc _____
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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Andrews House
2. Historic name: John Ferguson House
3. Street or rural address: 6561 Alexander Valley Road
City Geyserville, CA Zip 95441 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 131-190-14-2
5. Present Owner: Dodds, Mary E. Eakle et al Address: 4787 Hall Road
City Santa Rosa, CA Zip 95401 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Residential Original use: Residential

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural style: Italianate
- 7b. Briefly describe the present physical description of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

A hip roof covers this raised, one-story house with channel rustic siding. The house has a boxed cornice, panelled frieze, and molded brackets with acorn-shaped drops. The house has two rectangular bays with flat roofs and recessed panels beneath the window. One bay is in a front corner and the other on the side. The windows are double-hung with semi-elliptical tops, molded sills, and bracketed hoods. Several are in pairs. The front porch has turned posts with simple braces and a molded rail above the intricately sawn balustrade.



8. Construction date:
Estimated 1875 Factual _____
9. Architect _____
10. Builder _____
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage _____ Depth _____
or approx. acreage 3.98
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
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13. Condition: Excellent ___ Good ___ Fair ___ Deteriorated X No longer in existence ___
14. Alterations: _____
15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land X Scattered buildings ___ Densely built-up ___
Residential X Industrial ___ Commercial X Other: _____
16. Threats to site: None known X Private development ___ Zoning ___ Vandalism ___
Public Works project ___ Other: _____
17. Is the structure: On its original site? X Moved? ___ Unknown? ___
18. Related features: vineyard and prune orchard

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)
 John Nelson Ferguson, early pioneer, whose property has remained in family ownership since 1857, is another example of the constancy of occupation that the survey area enjoys. Born 1835 in Indiana, his family moved to Iowa in 1844 where his father William Washington Ferguson, named Jasper Co., and the town of Newton. The family survived a harrowing journey across the plains to California in 1849. Mining from 1850 to 1857, the family located on their home place in Alexander Valley in 1857. John married Elizabeth Moody in 1864. With Elizabeth dying in 1869, John remarried Mrs. Sarah J. Bassford in 1870. John and Sarah Ferguson raised eight children. This home was built circa 1875. The home was sold to the Andrews family in 1905.

This cottage, although not in excellent repair, remains unaltered and retains all of its italianate detail.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)
 Architecture 1 Arts & Leisure ___
 Economic/Industrial ___ Exploration/Settlement ___
 Government ___ Military ___
 Religion ___ Social/Education 2

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).
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 Ent: 2/12/25

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