

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: _____
2. Historic name: Louis Wasson House
3. Street or rural address: 1410 Geysers Road
City Geyserville, CA Zip 95441 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 131-060-20
5. Present Owner: Howard J. Fields Construction Co. Address: P. O. Box 1085
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Residential Original use: Residential

DESCRIPTION

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

A flat roofed stucco house with a long, narrow hipped roof second story. Along one side is a porch which is partially enclosed and has a hip roof. Rafter tails are exposed and corners have plain stucco pilasters. The windows are double-hung or plate glass and have diamond p aned upper sashes. The front entrance is recessed and fronted by tapered square columns and a slightly curved balustrade along the stairs. The side porch has similar detailing.



8. Construction date: Estimated _____ Factual 1920
9. Architect _____
10. Builder W.H. Chaney
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage _____ Depth _____
or approx. acreage 1.18
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
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13. Condition: Excellent Good _____ Fair _____ Deteriorated _____ No longer in existence _____
14. Alterations: _____
15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land Scattered buildings _____ Densely built-up _____
Residential _____ Industrial _____ Commercial _____ Other: _____
16. Threats to site: None known Private development _____ Zoning _____ Vandalism _____
Public Works project _____ Other: _____
17. Is the structure: On its original site? Moved? _____ Unknown? _____
18. Related features: Tall redwoods and solid fence

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)
A relative newcomer to Alexander Valley, Louis L. Wasson made his first purchase of this valley land in 1907. He purchased this 55 acre parcel and had this home built by W.H. Chaney in 1920. Two years later he augmented his land holdings with the purchase of an additional 30 acres. He was occupied with caring for a nursery and 50 acres of Prunes and grapes. Born in 1874 in Iowa, Louis immigrated to Sonoma County in 1901, and located in Guernville before beginning his farming pursuits in Alexander Valley in 1907. In 1902 Wasson married Helen Drakes, native of Sonoma County and daughter of Richard and Emma Drake, early pioneers of the Valley. The Wassons raised a family of 7 children.
Although the "feeling" of this residence is similar to that of an Italianate villa, its craftsman elements were probably architect-designed.

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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