

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

Ser. No. _____
HABS _____ HAER _____ NR 4 SHL _____ Loc _____
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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: _____
2. Historic name: Andrew Bouton House
3. Street or rural address: 19165 Geyserville Avenue
City Geyserville, CA Zip 95441 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 140-030-15
5. Present Owner: Trentadue, Leo & Evelyn Address 19165 Geyserville Road
City Geyserville, CA Zip 95441 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: None-deserted 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:

This rectangular two-story house has a truncated hip roof and a boxed cornice. The frieze has pairs of brackets separating pairs of molded panels. Pairs of brackets also support window hoods and the mansard-like porch roofs. The windows are double-hung and have sill blocks. Many are placed in pairs. The house has channel rustic siding. The small front and side porches have turned posts and balusters and sawn brackets. The house appears to be vacant as many windows are boarded up and the general condition is poor.



8. Construction date:
Estimated _____ Factual 1885
9. Architect _____
10. Builder _____
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage _____ Depth _____
or approx. acreage 2.13
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
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13. Condition: Excellent ___ Good ___ Fair ___ Deteriorated X No longer in existence ___
14. Alterations: One-story east extension; most windows boarded up
15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land X Scattered buildings ___ Densely built-up ___
Residential ___ Industrial ___ Commercial ___ Other: agriculture
16. Threats to site: None known ___ Private development ___ Zoning ___ Vandalism X
Public Works project ___ Other: _____
17. Is the structure: On its original site? X Moved? ___ Unknown? ___
18. Related features: Detached garage; eucalyptus, palm, and redwoods.

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)
 Andrew Bouton's handsome residence was built in 1885 and is a reminder of a pioneer horticulturist's dedication to excellence in his chosen industry. Andrew Bouton, proprietor of "Heart's Desire Nursery", developed a revolutionary process of grafting seedlings below the ground. Of Revolutionary War heritage, Andrew, born in 1831 in New York, came to California in 1858, and ran Oak Knoll Nursery in Napa Valley. Purchasing 120 acres between Cloverdale and Healdsburg in 1868, he began his 10 acre "Heart's Desire Nursery". Increasing its scape in 1883 and selling only nursery stock proved successful to area ranchers, his business developed an excellent reputation in Sonoma County and distant points, selling 25,000 trees a year. Bouton became known for developing new strains of fruit trees. Because of his interest in plant propagation, he became an associate of Luther Burbank. Andrew died in 1890.
 Although currently unoccupied, this large Italinete remains structurally unaltered and has the subdued ornamentation common to the large ranch houses in the survey area.

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

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).
 Ent.: 3/12/1890
 So. Co. Hist. 1889
 Hist. Alex. Valley 1979

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