

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Drake House
2. Historic name: Lycurgas McPherson House
3. Street or rural address: 3152 Highway 128
City Geyserville, CA Zip 95448 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 131-050-04-9
5. Present Owner: Drake, Margaret Address: 3152 Highway 128
City Geyserville, CA Zip 95448 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Residential Original use: Residential

DESCRIPTION

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

This one-story house has a hip-roof with a gablet and gabled front and side bays. The cornice is boxed except for the recessed porch which has exposed rafter tails. The gables are closed and have cut shingles in them as does the gablet. The windows are double hung. The upper portion of the slanted front bay window is of segmented, colored glass. The front porch has turned posts and a molded stickwork balustrade in a geometric pattern.



8. Construction date: Estimated _____ Factual 1902
9. Architect _____
10. Builder _____
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage _____ Depth _____
or approx. acreage 304.74
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
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13. Condition: Excellent ___ Good X Fair ___ Deteriorated ___ No longer in existence ___

14. Alterations: Screened in porch on south side

15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land X Scattered buildings ___ Densely built-up ___
Residential ___ Industrial ___ Commercial ___ 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: Situated high on knoll overlooking river and valley; barn built in 1904.

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)
Lycurgas McPherson was the son of Charles McPherson, land magnate, who, coming to Alexander Valley in 1854, had, at the time of his death in 1874, acquired title to 2,500 acres which amounted to nearly the entire west end of the valley and 1,500 acres south of the Russian River. Lycurgas, born in Missouri in 1848, was a boy of six when his parents settled in Alexander Valley. Also a rancher, he dealt in real estate, owning a ranch of 400 acres in Mendocino County and 568 acres in Alexander Valley on which he built this house in 1902. He married Lizzie Moore, native of Cacke Creek, California, in 1874 and had a family of thirteen children.

This house has the multi-volume roof that is characteristic of Queen Annes as well as many decorative elements such as turned posts, cut shingles, and colored glass.

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).
Coast Counties 1904
So. Co. Atlas 1877, 1898
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