

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Murphy Ranch
2. Historic name: Meisner House
3. Street or rural address: 3740 Highway 128
City Geyserville, CA Zip 95441 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 131-060-02-2
5. Present Owner: Murphy, Timothy J. Jr. & Doreen Address: 3740 Hwy. 128
City Geyserville, CA Zip 95448 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Residential Original use: Residential

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural style: Gablet Farm House with Victorian Details
- 7b. Briefly describe the present *physical description* of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

The front volume of this one-story L-shaped residence comprises the original house built in 1880. The added gabled bays were completed in 1910 and remodeled in 1970's. The old section has a gablet roof, with shingled gable end and brace. The windows are tall narrow double-hung. The porch across the front has beveled pillars with curved brackets.



8. Construction date:
Estimated _____ Factual 1880
9. Architect _____
10. Builder _____
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage _____ Depth 20
or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
31 Jan 83 42/27

13. Condition: Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated No longer in existence
14. Alterations: One window widened 1910 and added bays to rear
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: Vineyards

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)
This home, built in 1880 for W. McPherson, about whom nothing is known. The property later came into the hands of Frank Meisner, and in 1925 became the Cavallo ranch.

This gabled cottage utilizes an unusual amount of victorian detailing to adorn a simple farm residence.

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

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).

Int.: Rose Benson 1/83
T.J. Murphy 12/82
So. Co. Atlas 1877, 1898

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