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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Beeson Cemetery
2. Historic name: Beeson Cemetery
3. Street or rural address: 5200 Highway 128
City Geyserville, CA Zip 95441 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 131-090-16-9
5. Present Owner: Beeson Cemetary Address: 5200 Highway 128
City Geyserville, CA Zip 95441 Ownership is: Public Private
6. Present Use: Cemetery Original use: Cemetery

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural style: None
- 7b. Briefly describe the present *physical description* of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:
Cemetery Site



8. Construction date: Estimated _____ Factual 1855
9. Architect _____
10. Builder _____
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 160 Depth _____
or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
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13. Condition: Excellent ___ Good ___ Fair X 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 ___ 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? X Moved? ___ Unknown? ___
18. Related features: _____

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)

Isaac Beeson, patriarch of the Beeson family in California, made his first trip to this state by way of Cape Horn in 1850, and then returned to gather his family and possessions for the move west. In 1853, he led the family across the plains to the Golden State. Locating first in San Mateo, the family remained there until 1857, when they came to Alexander Valley and located on this 400 acre ranch. The oldest recorded death in the Beeson cemetery is: Bidwell, Elizabeth, wife of Ira Bidwell, Nov. 1830 - Apr. 13, 1855. Beesons are as follows: Caroline 1832 - 1863, Beeson, William S., 1824 - 1902, William Isaac, son L. R. & Selma Beeson, Aug 3, 1875 - July 3, 1916.

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 X

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).
So. Co. Cemetery Records 1846 -1921
Hist. So. Co. 1926

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