

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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HABS _____ HAER _____ NR 4 SHL _____ Loc _____
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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Alexander Valley Store
2. Historic name: Alexander Valley Store
3. Street or rural address: 6487 Highway 128
City Geyserville, CA Zip 95441 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 131-180-093
5. Present Owner: Marseilles, Herman W. Address: 3285 Lake Co. Hwy.
City Calistoga, CA Zip 94515 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Residential/Commercial Original use: Store & Gas Pumps

DESCRIPTION

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

The gable roof over this one story store/bar/gas station extends to cover the entrance and gas pumps. The overhang is supported by thick, square posts. Rafter tails are exposed and the gable has a vent and braces under the barge rafter. The street front windows are made up of large square panes. Others have been painted or boarded over. The siding is rustic and there is a shed roofed addition on one side.



8. Construction date:
Estimated 1920 Factual _____
9. Architect _____
10. Builder C. E. Harlon
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 207 Depth 207
or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
3 Mr 83 44/37

13. Condition: Excellent ___ Good Fair ___ Deteriorated ___ No longer in existence ___
14. Alterations: Siding in front of bar
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, one bungalow, and some outbuildings

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)
 Located on an historic route through Alexander Valley to a quicksilver mining community known as Pine Flat, this store and service station was built by C.E Harlon for George Alexander. Although mining activity had declined by 1920, increased hydro thermal activity at the Geysers (northeast of survey area) increased traffic along this route and caused the establishment of this store.

This structure is exemplary of the craftman ethic applied to commercial architecture. This early service station incorporated automobile access to gasoline pumps in its structural design.

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).
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