

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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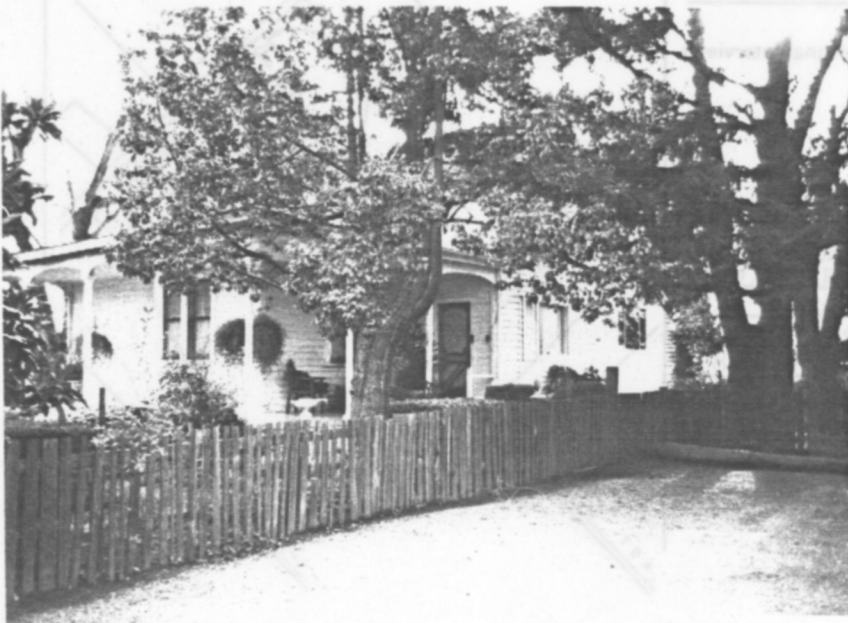
IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Osborn Place
2. Historic name: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Street or rural address: 7971 Highway 128  
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 131-210-11
5. Present Owner: Demostene, David Address: 7971 Highway 128  
City Healdsburg Zip 95448 Ownership is: Public \_\_\_\_\_ Private X
6. Present Use: Residential Original use: Residential

DESCRIPTION

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

This gabled, one-story house has a boxed cornice and lap rustic siding. The original windows are double-hung though some have been replaced by sliding aluminum. The porch roof is supported by square posts with molded tops and are connected by arches. The porch surrounds the three sides of the rectangular front bay. The front door is paneled and there is a wooden screen door with spindle work.



8. Construction date: Estimated 1875 Factual \_\_\_\_\_
9. Architect \_\_\_\_\_
10. Builder \_\_\_\_\_
11. Approx. property size (in feet)  
Frontage \_\_\_\_\_ Depth \_\_\_\_\_  
or approx. acreage \_\_\_\_\_
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)  
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13. Condition: Excellent  Good  Fair  Deteriorated  No longer in existence
14. Alterations: Aluminum sash windows
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: Large deciduous and evergreen trees

**SIGNIFICANCE**

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)  
S.L. Osborn, leading vineyardist of Alexander Valley and prize thoroughbred horse breeder, purchased this place in 1878 from J. Windsor, who had settled in the county in 1856. Osborn and his wife Mary, born in England in 1846 and 1853, came to California in 1869 and 1868, respectively, were married in San Benito County in 1875. They came to Alexander Valley in 1876, first locating at Lone Pine Vineyards (132-040-02), then settling at this place in 1878 as S.L. continued to increase his acreage in grape production. Raising a family of 7 children, Mary died at 47. S.L. was killed in 1906 by one of his horses. This house, formerly located on the corner of Soda Rock Lane and Highway 128, was moved to this location by Osborn, and it remained in family ownership until 1964.

This relatively simple home is made more picturesque by the delicately arched porch with its slender columns.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)  
Architecture 1 Arts & Leisure   
Economic/Industrial  Exploration/Settlement 2  
Government  Military   
Religion  Social/Education
21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).  
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Hist. Alex. Valley 1979  
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