

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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UTM: A10/517500/4279980 B \_\_\_\_\_  
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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Soda Rock House
2. Historic name: Tom Meek House
3. Street or rural address: 8015 Highway 128  
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 132-010-01-8
5. Present Owner: Tomka, Chas. K., Etza & Chas. Jr Address: 619 Healdsburg Ave.  
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 Ownership is: Public \_\_\_\_\_ Private X
6. Present Use: Residential Original use: Residential

DESCRIPTION

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

This two-story house has an almost gambrel shaped roof which flairs at the bottom to form a boxed cornice. On each side is a two-story bay with a hip roof and a small side gable over the recessed corner porch. The front gable is divided into two sections, both have cut shingles. The lower section of the gable has a pair of double-hung windows with bracketed sill and hood. The other windows are also double-hung but with molded frames. There are two slanted bays, the one in front has sawn brackets with a pendant on one corner. Siding is narrow lap rustic and the foundation is of cut stone. The single round column on the corner of the porch rests on a stone pedestal.



8. Construction date: Estimated \_\_\_\_\_ Factual 1905
9. Architect \_\_\_\_\_
10. Builder Frank Sullivan
11. Approx. property size (in feet)  
Frontage \_\_\_\_\_ Depth \_\_\_\_\_  
or approx. acreage 4
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)  
6 Jan 83 40/06

13. Condition: Excellent \_\_\_ Good X Fair \_\_\_ Deteriorated \_\_\_ No longer in existence \_\_\_
14. Alterations: None visible
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: Vineyards

**SIGNIFICANCE**

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

Tom Meek owner of one of the largest wineries in Alexander Valley, built this home next to his winery, the Soda Rock Winery. Feeling the effect of their financial gain, 1905 found the Alexander Valley residents in a building boom. Maynard Young had hired W.H. Chaney to build his elegant mansion that year, and not to be left behind, Tom Meek telephoned builder Frank A. Sullivan to build a new two-story residence. It is important to note, that it was in the previous year, 1904, and by "popular subscription", the first telephone line was put into operation in the valley. This is an interesting structure not only due to its unique roof line but that it has a mirror turn at 508 Beaver St. in Santa Rosa, CA. Both structures were built by Frank Sullivan and though the one in this study was built two years later, it has nearly identical detailing to the one in Santa Rosa.

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 \_\_\_  
Government \_\_\_ Military \_\_\_  
Religion \_\_\_ Social/Education 2
21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).  
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Hist. Alex. Valley 1979
22. Date form prepared August 17, 1983  
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