

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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UTM: A 10/517460/4279180B  
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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Historic name: Whitton House
3. Street or rural address: 8359 Highway 128  
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 132-010-16-1
5. Present Owner: Rancho Sotoyome, Inc. Address: 8329 Highway 128  
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 Ownership is: Public \_\_\_\_\_ Private X
6. Present Use: Residential Original use: Dwelling

DESCRIPTION

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

A narrow, rectangular one story structure with gabled ends. The cornice is closed and the siding is channel rustic. Windows are double-hung with plain frames. The hip-roof veranda has five turned posts. In the rear is a large addition with a hip-roof. Some of the original windows have been replaced by sliding aluminum ones.



8. Construction date: Estimated \_\_\_\_\_ Factual 1868
9. Architect \_\_\_\_\_
10. Builder \_\_\_\_\_
11. Approx. property size (in feet)  
Frontage \_\_\_\_\_ Depth \_\_\_\_\_  
or approx. acreage 106
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)  
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13. Condition: Excellent \_\_\_ Good \_\_\_ Fair X Deteriorated \_\_\_ No longer in existence \_\_\_
14. Alterations: Some aluminum windows and side porch enclosed
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: Vineyard

**SIGNIFICANCE**

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)  
Built circa 1890, probably for property owner, Samuel Cohn, this building originally had an outside door for each of the seven rooms. John Whitton Sr. lived here as he developed his winery (see 132-010-16-6) from 1896 to 1904. The owner of the property Samuel Cohn, retained ownership until 1952 when the Johnsons of Johnson's Alexander Valley Winery started their operations.

The front part of this structure is now similar to many of the other early structures in the area, though at one time it had seven exterior doors.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)  
Architecture \_\_\_ Arts & Leisure \_\_\_  
Economic/Industrial 1 Exploration/Settlement \_\_\_  
Government \_\_\_ Military \_\_\_  
Religion \_\_\_ Social/Education 2
21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).  
Atlas 1877, 1898  
INT.: Rose Benson  
Trib.: 8/25/1904,  
Ent.: 1/16/1889  
Hist. Alex. Valley 1979 8/17/83
22. Date form prepared 8/17/83  
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