

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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HABS _____ HAER _____ NR 3 SHL _____ Loc _____
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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: _____
2. Historic name: William Mulligan House
3. Street or rural address: 8755 Highway 128
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 132-010-13-3
5. Present Owner: Green, Russell and Betty Jean Address: P O Box 1005
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Residential Original use: Residential

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:

The original portion of this rectangular one story home has gabled ends with returns and a molded boxed cornice. Molding outlines the frieze and the tops of the corner boards. The siding is channel rustic and windows are multi-paned double-hung with molded frames. The front portice has square posts with molded caps and a gable roof. Small peaked vents are found in open gables. To one side is a flat roofed, multi-windowed period addition and several later additions are found in the rear.



8. Construction date:
Estimated _____ Factual 1868
9. Architect _____
10. Builder _____
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage _____ Depth _____
or approx. acreage 52.46
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
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13. Condition: Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated No longer in existence
14. Alterations: Some bays added within period and others in 1970's & 80's
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: Vineyard, modern barns

SIGNIFICANCE

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

This house was the wedding gift of Margaret Alexander, born in 1847 and William Mulligan, the undisputed King of the grape industry of Sonoma County in the late 1880's, was born in 1838 in Missouri and educated in Europe. His family came to California by steamer then travelled to Healdsburg in 1862. Employed by Capt. L.A. Norton, William married Margaret Alexander in 1868, eldest daughter of Cyrus and Rufena Alexander, the first white settlers in northern Sonoma County. By 1882, with the 354 acres inherited by his wife in 1872, he and L. Hall were the largest grain producers in the valley. Turning his interests to viticulture, he had 354 acres planted in grapes in 1885, bringing statewide attention to Alexander Valley. Due to overexpansion, poor management, and Mulligan's desertion, most of Mulligan's property was taken over by the Bank of Healdsburg.

The basic form of this home is similar to many of the other early structures in the area but with more attention to detail than many.

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).

Hist. So. Co. 1880
Hist. Alex. Valley 1979
So. Co. Atlas 1877, 1898
Ent.: 1/16/1889

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