

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION

- 1. Common name: _____
- 2. Historic name: White Melton Carriage House
- 3. Street or rural address: 1950 West Dry Creek Road
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 County Sonoma
- 4. Parcel number: 089-190-083
- 5. Present Owner: Kwit, Kenneth Address P.O. Box 368
City Windsor, CA Zip 95492 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
- 6. Present Use: Residential Original use: Carriage House

DESCRIPTION

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

This 1½-story structure was the original carriage house to the main house on this property. It has gabled roof with rustic siding and ventilating cupola.



- 8. Construction date: Estimated 1870 Factual Jan. 1878
- 9. Architect John Giff
- 10. Builder John Giffith
- 11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage _____ Depth _____
or approx. acreage 12
- 12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
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13. Condition: Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated No longer in existence
14. Alterations: Picture windows adjoin old entrance and to north
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: Melton Home

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)
This substantial ranch home and carriage house were built by William Melton, a "leading capitalist of the city" who settled on this 35 acre parcel in 1857. A native of Virginia born in 1830, Melton was one of the few pioneers in the survey area to have become wealthy at the gold fields, which he worked from 1852 to 1857. Melton engaged in stock-raising exclusively on this ranch, and later merely managed his considerable capital. Melton died of consumption in 1877, his estate still being worth \$70,000 eighteen years later when it was finally discharged (after supporting the family for that period). The property was purchased in 1885 by Joseph Leininger, born in Pennsylvania in 1839. Leininger came to Butte Creek, California in 1859 and spent 15 years running a sawmill before coming to this site. Leininger established a widely varied orchard, became a prominent citizen, and sold it in 1908.

This structure derives its significance from its relationship to the main house on the property.

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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