

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Historic name: Charles Wesley Matthews House
3. Street or rural address: 4060 West Soda Rock Lane  
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 088-240-15-5
5. Present Owner: Pearson, Bill A. Address: 3499 Sacramento St.  
City San Francisco, CA Zip 94118 Ownership is: Public \_\_\_\_\_ Private X
6. Present Use: Residential Original use: Residential

DESCRIPTION

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

A rectangular, two story house with iron cresting atop the truncated roof. The cornice is boxed with a plain frieze below it. Windows on the first level are tall, narrow, and double-hung with molded caps and sills. The upper windows are similiar but shorter. The single front door is paneled and a transom above. Siding for the house and verandah foundation is channel rustic. The hip-roofed porch has square posts with narrow capitals and a one board railing. In the rear is a one story addition.



8. Construction date:  
Estimated \_\_\_\_\_ Factual 1897
9. Architect \_\_\_\_\_
10. Builder \_\_\_\_\_
11. Approx. property size (in feet)  
Frontage \_\_\_\_\_ Depth \_\_\_\_\_  
or approx. acreage 6.39
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)  
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13. Condition: Excellent  Good \_\_\_\_\_ Fair \_\_\_\_\_ Deteriorated \_\_\_\_\_ No longer in existence \_\_\_\_\_
14. Alterations: Added one-story bay to rear
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 barn, indeterminate age

#### SIGNIFICANCE

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

This ranch home constructed with hand-hewn redwood timbers, was built by Sonoma County pioneer, Charles Wesley Matthews, in 1897. Matthews, born in 1825, came to California in the first wave of immigrants in 1849, and within a year set up a blacksmith shop, the first in the county, in Santa Rosa. Trained as a blacksmith by his father, who was reputedly famous in Tennessee for his work, Matthews was soon wealthy. He was joined by his brother, Alfred, in 1857. Before 1877, Charles began to buy property surrounding Healdsburg and had moved his blacksmith shop to Alexander Valley, where he owned 575 acres. Matthews died here in 1911, having had eight children.

This house typifies the ethic of minimal ornamentation on large turn-of-the century farmhouses built to house large families. Although the detailing is sparse, this structure retains its original cresting.

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).

Hist. So. Co. 1926  
So. Co. Atlas 1977, 1898  
Trib: 9/16/1897

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