

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Madrona Manor
2. Historic name: Hooten-Paxton Ranch
3. Street or rural address: 1001 Westside Road  
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 110-010-41
5. Present Owner: Madrona Manor; Muir, John Address: P.O. Box 818  
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 Ownership is: Public \_\_\_\_\_ Private X
6. Present Use: Commercial Original use: Residential

DESCRIPTION

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

This imposing structure consists of three stories including the mansard third floor. Numerous polygonal bays extend thru both main floors and up into the mansard where the windows are set under small gables. The house is decorated with numerous forms of ornamental millwork including paired cornice brackets, ornamental frieze and belt cornices on the bays. There is a large covered verandah across the front.



8. Construction date: Estimated 1870 Factual \_\_\_\_\_
9. Architect \_\_\_\_\_
10. Builder \_\_\_\_\_
11. Approx. property size (in feet)  
Frontage \_\_\_\_\_ Depth \_\_\_\_\_  
or approx. acreage 7.92
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)  
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13. Condition: Excellent  Good \_\_\_\_\_ Fair \_\_\_\_\_ Deteriorated \_\_\_\_\_ No longer in existence \_\_\_\_\_
14. Alterations: 1881 Remodeling of exterior
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: \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNIFICANCE**

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)  
The original home on this property was built by Martin Van Buren Hooten who settled here in 1853. In 1878 Hooten moved to W. Matheson Street and lived there until his death in 1915. He sold the ranch and house to John Alexander Paxton for \$10,500. Paxton bought the place to "improve for a country home", and this he proceeded to do with vigor. Newspaper accounts of the time are filled with stories of the improvements being made on the property. Paxton was extremely wealthy engaging many business enterprises including mining, banking, lumber operations and wine-making. He was also a State legislator. He married Hannah McClellon in 1854. John died aboard a steamship in 1888 and Hannah in 1902. They had two sons, Charles and Blitz. Blitz took over the family home and engaged in banking, becoming the President of the Santa Rosa Bank. Blitz and his first wife had two children before their divorce in 1894, whereafter he married Jenny Bates. The ranch house was retained by Blitz and was used as a country weekend home, until selling it circa 1913. It has since passed through many owners, recently having been restored/remodeled into a bed and breakfast inn and restaurant. This structure is a classic example of 2nd Empire and is without a doubt the most outstanding Victorian architecture in W. Sonoma County.

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).  
Trib.: 3/21/07, 6/7/00, 8/14/00, 9/4/02, 6/8/10.  
Ent.: 5/23/1888  
So. Co. Trib.: 9/27/1894

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