

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION

- 1. Common name: McClish Ranch
- 2. Historic name: John N. McClish House
- 3. Street or rural address: 3500 Westside Road  
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 County Sonoma
- 4. Parcel number: 110-090-02-4
- 5. Present Owner: Kick, Terry, R. Address: 3500 Westside Road  
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 Ownership is: Public \_\_\_\_\_ Private X
- 6. Present Use: Residential Original use: Residential

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural style: Italianate
- 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 a truncated hip roof and channel rustic siding. The boxed cornice has pairs of elaborate brackets. The windows are double-hung with semi-elliptical tops and bracketed hoods. The windows are placed singly or in two's and three's. The centered front porch has a one-story rectangular bay on either side with panes of colored glass in the upper section of the center windows. The front bays and porch are covered by a continuous, flat, hip roof. Similar bays are found on each side of the house. The front porch has turned posts and sawn brackets and fret work.



- 8. Construction date: Estimated \_\_\_\_\_ Factual 1895
- 9. Architect \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. Builder James W. Terry
- 11. Approx. property size (in feet)  
Frontage \_\_\_\_\_ Depth 1.10  
or approx. acreage \_\_\_\_\_
- 12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)  
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13. Condition: Excellent \_\_\_ Good \_\_\_ Fair \_\_\_ Deteriorated X No longer in existence \_\_\_
14. Alterations: None visible
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: Orange groves planted in 1897.

**SIGNIFICANCE**

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)  
This ranch house and its surrounding gardens and orange grove, built in 1895 by James W. Terry for John N. McClish, remain a visual landmark in the historic Westside Road area. John was the son of Thomas and Eliza McClish, pioneer settlers of Iowa. John was born in 1850 and crossed the plains with his family in 1854. They settled and farmed on 200 acres of the Fitch land grant, later moving to farm in Dry Creek. John was educated locally attending the Alexander Academy. In 1869, he bought this property, at first 300 acres than increasing it to 800 acres. He farmed the rich bottom land and raised a herd of Jerseys. He married Ella Martin in 1872 and they had six children.

This house appears to have had very little alteration other than the removal of cresting that once topped the roofs. The structure presents a very pleasing symmetrical appearance.

In a highly visible location along Westside Road, this impressive mansion, and its accompanying orange groves, have been a visual landmark since its construction.

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).  
INT.: Nora Terry McMinn  
Ent.: 7/18/1895  
Hist. So. Co.: 1926

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