

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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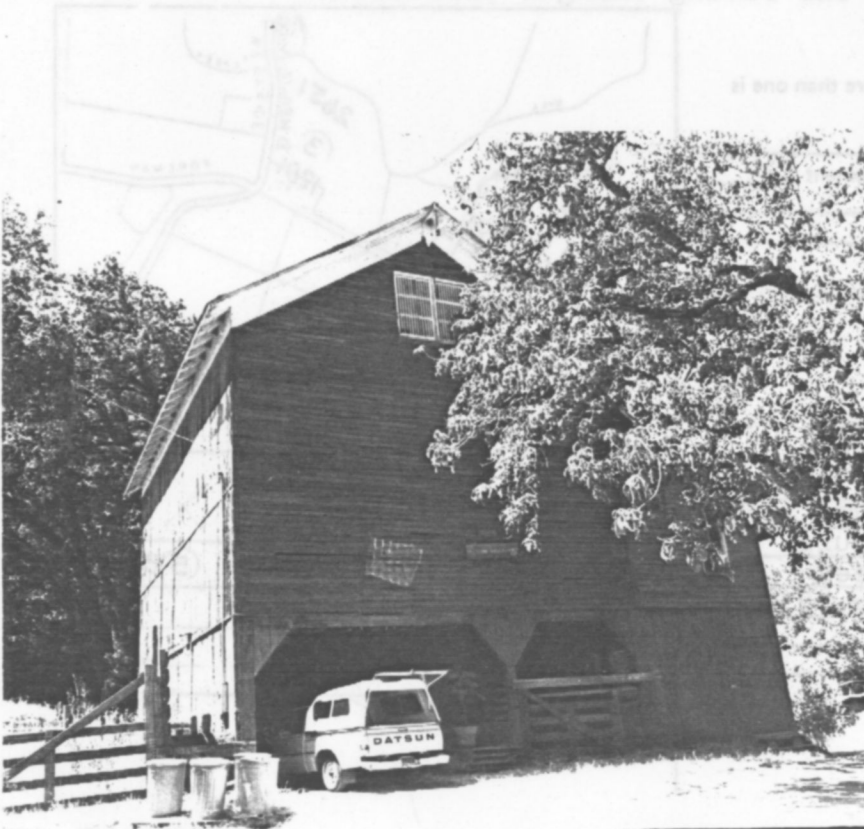
IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Millstone Valley Ranch
2. Historic name: Bice Ranch
3. Street or rural address: 1194 Felta Road
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 110-070-13-3
5. Present Owner: McClure, Peggy Address: _____
City _____ Zip _____ Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: _____ Original use: Mill barn

DESCRIPTION

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

A very tall, square structure with a gable roof and a shed roofed side addition. The tails of the exposed rafters are covered by a fascia board. High in the gable is a double vent. The structure has two large openings with angled corners. The siding varies in width and some is placed vertically and some horizontally.



8. Construction date: Estimated 1900 Factual _____
9. Architect _____
10. Builder _____
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage _____ Depth _____
or approx. acreage 30.32
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
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13. Condition: Excellent ___ Good ___ Fair ___ Deteriorated ___ No longer in existence ___
14. Alterations: _____
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: Small barn adjacent "Felta Creek Boot Works"

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)
 Rich in history, this property was reportedly settled during the 1830's. Local historians claim that a structure, commonly called "the Bice House", constructed with round wood and dirt floor, was located 100 yards south of Bice Hill grade on the eastside of Westside Road. This barn and adjacent smaller barn inscribed with "Millstone Valley Ranch" and the small barn with "Felta Creek Boot Works", are remnants of the Cornelius and Mary Bice Ranch and a sawmill (construction date not established) and boot factory. Cornelius, pioneer settler, was born 1816 in Kentucky. He and his parents immigrated to Healdsburg in 1853, squatting on what was to become known as Hassett's Ranch. Involved in some of the most violent of the "Squatter's " or "Westside Wars" in the 1850's, possessions were completely burned. After losing their homestead they lived on the downtown plaza until 1867 when they located on this 166 acre farm on Mill Creek. Cornelius married Mary Koger (born 1827 in Virginia) in 1846. The had 13 children. Cornelius died in 1879; Mary in 1915. This structure is unusual due to its dimensions and the way the siding changes directions.

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Sawmill
c. 1849-50*

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)
 Architecture ___ Arts & Leisure ___
 Economic/Industrial 2 Exploration/Settlement 1
 Government ___ Military ___
 Religion ___ Social/Education ___

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).
 Atlas: 1877, 1898
 Hist. So. Co.: 1880
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