

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: _____
2. Historic name: McMinn/Whitton House
3. Street or rural address: 19185 Geyserville Avenue
City Geyserville, CA Zip 95441 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 140-030-17
5. Present Owner: Trentadue, Leo & Evelyn Address: 19170 Redwood Hwy.
City Geyserville, CA Zip 95441 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Unknown Original use: Residential

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural style: Hip roof with stick features
- 7b. Briefly describe the present *physical description* of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

This raised, one-story house has a hip roof over a molded boxed cornice and paneled frieze. The siding is channel rustic and lattice work covers the foundation beneath the wrap-around verandah. The verandah's hip roof is supported by turned posts and its floor is supported by smaller posts with sawn brackets. The balustrade has a molded rail and turned balusters. On either side of a Craftsman style door are large picture windows flanked by small casements. Large additions are found on the side and in the rear.



8. Construction date: Estimated _____ Factual 1890/1904
9. Architect _____
10. Builder _____
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage _____ Depth _____
or approx. acreage 1.73
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
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13. Condition: Excellent _____ Good _____ Fair X Deteriorated _____ No longer in existence _____
14. Alterations: _____
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: Detached shed, redwood, palm

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)
This ranch house was built circa 1890 for J. A. McMinn and was rebuilt in 1904 by John Whitton, Vintner, who after experiencing two scourges of phylloxera, first in Napa Valley, then in Alexander Valley, re-directed himself to farming this 144 acre parcel, purchased in 1904. J. Whitton was a native son of California, born 1856 in Napa Valley, his parents having crossed the plains in 1849. John was raised on his father's farm in Napa Valley. John mined for four years, then along with his brother, Walter, operated Whitton Winery in Alexander Valley from 1896 to 1904. Re-locating near Geyserville, an area known as "The Plaines," he developed his ranch, rebuilding an existing residence, and constructing other improvements. His first wife dying in 1910, John married Edith Peacock, a native of Indiana, in 1914. They had one child, John P. Jr. Active in community affairs, Mr. Whitton contributed substantially to the development of this section of the state.

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

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).

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Hist. So. Co. 1926

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