

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Frank Nervo House
2. Historic name: Frank Nervo House
3. Street or rural address: 19585 Geyserville Road  
City Geyserville, CA Zip 95441 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 140-030-10-1
5. Present Owner: Nervo, Frank J. Address: 19585 Geyserville Road  
City Geyserville, CA Zip 95441 Ownership is: Public \_\_\_\_\_ Private X
6. Present Use: Unknown 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:

This one-story stucco house has a flat roof and fluted pilasters at the corners. Windows are double-hung with some in groups of two or three. The unusual features on this house are the two, almost overpowering, portico with fluted Corinthian columns and molded cornices. There are two outbuildings with both having gable roofs, channel rustic siding and multi-paned, double-hung windows. One has a large stone chimney with a brick cap piercing its roof.



8. Construction date:  
Estimated \_\_\_\_\_ Factual 1925
9. Architect \_\_\_\_\_
10. Builder \_\_\_\_\_
11. Approx. property size (in feet)  
Frontage \_\_\_\_\_ Depth \_\_\_\_\_  
or approx. acreage 110
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)  
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13. Condition: Excellent \_\_\_ Good \_\_\_ Fair \_\_\_ Deteriorated X 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 \_\_\_ Private development \_\_\_ Zoning \_\_\_ Vandalism \_\_\_  
Public Works project \_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
17. Is the structure: On its original site? X Moved? \_\_\_ Unknown? \_\_\_
18. Related features: Homestead shack

**SIGNIFICANCE**

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

This unusual home was built in 1925 on the 250 acre Nervo parcel which has been continuously in grape production since 1850. The parcel has remained undivided since 1850 and was owned by a series of vineyardists until the Nervo family acquired it in 1896. Continuing the winery of Monocco and Adreassi (1877 to 1896), Frank Nervo and his bride of 18, Maria who had immigrated from Venice, Italy, in 1896, began their family wine-making operation. The winery, known for many years as Venezia Winery in honor of the Nervos native city, has remained in continuous operation to the present time. Maria had 9 children, all born on the ranch. The father and six sons did all the ranch work only hiring help during harvesting. Frank Nervo, one of the sons now in his 84th year, has continuously resided on the home place. With 10 acres of grapes still in production near the house.

An unusual home in that classical elements such as fluted pilasters and Corinthian columns have been added to an otherwise non-descript structure in a rather heavy-handed manner.

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

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

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 Atlas 1877, 1898

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