

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

Ser. No. _____
HABS _____ HAER _____ NR 5 SHL _____ Loc _____
UTM: A10/511350/4284820 B _____
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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: _____
2. Historic name: William Low/ Samuel Cohn House
3. Street or rural address: 2584 Highway 128
City Geyserville, CA Zip 95441 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 140-260-01-9
5. Present Owner: Michalek, Katherine & Jesse E. Address: 1956 Highway 128
City Geyserville, CA Zip 95441 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 truncated hip-roof tops this one-story cottage with a bracketed boxed cornice. The brackets are in pairs and the frieze has horizontal strips of molding. The windows are double-hung with bracketed hoods and sill blocks. Over the front door is a transom and the frame is like those of the windows. The flat roofed portico has turned posts and pairs of brackets. The stair railing is not original. The siding is channel rustic.



8. Construction date:
Estimated 1880 Factual _____
9. Architect _____
10. Builder _____
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage _____ Depth _____
or approx. acreage 91.67
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: Barn at 140-260-01-9

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)
 This early pioneer settlement house was built for William Low, an extensive landowner in the northern section of the survey area. The majority of his property was comprised of foothill land extending into the neighboring Caslamayomi Land Grant with his house and ancillary buildings located on the rich bottom land bordering the Russian River. Born in England, William came to California in 1854 and to this site in 1862 establishing his farming operation on 400 acres. In 1898, Samuel Cohn was the owner-operator of this property, as well as other nearby parcels. Cohn was listed as one of the principal vineyardists in 1899 with 80 acres of producing wine grapes.
 A typical example of the modest Italianate structures found in the area.

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 _____

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).
 So. Co. Atlas 1877, 1898
 Hist. Alex. Valley 1979
 Ent: 12/28/1899

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