

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: _____
2. Historic name: Leroux House
3. Street or rural address 3845 Highway 128
City Geyserville, CA Zip 95441 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 131-060-14-7
5. Present Owner: Cadd, Alvin R. & Alice J. Address: 3845 Hwy. 128
City Geyserville, CA Zip 95441 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Residential Original use: Residential

DESCRIPTION

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

A one-story home with gabled sides and two front dormers with shed roofs. The rafter tails are exposed and there are simple braces supporting the barge rafters and dormer roofs. Each dormer has a pair of double-hung windows. Other windows are wide double-hungs with plain frames. The house is covered with rustic siding and also forms the solid balustrade. The recessed porch has tapered, square constructed columns.



8. Construction date: Estimated c1920 Factual _____
9. Architect George Peppin
10. Builder George Peppin
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage _____ Depth _____
or approx. acreage 1
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
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13. Condition: Excellent ___ Good X Fair ___ Deteriorated ___ No longer in existence ___
14. Alterations: Windows
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: Vineyards

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)
This home was built for Walter Leroux, an old Alexander Valley family, and Belle Leroux, advocate for the improvement of the living standards of local Indians. In the 1920's, local Indians of Alexander Valley were subsisting on a small reservation in the southern portion of the Valley. 20 Wapo Indians, consisting of 7 families, were barely subsisting in one wooden shack with one bed, no electricity or water, and with the food supply so inadequate that the able-bodied men could not care for their families. Compassion for their plight led Belle Leroux in 1924 to campaign to raise funds for their health and welfare, and to bring state and local attention to their deplorable living conditions. The results of her efforts were funds for their upkeep, regular visitations by a doctor, and an inspection from the Director of Indian Affairs in Washington, D.C.. The Leroux home, built in 1919 by George Peppin, and ranch, were purchased by Raymond Cadd, son-in-law of the Leroux, in 1926. The present owner is the grandson of Walter Leroux.

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).

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