

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

Ser. No. _____
HABS _____ HAER _____ NR 4 SHL _____ Loc _____
UTM: A10/515980/4280850 B _____
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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: _____
2. Historic name: Briggs Barn and Water Tower
3. Street or rural address: 6800 Highway 128
City Geyserville, CA Zip 95441 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 131-170-27
5. Present Owner: Bevis, Hillary Joan Address: 6800 Alexander Valley RD
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Unknown Original use: Residential

DESCRIPTION

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

This group of outbuildings is comprised of: 1) A large single gable barn with the vertical siding in three distinct horizontal bands and a closed cornice. 2) A smaller barn with construction similiar to the first, and small windows. 3) A square house with a tall tapering base and a pyramidal roof. It has small multi-paned windows and channel rustic siding.



8. Construction date:
Estimated 1880 Factual _____
9. Architect _____
10. Builder _____
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage _____ Depth _____
or approx. acreage 3.78
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: Walnut orchard

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)
 Hiram Briggs vast landholdings demanded sufficient out-buildings to properly carry on the task of his farm. These two barns and water tower fulfilled their purpose. See (131-170-25-0).
 Hiram Briggs, a native of Iowa, born in 1840, settled in the Alexander Valley in the 1860's. These buildings are part of his ranch complex which once included 7,000 acres in this area.
 This varietal complex of 19th century, ancillary buildings is a visual landmark along Highway 128 in Alexander Valley. Once common, these simple complexes are now rare.

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).
Surveyor's Notes 1/12/83

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