

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Norton House
2. Historic name: Joseph Alexander House
3. Street or rural address: 3680 Pine Flat Road
City Geyserville, CA Zip 95441 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 131-170-09-4
5. Present Owner: Norton, Georgina L. Address: 710 7th Street
% Ron Marchaud
City Santa Rosa, CA Zip 95401 Ownership is: Public _____ Private
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:

This large two story house has an offset front gable with returns. In the rear are a 1½ story addition and a one story brick addition. Both have gable roofs with returns. All cornices are boxed with main structure having a molded frieze with pairs of brackets. The gables are open on the main structure as well as on the two additions. The windows are double-hung with those of the main section having semi-elliptical tops and surrounded by molded frames and hoods topped by a finial. In front is a one-story slanted bay with a bracketed mansard-like roof. The front porch has square posts, a turned balustrade and a bracketed roof. The main structure and 1½ story addition have channel rustic siding.



8. Construction date:
Estimated _____ Factual 1879
9. Architect _____
10. Builder _____
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage _____ Depth _____
or approx. acreage 22
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 X 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: 2 story water tower

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)
Joseph, the oldest of the surviving sons of Cyrus, became the patriarch of the Alexander family after his father's death in 1872. Born 1854 on the Alexander ranch, Alexander Valley, he participated heavily in ranching affairs, eventually becoming known as having the best stock-raising ranch in the valley. Marrying Kate Turner (born 1857, Iowa) in 1877, he built this house costing \$10,000. in 1879. He remained active in his pursuit of Animal husbandry until 1915, when, with no surviving heirs, he sold his 2,094 ac. stock ranch to H. C. Lawrence of Fullerton, who was to raise blooded stock. With Kate dying in 1909, Joseph remarried Elizabeth Rainey of Sata Rosa in 1910, and until his death in 1918 made his home in that city.

This is one of the most ornate and pure examples of "Italianate" style in the area. It contains most of the elements such as segmented windows and window hoods, angled bays, bracketed verandah and sawn casings found on the better examples of this style.

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 2
Government ___ Military ___
Religion ___ Social/Education ___

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates). Hist. So. Co. 1911
Ent: 8/8/79, 1/23/79, 7/3/15
Scimtar: 10/7/09, 11/10/10
Trib: 4/11/18, 5/2/18
1900 Census

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