

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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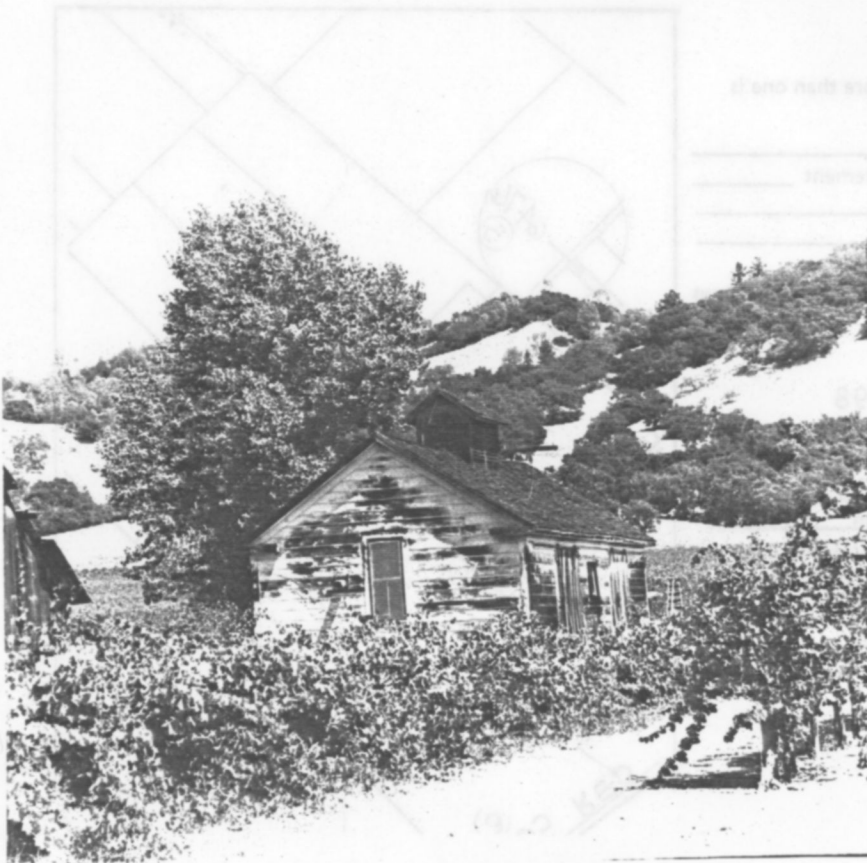
IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: _____
2. Historic name: William Mulligan Barn
3. Street or rural address: 6476 Red Winery Road
City Geyserville, CA Zip 95441 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 131-160-18-6
5. Present Owner: Nelson, Emery E. & Lillian E. Address: 6476 Red Winery Road
City Geyserville, CA Zip 95441 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Residential Original use: Barn

DESCRIPTION

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

This one-story structure has open end gables with returns and is topped by a gabled cupola with vented sides. The cornice is boxed, the siding is rustic. A small centered window has sliding doors on each side. The gable end has a centered double-hung window.



8. Construction date:
Estimated 1885 Factual _____
9. Architect _____
10. Builder _____
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage _____ Depth _____
or approx. acreage _____
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: Vineyards

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)
Reflecting the challenge of the Russian River Valley to become the greatest grape growing section of California, William Mulligan had, by the year 1885, cultivated the largest vineyard in the Valley with 379 acres in grapes, in nine wine varieties. This was reported in the San Francisco Merchant magazine, 1885, which brought statewide and national publicity to the Alexander Valley resources. By 1888, he was undisputedly the owner of the largest vineyard in Sonoma County. However, the next year the Bank of Healdsburg foreclosed on the Mulligan Winery and Vineyard for a \$65,000 note. The one-story single gable barn with cupola stands as a lone reminder of a pioneer of the wine industry.

This barn exhibits details, such as cupola and boxed cornice, seldom seen in outbuildings of a later era.

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

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).
Hist. of Alex. Valley
So. Co. Atlas 1877, 1898
Ent.: 1/16/1889

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