

State of California - The Resources Agency  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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UTM: A 10/508770/4276230B \_\_\_\_\_  
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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: White
2. Historic name: Melton Carriage House
3. Street or rural address: 1950 West Dry Creek Road  
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 089-190-083
5. Present Owner: Kwit, Kenneth Address P.O. Box 368  
City Windsor, CA Zip 95492 Ownership is: Public \_\_\_\_\_ Private
6. Present Use: Residential Original use: Carriage House

DESCRIPTION

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

This 1½-story structure was the original carriage house to the main house on this property. It has gabled roof with rustic siding and ventilating cupola.



8. Construction date: Estimated 1870 Factual Jan. 1878
9. Architect John Giff
10. Builder John Giffith
11. Approx. property size (in feet)  
Frontage \_\_\_\_\_ Depth \_\_\_\_\_  
or approx. acreage 12
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)  
5 Apr 83 47/37

13. Condition: Excellent  Good  Fair  Deteriorated  No longer in existence

14. Alterations: Picture windows adjoin old entrance and to north

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: Melton Home

#### SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)  
This substantial ranch home and carriage house were built by William Melton, a "leading capitalist of the city" who settled on this 35 acre parcel in 1857. A native of Virginia born in 1830, Melton was one of the few pioneers in the survey area to have become wealthy at the gold fields, which he worked from 1852 to 1857. Melton engaged in stock-raising exclusively on this ranch, and later merely managed his considerable capital. Melton died of consumption in 1877, his estate still being worth \$70,000 eighteen years later when it was finally discharged (after supporting the family for that period). The property was purchased in 1885 by Joseph Leininger, born in Pennsylvania in 1839. Leininger came to Butte Creek, California in 1859 and spent 15 years running a sawmill before coming to this site. Leininger established a widely varied orchard, became a prominent citizen, and sold it in 1908.

This structure derives its significance from its relationship to the main house on the property.

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).

So. Co. Atlas 1877, 1898

Trib.: 6/19/90; 1/18/94, 10/18, 94  
4/27/94, 12/19/95.

Recorder: 1/25/77

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