

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Heron Tree Farm
2. Historic name: Pierce House
3. Street or rural address: 2785 West Dry Creek Road
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 089-210-27
5. Present Owner: Von Borstel, Richard & Beverly Address: 2785 West Dry Creek Rd.
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Residential/Commercial Original use: Residential

DESCRIPTION

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

This "L" shaped 1½ story house has one story additions on either side with hip roofs. The main structure has open gables with a closed cornice. In the crook of the "L" is a multi-windowed enclosure. Above the upper windows of the gables is a small vent and cut shingles. The lower windows of the front gable are in a very shallow bay with a bracketed awning of cut shingles. The house has pairs of double-hung windows with molded cap and sill blocks. The siding is channel rustic. The entrance porch has a row of sawn fret work and topped by a balustrade. At the peak of the front gable is a turned finial.



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8. Construction date:
Estimated _____ Factual 1897
9. Architect _____
10. Builder H.H. Pyne
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage _____ Depth _____
or approx. acreage 12.5
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
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13. Condition: Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated No longer in existence
14. Alterations: Remodelling - New roofed are behind
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: Verbial barn with one shed

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)
 This ranch home was built by H.H. Pyne in 1897. Pyne, a plasterer by trade, sold the home in the same year to Orin and Mary Pierce, ranchers born in New York. Joseph Mell, a farm laborer born in Portugal who immigrated in 1882, owned the home from 1919 to 1950. He had originally been a day laborer for the Pierces. Mell maintained the vineyard ranch until, after a series of owners, it has become a Christmas tree farm.
 A farmhouse which has had some well-intended, though historically, slightly inaccurate restoration.

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).
 1900 Census
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