

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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HABS _____ HAER _____ NR 4 SHL _____ Loc _____
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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: _____
2. Historic name: Hooten Ranch/Walnut Grove
3. Street or rural address: 199 West Matheson Street
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 088-230-10-7
5. Present Owner: Tomasello, Ilia Address: 11324 Eastside Rd.
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Residential Original use: Residential

DESCRIPTION

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

This small square Italianate cottage has a truncated hip-roof, boxed cornice with double-brackets, molded frieze and tall double-hung 2/2 window with heavy molded lintels. The front porch appears to be a later addition and is in a poor state of repair.



8. Construction date:
Estimated _____ Factual 1879
9. Architect _____
10. Builder _____
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 154.66 Depth 267.70
or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
5 Nov 82 34/02

13. Condition: Excellent ___ Good ___ Fair ___ Deteriorated X No longer in existence ___
14. Alterations: Part of Porch enclosed
15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land X Scattered buildings ___ Densely built-up ___
Residential X Industrial ___ Commercial ___ Other: Freeway
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: _____

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)
Martin Van Buren Hooten is one of the best-remembered of Healdsburg pioneers due to his local political activities and the breadth of his landownings. Born in 1838 in Missouri, Hooten came to California with his parents in 1852, after a harrowing overland journey that left few survivors due to a cholera outbreak. After mining a short while the family settled for seven years in Petaluma. In 1860 the Hootens came to Healdsburg purchasing what later became the landmark Paxton Ranch, till Martin Hooten sold it in 1879. This homestead was established in 1879, and although Hooten bought and sold much acreage, this remained his home and center for his fruit-drying operations until his death in 1915. The ranch name is derived from his black walnut groves that became a local landmark, and although the ranch was split by the construction of Highway 101 in 1964, some of the trees remain.

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 1
Government ___ Military ___
Religion ___ Social/Education ___

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).
Hist. So. Co. 1911
Int: Duvall Bell 2/83
Cecil Petray 2/83

22. Date form prepared August 12, 1983
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