

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Bishop's Ranch
2. Historic name: White-O Ranch - Hopkins Ranch
3. Street or rural address: 5297 Westside Road  
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 110-120-09
5. Present Owner: Protestant Episcopal Bishop Address: 105 Taylor Street  
Diocese of California  
City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip 94108 Ownership is: Public \_\_\_\_\_ Private X
6. Present Use: Private non-comm Original use: Private Ranch

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural style: Provincial
- 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 a brick exterior and wide gables. In front, the roof of the porte cochere is supported by thick, brick pillars. The house has openings with wooden lintels, some are formed by small square holes in the brick walls and some are arched. Beneath the gable are pairs of bricks resembling rafter ends and a pointed vent. The house has a two-story covered verandah with square wooden posts and brackets. There are also upper level doors which open onto small balconies.



8. Construction date: Estimated \_\_\_\_\_ Factual 1930
9. Architect \_\_\_\_\_
10. Builder \_\_\_\_\_
11. Approx. property size (in feet)  
Frontage \_\_\_\_\_ Depth \_\_\_\_\_  
or approx. acreage 62.71
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)  
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13. Condition: Excellent \_\_\_ Good \_\_\_ Fair X Deteriorated \_\_\_ No longer in existence \_\_\_
14. Alterations: Added modern wing
15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land X Scattered buildings \_\_\_ Densely built-up \_\_\_  
Residential \_\_\_ 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: Outbuildings, chapel

**SIGNIFICANCE**

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)

Mr. and Mrs. Osborne White purchased this site in 1930. Called the old Hopkins place, there was an old house and a farm shop on the property. The White's intent upon making their new home a model agricultural estate, began an intensive building program on their 8,000 acres. They built this fine residence, 5 cottages, several large barns, kennels, chicken houses, a substantial lumber mill and many other out-buildings. The ranch employed 60 people and the mill 40 people. The White's raised beef cattle, Aryshire cows, a show string of Percheron horses, pure bred Great Danes and Irish Terriers, shown by Mrs. White. Mr. White was a powerful force in the promotion of the agricultural interests of the county, being a director of the County Farm Bureau. Osborne was born in Salem, Mass. in 1898. Alice Dowsett White and Osborne were married in 1923 and were the parents of three children.

In 1947 the Whites divided up the large ranch selling the main house and 60 acres to the Bishop of California of the Episcopal Church for the very modest sum of \$30,000. It has been owned by each successive Bishop until the present time and used as a conference center.

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

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).

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