

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Fenton Hop Kilns/ Hop Kiln Winery
2. Historic name: Walters Hop Kilns
3. Street or rural address: 6050 Westside Road
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 110-160-02-5
5. Present Owner: Griffith, Martin Jr. Address: 6050 Westside Road
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Commercial Original use: Industrial

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural style: Stone Hop Kiln (with attached hop barn)
- 7b. Briefly describe the present *physical description* of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

This stone kiln for drying hops has three steep hip roofs which are topped by gabled wooden cupolas. In the front is tall wooden scaffolding that ends just below roof level. There is a triple flight of stairs of a conveyor belt at one end. In the rear, is a wooden barn with a gable roof. Each stone "tower" has wooden double doors that open onto the top of the scaffolding. In each tower base, is a tall, arched opening flanked by smaller arched openings. There is also an arched opening on the sides of the end tower. The barn in the rear has fixed single-pane windows which may be recent additions. The barn siding is rustic and the kiln was constructed of uncoursed basalt. An interesting note is that the roofs of the wooden cupolas were made to open.



8. Construction date:
Estimated 1890 Factual _____
9. Architect _____
10. Builder _____
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage _____ Depth _____
or approx. acreage 81.4
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: 1905 cottage

SIGNIFICANCE

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

This hop kiln complex was once part of the Soloman Walters Ranch. Walters purchased the acreage from A.J. Gordon, a grain farmer, before 1898. Walters ran the large hop ranch until his death in 1919, when it was inherited by his daughter Adelma Walters Fenton and her husband. The ranch thereafter became known as the Fenton Ranch and was gradually converted from a hop ranch to grape vineyards, and more recently, a winery run by the current owner.

*Currently part of Sweetwater Springs Historic District: Sonoma County and National Register Landmark.

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).
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