IDENTIFICATION
1. Common name: McCutchen Ranch
2. Historic name: McPherson Ranch
3. Street or rural address: 2312 Alexander Valley Road
   City: Healdsburg, CA Zip: 95448 County: Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 091-030-04
5. Present Owner: McCutchen, Ben & Wm. Address: 18895 Hassett
   City: Healdsburg, CA Zip: 95448 Ownership: Public Private X
6. Present Use: Residential Original use: Residential

DESCRIPTION
7a. Architectural style: Gabled Farmhouse
7b. Briefly describe the present physical description of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:
   This steeply gabled farmhouse has plain frieze over rustic siding. The verandah which has been screened in is supported by constructed columns. The central gable over the entry has a pair of double-hung windows and an ornate sawn and turned gable brace.

8. Construction date:
   Estimated __ Factual __ 1871
9. Architect
10. Builder
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
    Frontage __ Depth __
or approx. acreage __ 2.9
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
    31 Mar 83 43/02
13. Condition: Excellent ___ Good _ X Fair ____ Deteriorated ____ No longer in existence ______

14. Alterations: Not visible

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: _____________________________

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

This elaborate farm house was built in 1871 by Charles P. McPherson, a native of Tennessee, who came without assets overland to California in 1854 and squatted on the Cyrus Alexander lands grant until he purchased the land legally. By shrewd land speculation McPherson eventually owned literally the entire west end of Alexander Valley (2,500 acres) addition to 1,500 acres south of the Russian River. He was a general rancher and stock-raiser with a specialty in hog-selling, nearly cornering the San Francisco market. He died in 1877. One of his sons, Lycurgus, made his fortune in the same manner, by land speculation, inheriting none of the elder's land. The ranch was purchased after 1877 by Lieuallen J. Hall, a vast landowner in the Valley in a later era, who was succeeded in ownership by the William H. McCutchen (see: 091-010-01 and 091-010-15). This is an early example of rural architecture in the southwest end of Alexander Valley.

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).
   Coast Counties 1904, 1937
   So. Co. Atlas 1877, 1898
   INT.: Ben McCutchen 12/82

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