IDENTIFICATION
1. Common name:

2. Historic name: Louis Wasson House

3. Street or rural address: 1410 Geysers Road
   City Geyserville, CA Zip 95441 County Sonoma

4. Parcel number: 131-060-20

5. Present Owner: Howard J. Fields Construction Co. Address: P. O. Box 1085
   City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 Ownership is: Public Private X

6. Present Use: Residential Original use: Residential

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

A flat roofed stucco house with a long, narrow hipped roof second story. Along one side is a porch which is partially enclosed and has a hip roof. Rafter tails are exposed and corners have plain stucco pilasters. The windows are double-hung or plate glass and have diamond paneled upper sashes. The front entrance is recessed and fronted by tapered square columns and a slightly curved balustrade along the stairs. The side porch has similar detailing.

8. Construction date:
   Estimated Factual 1920

9. Architect


11. Approx. property size (in feet)
   Frontage Depth
   or approx. acreage 1.18

12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
   14 Jan 83 42/26
13. Condition: Excellent  X  Good       Fair       Deteriorated       No longer in existence

14. Alterations: ____________________________

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: Tall redwoods and solid fence

SIGNIFICANCE

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

A relative newcomer to Alexander Valley, Louis L. Wasson made his first purchase of this valley land in 1907. He purchased this 55 acre parcel and had this home built by W.H. Chaney in 1920. Two years later he augmented his land holdings with the purchase of an additional 30 acres. He was occupied with caring for a nursery and 50 acres of Prunes and grapes. Born in 1874 in Iowa, Louis immigrated to Sonoma County in 1901, and located in Guernville before beginning his farming pursuits in Alexander Valley in 1907. In 1902 Wasson married Helen Drakes, native of Sonoma County and daughter of Richard and Emma Drake, early pioneers of the Valley. The Wassons raised a family of 7 children.

Although the "feeling" of this residence is similar to that of an Italianate villa, its craftsman elements were probably architect-designed.

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 3  Military
Religion 4  Social/Education

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

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22. Date form prepared  August 16, 1983
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