IDENTIFICATION
1. Common name: ____________________________

2. Historic name: McMinn/Whitton House

3. Street or rural address: 19185 Geyserville Avenue
   City Geyserville, CA Zip 95441 County Sonoma

4. Parcel number: 140-030-17

5. Present Owner: Trentadue, Leo & Evelyn
   Address: 19170 Redwood Hwy.
   City Geyserville, CA Zip 95441 Ownership is: Public Private X

6. Present Use: Unknown Original use: Residential

DESCRIPTION
7a. Architectural style: Hip roof with stick features

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

This raised, one-story house has a hip roof over a molded boxed cornice and paneled frieze. The siding is channel rustic and lattice work covers the foundation beneath the wrap-around verandah. The verandah's hip roof is supported by turned posts and its floor is supported by smaller posts with sawn brackets. The balustrade has a molded rail and turned balusters. On either side of a Craftsman style door are large picture windows flanked by small casements. Large additions are found on the side and in the rear.

8. Construction date:
   Estimated ______ Factual 1890/1904

9. Architect ____________________________

10. Builder ____________________________

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

12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
    18 Apr 83 55/15
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: Detached shed, redwood, palm

SIGNIFICANCE

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

This ranch house was built circa 1890 for J. A. McMinn and was rebuilt in 1904 by John Whitton, Vintner, who after experiencing two scours of phylloxera, first in Napa Valley, then in Alexander Valley, re-directed himself to farming this 144 acre parcel, purchased in 1904. J. Whitton was a native son of California, born 1856 in Napa Valley, his parents having crossed the plains in 1849. John was raised on his father's farm in Napa Valley. John mined for four years, then along with his brother, Walter, operated Whitton Winery in Alexander Valley from 1896 to 1904. Re-locating near Geyserville, an area known as "The Plains," he developed his ranch, rebuilding an existing residence, and constructing other improvements. His first wife dying in 1910, John married Edith Peacock, a native of Indiana, in 1914. They had one child, John P. Jr. Active in community affairs, Mr. Whitton contributed substantially to the development of this section of the state.

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 ___
   Government ___ Military ___
   Religion ___ Social/Education ___

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).
   Trib: 8/25/04
   Hist. Alex. Valley 1979
   Hist. So. Co. 1926

22. Date form prepared: August 19, 1983
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