HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION
1. Common name: Beeson Cemetery
2. Historic name: Beeson Cemetery
3. Street or rural address: 5200 Highway 128
   City: Geyserville, CA       Zip: 95441       County: Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 131-090-16-9
5. Present Owner: Beeson Cemetery
   Address: 5200 Highway 128
   City: Geyserville, CA       Zip: 95441
   Ownership: Public X Private
6. Present Use: Cemetery
   Original use: Cemetery

DESCRIPTION
7a. Architectural style: None
7b. Briefly describe the present physical description of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:
   Cemetery Site

8. Construction date:
   Estimated ______ Factual 1855
9. Architect

10. Builder

11. Approx. property size (in feet)
   Frontage: 160
   Depth: ______
   or approx. acreage

12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
   19 Feb 83 44/21
13. Condition: Excellent ___ Good ___ Fair ___ Detoriated ___ 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 ___ 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.) Isaac Beeson, patriarch of the Beeson family in California, made his first trip to this state by way of Cape Horn in 1850, and then returned to gather his family and possessions for the move west. In 1853, he led the family across the plains to the Golden State. Locating first in San Mateo, the family remained there until 1857, when they came to Alexander Valley and located on this 400 acre ranch. The oldest recorded death in the Beeson cemetery is: Bidwell, Elizabeth, wife of Ira Bidwell, Nov. 1830 - Apr. 13, 1855. Beesons are as follows: Caroline 1832 - 1863, Beeson, William S., 1824 - 1902, William Isaac, son L. R. & Selma Beeson, Aug 3, 1875 - July 3, 1916.

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 X

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

So. Co. Cemetery Records 1846 -1921
Hist. So. Co. 1926

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