State of California - The Resources Agency  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION  

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY  

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<td>2. Historic name:</td>
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| 3. Street or rural address: | 8644 Highway 128  
City Healdsburg, CA  
Zip 95448  
County Sonoma |
| 4. Parcel number: | 132-020-14-0 |
| 5. Present Owner: | Wetzel, Harry J. Jr. Trustee  
Address: P. O. Box 1005  
City Healdsburg, CA  
Zip 95448  
Ownership: Public Private X |
Original use: Outbuilding |

DESCRIPTION  
7a. Architectural style: Adobe  
7b. Briefly describe the present physical description of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:  
The hip-roof over this long, one-story structure has a gablet and four gabled dormers. The buildings roof also covers the verandah which wraps the long sides and one end. The roof is supported by wooden posts with chamfered corners beneath slightly arched beams. The gables have board and batten siding and plain planks fill most of the gablet. Windows are deeply set double-hungs with heavy wooden frames. The most interesting aspect of this building is that it is constructed of adobe bricks.

| 8. Construction date: | Estimated 1847 Factual |
| 9. Architect: | |
| 10. Builder: | |
| 11. Approx. property size (in feet): | Frontage 200 Depth 200  
or approx. acreage 20 |
| 12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s): | 7 Jan 82 40/11 |
13. Condition: Excellent X Good _____ Fair _____ Deteriorated _____ No longer in existence ______

14. Alterations: __ Restored with addition to rear ________________

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: Barn, school

SIGNIFICANCE
19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)
This is the sole remaining adobe outbuilding built by Cyrus Alexander, the first Euro-American settler in northern Sonoma County. Born 1805 in Pennsylvania, he tramped across the Rocky Mountains and arrived in San Diego, California, in 1837. Striking a friendship with Captain Henry Delano Fitch, who desirous of obtaining a Mexican land grant to start a cattle ranch in Alta California, charged Cyrus with the responsibility of scouting suitable stock range. Fitch was granted the 48,000 acre Sotoyome Rancho in 1840. Cyrus managed this grant, and built the first house, Fitch's Adobe in 1842, planting the first orchard in 1843. Reward for his four years of stewardship was two leagues of land in the Alexander Valley and half of the increase of stock and grain. While the adobe-making process was in process, Cyrus first built a redwood structure on his land in 1844, the first structure in Alexander Valley. He planted wheat and erected the first grist mill in No. California in 1846. The following year Alexander Adobe was completed. This is one of the original outbuildings of that adobe, and although the main structure is no longer standing, it remains intact on its original location.

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 X ________________
Government _______ Military ________
Religion _______ Social/Education ________

Hist. So. Co. 1880, 1911
Penletters 1891
Int: Mrs. H. Wetzel, Rose Benson, Hannah Clayborn 7/18/83

22. Date form prepared ________________
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