IDENTIFICATION
1. Common name: 
2. Historic name: Riverdale Orchard 
3. Street or rural address: 1320 Magnolia Drive 
   City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 County Sonoma 
4. Parcel number: 088-180-03 
5. Present Owner: Solari, Teresa & Ambrose 
   Address: 828 Prince Avenue 
   City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 Ownership is: Public Private X 
6. Present Use: Residential Original use: Residential 

DESCRIPTION 
7a. Architectural style: Gabled farmhouse w/Italianate features 
7b. Briefly describe the present physical description of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition: 
   This large two-story farmhouse has narrow double-hung windows topped with flat hoods. The verandah which follows the front and the side has square posts with chamfered edges and sawn brackets. The original balustrade system is missing. 

8. Construction date: 
   Estimated Factual 1865 
9. Architect 
10. Builder 
11. Approx. property size (in feet) 
   Frontage Depth 
   or approx. acreage 31.10 
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s) 
   9 Nov 82 34/13 

DPR 523 (Rev. 4/79)
13. Condition: Excellent _ Good _ X Fair _ Deteriorated _ No longer in existence _

14. Alterations: None visible except brackets on porch pillars may be recent

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: Large magnolias and old plank barns

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

With the exception of the missing balustrade on porch this house appears to be an exceptionally well-preserved example of this style of house and with its original water tower projects a strong period feeling.

Being one of the earliest cash crop prune orchards in the county, this structure was the original homestead for "Riverdale Prune Orchard" founded by J.H. Curtis in 1865. Curtis, born in Connecticut in 1828, came to California in 1855 to mine. In July, 1858, Curtis came to Sonoma County with livestock, settling near Bodega Bay. Curtis had married Eleanor Galloway in 1848, who died in 1863. In 1865 Curtis moved to Healdsburg, married Sarah Green, and planted his apple, plum, and prune orchard at this site. By 1898 Curtis' orchard was large enough to warrant a full text with photos in the County Atlas. It has not been determined when the orchard was sold. Some time after 1900 the property was purchase by Giovanni Rosasco, an Italian immigrant who had arrived in Healdsburg in 1868, becoming mainly a land speculator. This property was inherited by Rosasco's sons.

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).
So. Co. Atlas 1898
Hist. So. Co. 1926

22. Date form prepared August 15, 1983
By (name) Langhart Museum (TW)
Organization City of Healdsburg
Address: 133 Matheson Street
City Healdsburg, CA zip 95448
Phone: (707) 433-4717