IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name:

2. Historic name: R.A. Petray Property

3. Street or rural address: 11971 Old Redwood Highway
   City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 County Sonoma

4. Parcel number: 086-120-47

5. Present Owner: Busick, C.J. and Virginia
   Address: 11971 Old Redwood Hwy.
   City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 Ownership is: Public Private X

6. Present Use: Residential Original use: Residential

DESCRIPTION

7a. Architectural style: Gabled farmhouse with Italianate features

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

This house is 1½ stories tall with open gable ends and a centered front gable. To one side is a one-story wing which may be original or a very early addition since the detailing is very much like the taller portion of the house. The boxed cornice has a frieze with molding and pairs of sawn brackets. The end gables have bracketed returns. Double-hung windows with semi-elliptical tops are placed in pairs and have molded, bracketed hoods. The doors have similar frames and over the front door is a fan light. A door in the front gable open onto the balustraded roof of the portico which has bracketed square posts and a metal railing (probably a recent addition). The flat roof of the wing has a bracketed, molded cornice but no frieze. It has a wooden balustrade similar to the one atop the portico. The siding is channel rustic. In the rear and adjacent to house is a square tank house with tapering sides and a flat roof.

8. Construction date:
   Estimated Factual 1867

9. Architect

10. Builder

11. Approx. property size (in feet)
    Frontage Depth or approx. acreage 16

12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
    14 Apr 83 53/25&26
13. Condition: Excellent X Good Fair Deteriorated No longer in existence

14. Alterations: Wrought iron below front porch posts, sun deck

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 X Private development Zoning Vandalism Public Works project Other:

17. Is the structure: On its original site? X Moved? Unknown? Moved?

18. Related features: Barns and water tower, large oaks.

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

Ransome Alexander Petray had this house built in 1867. Born in Illinois in 1831, Alexander came to California in 1854, and after mining in the northern gold fields, came to Sonoma County in 1856 and settled on a ranch directly south of this site. Petray formed a partnership with another Sonoma County pioneer Harrison Barnes, and opened a mercantile business in Windsor which they ran for seven years. In 1867 Petray bought this ranch and built this house. He lived and ranched on his 475 acre ranch until his death in 1906. He had five children from three marriages, Henry, James, Frank, Nellie, and May.

This structure is a good example of the mixture of styles typical of so many Victorian farmhouses. In excellent condition, it remains a focal point for the neighborhood.

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 Military
Religion Social/Education

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

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