IDENTIFICATION
1. Common name: White Carriage House
2. Historic name: Helton Carriage House
3. Street or rural address: 1950 West Dry Creek Road
   City: Healdsburg, CA  Zip: 95448  County: Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 089-190-083
5. Present Owner: Kwit, Kenneth  Address: P.O. Box 368
   City: Windsor, CA  Zip: 95492  Ownership is: Public  Private X
6. Present Use: Residential  Original use: Carriage House

DESCRIPTION
7a. Architectural style: Carriage House
7b. Briefly describe the present physical description of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:
   This 1½-story structure was the original carriage house to the main house on this property. It has gabled roof with rustic siding and ventilating cupola.

8. Construction date:
   Estimated: 1870  Factual: 1878
9. Architect
10. Builder John Giffith
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
    Frontage Depth
    or approx. acreage 12
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
    5 Apr 83  47/37
13. Condition: Excellent _X__ Good ______ Fair ______ Deteriorated ______ No longer in existence ______

14. Alterations: Picture windows adjoin old entrance and to north ______

15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land Scattered buildings _X_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: Melton Home ______

SIGNIFICANCE
19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)
This substantial ranch home and carriage house were built by William Melton, a "leading capitalist of the city" who settled on this 35 acre parcel in 1857. A native of Virginia born in 1830, Melton was one of the few pioneers in the survey area to have become wealthy at the gold fields, which he worked from 1852 to 1857. Melton engaged in stock-raising exclusively on this ranch, and later merely managed his considerable capital. Melton died of consumption in 1877, his estate still being worth... $70,000 eighteen years later when it was finally discharged (after supporting the family for that period). The property was purchased in 1885 by Joseph Leininger, born in Pennsylvania in 1839. Leininger came to Butte Creek, California in 1859 and spent 15 years running a sawmill before coming to this site. Leininger established a widely varied orchard, became a prominent citizen, and sold it in 1908. This structure derives its significance from its relationship to the main house on the property.

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 1877, 1898
   Trib.: 6/19/90; 1/18/94, 10/18/94, 4/27/19, 12/19/95.
   Recorder: 1/25/77

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