IDENTIFICATION
1. Common name: Charles Wesley Matthews House
2. Historic name:
3. Street or rural address: 4060 West Soda Rock Lane
   City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 County Sonoma
5. Present Owner: Pearson, Bill A.
   Address: 3499 Sacramento St.
   City San Francisco, CA Zip 94118 Ownership is: Public Private X
6. Present Use: Residential Original use: Residential

DESCRIPTION
7a. Architectural style: Non-specific
7b. Briefly describe the present physical description of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:
   A rectangular, two story house with iron cresting atop the truncated roof. The cornice is boxed with a plain frieze below it. Windows on the first level are tall, narrow, and double-hung with molded caps and sills. The upper windows are similar but shorter. The single front door is paneled and a transom above. Siding for the house and verandah foundation is channel rustic. The hip-roofed porch has square posts with narrow capitals and a one board railing. In the rear is a one story addition.

8. Construction date:
   Estimated Factual 1897
9. Architect
10. Builder
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
   Frontage Depth or approx. acreage 6.39
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
   8 Apr 83 48/03
13. Condition: Excellent _X__ Good ___ Fair ___ Deteriorated ___ No longer in existence ___

14. Alterations: __ Added one-story bay 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: Large barn, indeterminate age

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

This ranch home constructed with hand-hewn redwood timbers, was built by Sonoma County pioneer, Charles Wesley Matthews, in 1897. Matthews, born in 1825, came to California in the first wave of immigrants in 1849, and within a year set up a blacksmith shop, the first in the county, in Santa Rosa. Trained as a blacksmith by his father, who was reputedly famous in Tennessee for his work, Matthews was soon wealthy. He was joined by his brother, Alfred, in 1857. Before 1877, Charles began to buy property surrounding Healdsburg and had moved his blacksmith shop to Alexander Valley, where he owned 575 acres. Matthews died here in 1911, having had eight children.

This house typifies the ethic of minimal ornamentation on large turn-of-the-century farmhouses built to house large families. Although the detailing is sparse, this structure retains its original creasing.

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 ______

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

Hist. So. Co. 1926
So. Co. Atlas 1977, 1898
Trib: 9/16/1897

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