

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Cornell House
2. Historic name: Isaac Gum Ranch
3. Street or rural address: 1221 Dry Creek Road
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 089-050-34
5. Present Owner: Poppe, Robert Address: 1221 Dry Creek Road
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Residential Original use: Residential

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural style: Homestead
- 7b. Briefly describe the present *physical description* of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

This one story home is T-shaped with a low-pitched gable over each end. The cornice is flush with the walls, though molding outlines the gables. Beneath each peak is a small vent. The windows are double-hung and many have slightly peaked frames with a molded cap. The paneled front door appears to have sidelights and transom that has been painted or boarded over. The siding is channel rustic. A flat roofed verandah surrounds the leg of the T and has molded brackets and turned posts. A curious detail are quoins down the center of one of the ends.



8. Construction date:
Estimated _____ Factual 1864
9. Architect _____
10. Builder _____
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage _____ Depth _____
or approx. acreage 9
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
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13. Condition: Excellent Good Fair _____ Deteriorated _____ No longer in existence _____
14. Alterations: _____
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 Private development _____ Zoning _____ Vandalism _____
Public Works project _____ Other: _____
17. Is the structure: On its original site? Moved? _____ Unknown? _____
18. Related features: _____

SIGNIFICANCE

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

Reversing the normal settlement pattern in the area, Isaac Gum, born in Indiana in 1835, settled on this ranch in Dry Creek to farm in 1854. In 1860, however, Gum left the farm to mine in the Virginia City area. In 1864, he returned to his ranch in Dry Creek, and probably built this house in that year. In 1870 he sold the ranch to Ira C. Proctor and moved into Healdsburg. Ira Proctor, born in Vermont in 1833, had come to San Francisco as a carpenter in 1850. After purchasing the Gum ranch, Proctor became a wealthy and well-known citizen, holding many civic positions until his death in 1914, and had eight children.

The basic structure of this residence is extremely simple and therefore typical of some of the earliest homesteads. The addition of an oversized verandah is an adornment of an otherwise simple structure.

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 2
Government _____ Military _____
Religion _____ Social/Education _____

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

So. Co. Atlas 1877, 1898
Hist. So. Co. 1880
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