

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

Ser. No. _____
HABS _____ HAER _____ NR 3 SHL _____ Loc _____
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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: _____
2. Historic name: James Miller Homestead
3. Street or rural address: 724 Dry Creek Road
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 089-090-48
5. Present Owner: Coucy, Danell Address: 916 St Francis Dr.
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 homestead has a gable with one side changing in pitch to extend further than the other. The structure has a plain closed cornice. The windows are double-hung with molded frames and the siding is channel rustic. The small front portico has simple square and a hip roof. In the rear, is a screened, shed-roofed addition and a tank house whose square upper level overhangs its tall, tapering base. A side opening appears to have been boarded up.



3. Construction date:
Estimated _____ Factual 1852
9. Architect _____
10. Builder _____
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage _____ Depth _____
or approx. acreage 4.2
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
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13. Condition: Excellent ___ Good ___ Fair ___ Deteriorated X No longer in existence ___
14. Alterations: Shed exterior patched over original door
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? ___
18. Related features: _____

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)
 Representing the most modest type of early settler dwellings, James Miller settled on this property and built this home in 1852. Born in North Carolina in 1821, Miller came to the California mines in 1849, returning to Missouri only to recross the plains to this 300 acres in 1852. His sister, Susan Laymance (see 089-050-41) also settled on an adjoining property in 1852. Marrying Martha Walters in 1858, Miller eventually had ten children before his death in 1901. This homestead, with surrounding orchards is shown in an 1877 county Atlas. This structure has been turned 90° from its original orientation.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)
 Architecture 2 Arts & Leisure ___
 Economic/Industrial ___ Exploration/Settlement 1
 Government ___ Military ___
 Religion ___ Social/Education ___

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).
 Hist. So. Co. 1880
 So. Co. Atlas 1877, 1898
 Trib: 4/4/01

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