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### HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

#### IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Historic name: Polly Reynolds House
3. Street or rural address: 105 Fitch Street  
City Healdsburg Zip 95448 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 002-272-13
5. Present Owner: Huffman, Michael E & Florence E Address: P. O. Box 991  
City Healdsburg 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:

Built in 1865, this two-story single gable residence has a pediment with partial return, boxed cornice and molded frieze. The narrow clap-board siding is encased at the corners with end boards with square capitals. The windows are tall narrow 2/2. A flat roof veranda extends across the front with a flat roof, a plain frieze, and tall molded square columns with square capitals. Enclosing the flat roof is a balustrade of turned balusters and square classical posts at the corners. On the curb in front is a concrete hitching block.



8. Construction date:  
Estimated \_\_\_\_\_ Factual 1871
9. Architect \_\_\_\_\_
10. Builder \_\_\_\_\_
11. Approx. property size (in feet)  
Frontage 55 Depth 130  
or approx. acreage \_\_\_\_\_
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)  
13 Sept 1982

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.)

This elegant structure is both the purest local example of a Greek Revival residence, and the one-time home of a very remarkable woman. Polly E. Keeler, born to an established New England family, interrupted a teaching career to marry George Jewell, who brought her west to a dairy ranch in Petaluma in 1856. After Jewell died in 1863, Polly managed all stock and milking operations, often on horseback.

Selling that ranch in 1871, Polly came here to build this gracious home. Within a decade she had married and divorced two men, and had married her final husband, Dry Creek rancher, J.R. Reynolds. When Reynolds died in 1895, she moved to Dry Creek to raise rare flowers. Intelligent and lively, "Aunt Polly" was much loved here, especially by journalists. She lived to be 109, crossing the U.S. six times (the last time at age 91). She died here in 1926, and was buried beside her first husband in Petaluma.

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 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Government \_\_\_\_\_ Military \_\_\_\_\_  
 Religion \_\_\_\_\_ Social/Education 1

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

Trib: 12/28/1899; 1/8/09; 11/7/18;  
 10/6/1898; Ent: 9/2/25; 1/16/79.  
 Tax Assess. 1867 - 1880

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