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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Federated Church
2. Historic name: Presbyterian Church
3. Street or rural address: 217 Fitch Street
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 002-232-06
5. Present Owner: Presbyterian Church & Methodist Address: 217 Fitch Street
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Private non-comm Original use: Religious

DESCRIPTION

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

The one-story structure has a central hip roof with a molded cap intersected by gables. To the left of the front gable is a square tower with lowered openings and a pyramidal roof. The front gable also has a vent while side gables have semi-circular windows. There are numerous stained glass windows set singly and in groups which were recently installed in the existing openings. It appears that the building may originally have had much taller windows than it does now. The original exterior has been covered over with textured stucco with some simple molding over the front windows and on the tower. The main entrance is in the base of the tower and another door with sidelights base of the tower and another door with sidelights is located to the right of the front gable.



8. Construction date:
Estimated _____ Factual 1901
9. Architect H.F. Starbuck
of Long Beach
10. Builder A. Kinisey of
Los Angeles
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 82 Depth 164
or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
24 Aug 1982

13. Condition: Excellent ___ Good X Fair ___ Deteriorated ___ No longer in existence ___
14. Alterations: _____
15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land ___ Scattered buildings ___ Densely built-up ___
Residential X 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: cross gable textured stucco two-story bldg. used as office
was c 1905 manse for Presbyterian Church & modernized. Post '40 Parish Hall
SIGNIFICANCE and Sunday School.

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)
This church, built in 1901 by A. Kinisey of Los Angeles, and designed by H.F. Starbuck of Long Beach, was considered to be an exceptional local building. Although the exterior has been altered by stucco overlay, it was originally finished in a "simple rustic style with Spanish or Mission style adapted to modern use". The history of the Presbyterian and Methodist churches is contiguous with the history of the area itself, both churches having owned lots on the original 1857 town plot, these being donated by the town founder, Harmony Heald. A Methodist Church South was built on the south side of East Street (lot 46) by 1857 and the Presbyterians met there until 1861 when Presbyterian elder, Cyrus Alexander, first white settler on the Sotoyome Rancho, arranged purchase of an undeveloped Methodist lot on the south side of the downtown Plaza and built a church. This church was razed by the Presbyterians in 1900 when they moved to this site. In 1930 the Presbyterian and Methodist congregations formed a confederation and both churches now meet at this church.

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).
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