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### HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

#### IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: First Baptist Church
2. Historic name: First Baptist Church
3. Street or rural address: 431 Fitch Street  
City Healdsburg Zip 95448 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 002-161-16
5. Present Owner: First Baptist Church of Healdsburg Address: 311 North Street  
City Healdsburg Zip 95448 Ownership is: Public \_\_\_\_\_ Private X
6. Present Use: Church Original use: Church

#### DESCRIPTION

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

The First Baptist Church of Healdsburg consists of two buildings: one at the rear is a Greek Revival Church dated in 1856 and added to it in 1908 is the larger Gothic Revival building facing Fitch Street. The front of the Greek Revival Church is flanked by two square towers; one truncated at the belfry level and one level with the eaves. Both towers contain high arched windows presently boarded up.

The Gothic Revival Church has high gothic arched stained glass windows and another square tower truncated at the eave level. Windows in the tower are round arches. The entrance to the main church is in this tower. Above the double doors is a stained glass transom inscribed, "First Baptist Church 1908".



8. Construction date: 1868/1908  
Estimated \_\_\_\_\_ Factual \_\_\_\_\_
9. Architect \_\_\_\_\_
10. Builder James W. Terry
11. Approx. property size (in feet)  
Frontage 98 Depth 143  
or approx. acreage \_\_\_\_\_
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)  
19 August 1982 11/03

13. Condition: Excellent \_\_\_\_\_ Good \_\_\_\_\_ Fair X 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? \_\_\_\_\_ Moved? X Unknown? \_\_\_\_\_
18. Related features: \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNIFICANCE**

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

This building is architecturally significant because of the combination of styles and primarily because it is a rare example of gothic revival not generally found except in churches in small towns. The congregation having been organized in Healdsburg in 1854, a new Baptist Church was built in 1868. It was 34 X 55 feet and forms the back portion of the present church building at 431 Fitch St. In 1908, the original building was moved back on the lot, reoriented to face the alley, and built the present front portion of the structure. The 1908 portion of the structure boasts outstanding stained-glass windows, and the structure has been in continuous use by the Baptists since 1868.

\*Note: since time of photo 116 year old tower at rear removed (1984) by owner

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 X Social/Education \_\_\_\_\_
21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).  
Hist. So. Co. 1880  
Rev. W. P. Bruner, 19 Aug 1982  
Langhart Museum  
Vintage Memories, 1979  
Int.: Nora McMinn 1979  
July 21, 1983
22. Date form prepared \_\_\_\_\_  
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