

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: _____
2. Historic name: William Bell Home
3. Street or rural address: 521 Grant Avenue
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 086-020-04
5. Present Owner: Bagge, William Address: 521 Grant Avenue
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Residential Original use: Residential

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural style: Craftsman
- 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 has a single gable roof with the open ends at the front and back. The barge board and exposed rafters have decorative ends as do the rafters of the shed roof dormers. The windows are double-hung except for those in the dormer and the Prairie style windows in a rectangular side bay. A pair of windows in the front gable have diamond shaped panes in the upper sash. The recessed front porch has tapered square columns atop a solid balustrade. The entire structure is covered with wood shingles including the balustrade and rear additions.



8. Construction date:
Estimated 1920 Factual _____
9. Architect _____
10. Builder _____
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage _____ Depth _____
or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
8/83

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 home was built for William Marion Bell circa 1900. Born in Indiana in 1842, Bell came to Geyserville to ranch in 1892 and to Healdsburg to build this home circa 1900. Bell was the most influential citizen of that area, being responsible for many public improvements, including the "Billy Bell Bridge" (location unknown) "south of town", built in 1910. William Bell died in 1911, leaving this home to his daughter, Mabel Bell Krauss, wife of veterinarian J. E. Krauss. This home illustrates classic elements of the Craftsman bungalow style which emphasized the use of natural materials and exposing the structural form. The Craftsman elements include the exposed rafters, tapered columns, and the use of shingles.

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 _____
 Government _____ Military _____
 Religion _____ Social/Education 2

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