

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: William and Amelia Ross House
2. Historic name: De Wiederhold House
3. Street or rural address: 425 Grant Street
City Healdsburg Zip 95448 County _____
4. Parcel number: 002-073-01
5. Present Owner: Solem, Miriam L. & Patricia M Address: 425 Grant Street
City Healdsburg Zip 95448 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Residential Original use: Residential

DESCRIPTION

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

This picturesque house features an octagonal tower with original finial, several gables with various decorative treatment, ornamental porch baluster system and columns. The exterior of this house is covered with what appears to be aluminum siding without much of the ornamentation being removed.



8. Construction date:
Estimated 1901 Factual _____
9. Architect _____
10. Builder William Ross
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 70 Depth 150
or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
04 Nov 1982 32/03

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 meticulously-maintained home with its whimsical Queen Anne tower, stands as a focal point of this turn of the century neighborhood. Built by Amelia and William Ross, it is difficult to date because it sits on what was once a 23 acre parcel owned by Amelia's father, A.E.S. DeWiederhold. DeWiederhold, a native of England, came to Healdsburg in 1877. He purchased this property and the Sotoyome Winery from George Miller. Upon DeWiederhold's death in 1888, the land was passed to his widow Alice, and in 1900 to his daughter, Amelia, who married William Ross that same year. Ross, a Scottish immigrant, was a carpenter and later a journalist who built this home about 1901. Within two years Amelia and William subdivided their land, and it was annexed to the city, thereafter known as the Ross Addition.

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 _____ Social/Education _____

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

AAUW Vintage House Tours
 Hist. of So. Co, 1880

22. Date form prepared July 20, 1983
 By (name) Langhart Museum (ym)
 Organization City of Healdsburg
 Address: 133 Matheson Street
 City Healdsburg Zip 95448
 Phone: (707) 433-4717

