

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: _____
2. Historic name: Helman J. Zeller House
3. Street or rural address: 424 Haydon St.
 City Healdsburg Zip 95448 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 002-292-12
5. Present Owner: John Pellette Address: 424 Haydon St.
 City Healdsburg Zip 95448 Ownership is: Public _____ Private
6. Present Use: residence Original use: residence

DESCRIPTION

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

This is a two story cottage which has a jerkin head roof or clipped gables at the front and east side. The two-story porch is original to the structure and once wrapped around the west front corner of the building. The upper story has higher ceilings than the lower story, making the former the main living area in a style sometimes called, "piano nobile". Gable end has a round ventilator with molded surround that copies the lines of the truncated gable end. The cornices are boxed and the frieze plain. This siding is channel rustic with end boards. A shed roof rectangular bay extends on west side. The windows are double hung with two-on-two panes and plain surrounds. The upper story porch has plain rail balustrade and 4 x 4 pillars with curved braces above thin square capitals. The lower story porch are 6 x 6 posts.



8. Construction date:
 Estimated _____ Factual 1885
9. Architect _____
10. Builder _____
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
 Frontage 66 Depth 168.5
 or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)

13. Condition: Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated No longer in existence
14. Alterations: shed roof bay added after 1945; two-story porch once extended around west front corner with steps to second-story.
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.)

The style of this building is unique in Healdsburg. The two-story porch is original to the structure and the upper story was intended as the main floor in a European style known as "Piano nobile", with the upper floor having a larger ceiling height. The jerkin headed gables, in what is believed to be a Dutch Colonial style is also unique in Healdsburg.

The home was built by Helman J. Zellar, a native of Holland born in January, 1831. Zellar immigrated in 1864, and apparently settled in Healdsburg and built this house in 1885. Zellar listed no occupation in the 1890 census, and died in this house in 1903. A 1898 business directory lists Zellar as a "modeler", which may mean the making of models. The house was inherited by a relative from San Francisco, Mrs. A. Nicholson, who sold it to L.L. Granger, a local dry goods store owner, and it was owned thereafter by Emma and Anna Granger.

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).
 Tax assess.; 1890 census;
 Hbg. Tribune 3/21/1895
 1898 Business Directory
 Tribune 12/29/04

22. Date form prepared 10/25/86
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Locational sketch map (draw and label site and surrounding streets, roads, and prominent landmarks):