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### HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

#### IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Historic name: Carson House
3. Street or rural address: 641 Healdsburg Avenue  
City Healdsburg Zip 95448 County \_\_\_\_\_
4. Parcel number: 002-093-10
5. Present Owner: Wilson, George L. Address: P.O. Box 67  
City Novato, CA Zip 94947 Ownership is: Public \_\_\_\_\_ Private X
6. Present Use: Commercial Original use: Residential

#### DESCRIPTION

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

This simple 2-story has a single story gabled addition to the left side. The house appears to have been substantially modified with a balcony over the first floor porch and french doors probably having been added later. The basis shape and feeling of the structure still remains.



Construction date:  
Estimated 1855 Factual \_\_\_\_\_

Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Builder \_\_\_\_\_

Approx. property size (in feet)  
Frontage 71 Depth 220  
or approx. acreage \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)  
08 Oct. 1982 23/23

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.)  
The Carson House, probably built in 1855, is the last artifact of an early pioneer family, Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Carson. Lindsay, the brother of the famous indian scout, Kit Carson, arrived in California in 1847. Carson built the second house in the Russian River Township in 1849. The adobe house was used by E. Harrison Barnes & William Potter as the first store in the area. The store's location was moved several times and in 1852, Carson bought out Potters interest. In 1856, Carson bought out Barnes and then sold the store to W.G. McManus. McManus then moved the store to Healdsburg, making it the second store in the city. Being one of the very first to settle here, Carson acquired much prime property, some of which is now Healdsburg Avenue and the area surrounding it. Carson married a widow, Mrs. John S. Williams in 1851 and they had ten children. Mrs. Carson was a pioneer who came across the plains with the Donner party; however, she stayed with the Reed party who took the southern route and avoided the disaster of the Donner party who took the northern route.

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).  
Pen Pictures - So. Co. 1889  
Hist. of So. Co. A & B  
Vintage Memories pg. 29  
Golden Gate

22. Date form prepared July 20, 1983  
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