

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: _____
2. Historic name: Eugene Massoni House
3. Street or rural address: 744 Healdsburg Avenue
City Healdsburg Zip 95448 County _____
4. Parcel number: 002-042-05
5. Present Owner: Giovannoni, Eugene G & Juanita Address: P. O. Box 207
City Healdsburg Zip 95448 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Residential Original use: Residential

DESCRIPTION

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

This one-story bungalow has Prairie features of horizontal and geometric lines. Built facing both Sherman Street and Healdsburg Avenue, it represents an innovation of modern architecture in the 1920's on Healdsburg's main thoroughfare. The square main volume with a flat roof is constructed above a raised basement containing a garage on one side. The entrance on Sherman Street has a square flat roof porte cachere. The exterior, fireplace and columns are all faced in pebbled stucco. Circular brick stairs rising from the corner of the lot to the porch give a dramatic entrance.



8. Construction date:
Estimated _____ Factual 1924
9. Architect _____
10. Builder Amadeo Pordon
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 100 Depth 73
or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
03 Nov 1982 33/28

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 "Prairie Style" house is one of the few examples of its type in Healdsburg. It was an unique design for the period in this area and was reflective of a desire to build to the most modern design of the time.

This Prairie Bungalow was built in 1924 by local contractor Amadeo Pordon for Eugene and Angelina Massoni. Eugene was born in Italy in 1870. He and his family immigrated to America when Eugene was 12 years old. He returned to Italy in 1890 and brought his bride Angelina to Healdsburg. They cleared the forest on the land near the Lytton home northern survey area and established a viable and productive ranch. From 1910 to 1946 he was a senior partner in the Healdsburg Wine Company. Eugene and Angelina had a family of 6 children and were respected and admired in the community. Eugene died in 1948. The house is now owned by his grandson Eugene Giovannoni a prominent and respected businessman in the community.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)
Architecture 1 Arts & Leisure _____
Economic/Industrial 2 Exploration/Settlement _____
Government _____ Military _____
Religion _____ Social/Education _____

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

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