

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: _____
2. Historic name: Briggs Mansion
3. Street or rural address: 6740 Highway 128
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 131-170-25-0
5. Present Owner: Cory, Kenneth & Gail J. Address: 6740 Highway 128
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 two-story house is basically square with a pyramidal roof. In front is a slanted bay and on one side is a square bay. Both have two-stories and closed gable roofs. In the rear are one-story period additions. The cornice is boxed, the siding is channel rustic and there are plain boards on the corners and below the frieze. The gables have a vent surrounded by cut shingles and rosettes on the barge rafter. The slanted bay has corner brackets and pendants. The windows are double-hung with some in pairs. A large veranda wraps most of the front and side. It has turned posts, sawn brackets and fretwork. The corner of the house is beveled and has a window where the veranda wraps around. Over the doors are glass transoms.



8. Construction date:
Estimated _____ Factual 1900
9. Architect _____
10. Builder _____
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage _____ Depth 2.91
or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
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13. Condition: Excellent Good _____ Fair _____ Deteriorated _____ No longer in existence _____
14. Alterations: None visible
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: Large trees

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)
The Briggs Mansion, a monument to the success of early California pioneers, was built by Hiram Briggs, a native of Iowa, born in 1840. Briggs came to California in 1861 to mine, and then began his successful life's work of farming. Eventually owning 7,000 acres; he engaged in stock-raising and had vineyards and orchards. In 1900 he built this residence, termed a "mansion" by valley residents, a term it deserves even today. Hiram married Ellen Moore, a native of Iowa, in 1883. The Briggs had three children. Their son, Otto, inherited the ranch after his parents death.

This mansion is notable for its large scale and classic late victorian design.

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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Ent.: 9/6/19
INT.: Rose Benson 4/83

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