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IDENTIFICATION 1. Common name:	strialCommercial <u>X</u> Other:	Residential <u>X</u> Indu
2. Historic name: <u>Swisher House</u>	ine known <u>X</u> Private development Othert	<ol> <li>Threats to site: No Public Works project.</li> </ol>
3. Street or rural address: 642 Johnson S	Street	17. Is the structure: On
City_ Healdsburg	Zip95448County	18. Related features:
4. Parcel number:002-083-07		SIGNIFICANCE
5. Present Owner:Elvin, Jon W.	Address:	P.O. Box 28
City_Healdsburg_Zi	ip <u>95448</u> Ownership is: Public	Private
6. Present Use: Residential	Original use:Residentia	wife, Mary In

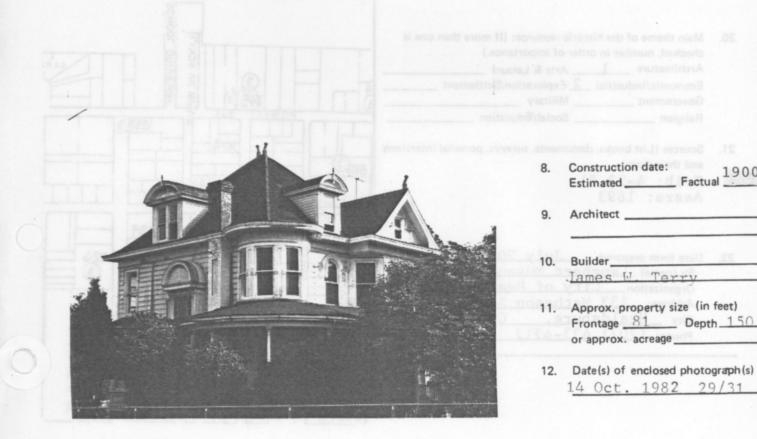
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## DESCRIPTION

- 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 impressive Queen Anne house has a varied collection of ornamental features, including false palladian windows, segmented and half-round window pediment with sunburst. The front has a 2-story slanted bay under a gable roof and a round tower with a curved porch around it. Original roof finial and cresting still remain.

1900-1903



	Condition: ExcellentGood FairX Deteriorated No longer in existence
14.	Alterations:
15.	Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open landScattered buildings Densely built-up Residential XIndustrialCommercial XOther:
16.	Threats to site:       None known X Private development Zoning Vandalism         Public Works project       Other:
17.	Is the structure: On its original site? X Moved? Unknown?
18.	Related features:

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)

Although its magnificence is now subdued by neglect and the loss of some detailing, this massive Queen Anne is still the most impressive of its style in Heladsburg.

It was built over several years by contractor James W. Terry, who probably combined various mail order architectural plans, for Dr. James Riley Swisher. Swisher allowed some patients to settle their bills by working on the house. Dr. Swisher, best remembered for his generosity, became a prominent Healdsburg citizen. Born in Illinois in 1849, he had already earned an engineering degree and was a teacher before entering the University of California Medical School in 1875. He set up practice here in 1877, soon becoming highly respected for his medical skills which he enhanced by studying in Europe for two years in mid-career. He began work on this house after his home in nearby Dry Creek burned. He live here until his death in 1934.

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20.	Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.) Architecture Arts & Leisure Economic/Industrial _2 = xploration/Settlement Government Military Religion Social/Education	LINDA VIL WITH GARL
21.	Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates). Trib: 4-22-81 Assrs: 1893	
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