

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: _____
2. Historic name: G. W. Harmon Nursery
3. Street or rural address: 1385 Magnolia Drive
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 088-180-29-4
5. Present Owner: Schwab, Francis N. & Reilly, Mary Address: 1385 Magnolia Drive
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Residential Original use: Residential

DESCRIPTION

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

The outstanding feature of this one-story cottage, built in 1888, is the extent of the trim - literally from top to bottom. From sunburst pendants at the gable peaks to the decorated heavy posts supporting the front bays and porch are many forms of decoration including decorated barge boards, curved brackets with tear drops, molded frieze, spindle and spool frieze on the porch, decorated window surrounds and sunburst brackets at the twined porch pillars.



8. Construction date: Estimated _____ Factual 1895
9. Architect _____
10. Builder _____
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage _____ Depth _____
or approx. acreage 12.71
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
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13. Condition: Excellent ___ Good ___ Fair X Deteriorated ___ No longer in existence ___
14. Alterations: _____
15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land X Scattered buildings ___ Densely built-up ___
Residential ___ Industrial ___ Commercial ___ Other: _____
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: Orchard

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)
G.W. Harmon's "Healdsburg Nursery", established on this site in 1888, excellently portrays the almost exclusive use of this area commonly called "the Peninsula" for orchard farming from 1870 to about 1940. Harmon, born in Indiana in 1842, came to California in 1872 and to Healdsburg in 1881. The stick-style cottage was built by Harmon in 1895, which was called at the time "the handsomest in the township". In 1889, Harmon moved his nursery to Matheson Street, and probably sold this site to George Brown (see 088-180-120) in 1899.
This extremely ornate example of Queen Anne cottage is notable for its symmetrical facade, a feature generally avoided in this style.

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).
So. Co. Atlas 1898
Trib: 8/1/1895, 12/7/1899, 6/27/1899

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