

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Historic name: George Brown House
3. Street or rural address: 1491 Magnolia Drive  
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 088-180-120
5. Present Owner: Brown, Thomas D. Address: 1491 Magnolia Drive  
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 Ownership is: Public \_\_\_\_\_ Private X
6. Present Use: Residential Original use: Residential

DESCRIPTION

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

This Queen Anne Cottage, built in 1900, has a truncated hip-roof, tall narrow windows and a wrap around veranda with geometric balustrade and turned pillars. The entrance door has a pedimented glass panel above wood panels. The gable ends have fish scale shingles, sunburst brackets and small stained glass windows.



8. Construction date:  
Estimated \_\_\_\_\_ Factual 1900
9. Architect \_\_\_\_\_
10. Builder W.H. Chaney
11. Approx. property size (in feet)  
Frontage \_\_\_\_\_ Depth \_\_\_\_\_  
or approx. acreage 12.58
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)  
9 Nov 82 34/15

13. Condition: Excellent \_\_\_ Good X Fair \_\_\_ Deteriorated \_\_\_ No longer in existence \_\_\_
14. Alterations: Work of restoration appears to be in progress
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, vineyard

**SIGNIFICANCE**

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)  
This structure, which is in an area commonly termed "the Peninsula" by residents because of its isolation from the rest of Healdsburg by the natural barrier of the Russian River, was built for George Brown by William "Chick" Chaney in 1900. Mr. Chaney was instructed to copy an older home on the property (see: 088-180-29-4). Brown purchased the orchard property in 1899 when he came to Healdsburg from Scotland where he was a painter and decorator. Brown remained an orchardist until his death in 1919. This house remains in the possession of Brown's grandson, Thomas Brown.

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).  
Ent.: 6/21/19  
INT.: Thomas Brown 3/83

22. Date form prepared August 15, 1983  
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