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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Nalley House
2. Historic name: Eli Bush House
3. Street or rural address: 326 Matheson Street
City Healdsburg Zip 95448 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 002-231-09
5. Present Owner: Nalley, Alex. B & Charlotte B. Address: P.O. Box 933
City Healdsburg Zip 95448 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Residential Original use: Residential

DESCRIPTION

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

This transitional house features shingled gables with recessed balcony in side gable and double dormers over doors opening onto small balcony in roof. The porch which wraps the front and one side is built under the main roof line which is supported by turned columns sitting on a solid balustrade.



8. Construction date: Estimated _____ Factual 1903
9. Architect _____
10. Builder _____
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 75 Depth 220
or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
19 Aug. 1982

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 house exemplifies on almost perfect transition between Queen Anne and Shingle style, comprising the best features of both and adding significantly to the streetscape of this block of Matheson.

This home was built by Eli Bush, a prominent civic leader and shop-owner. Eli came to Healdsburg as a boy and began working at 10 for Wolf Rosenberg, a pioneer merchant. He later became a partner in the store that still bears his name. With George Miller he built the Masonic Temple at 322 - 324 Center Street in 1914. He married Alice Cullom in 1884 and they built the Matheson Street home in 1903. It has always been considered an ornament on an attractive residential street.

Dr. Edward Beeson, a dentist and world champion high jumper (1914 to 1924) and his wife Bera (Mathom) owned the house from 1919 until 1944 when Ned and Charlotte Nalley bought the home. Their son Alex Barclay Nalley is the present owner.

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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).
 Trib: 6/5/13; 3/26/14, 6/9/11, 12/18
 Int: Charlotte Nalley 1-20-82
 Albert Agostine 1-22-82

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