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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: A.W. Garrett House
2. Historic name: A.W. Garrett House
3. Street or rural address: 403 Matheson Street
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 002-201-46-5
5. Present Owner: Nielsen, Torben R. & Lyn D. Address: 9328 Chalk Hill Rd.
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Residential Original use: Residential

DESCRIPTION

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

This large one story cottage has a truncated hip with gable roof. An octagonal bay window on the northeast corner extends above the main roof to form a tower. The tower is hip with flared rafter tails. The main roof and tower roof cornice are boxed with sawn brackets and a decorative frieze filled with turned buttons. The gable contains a fixed decorative sash with cut shingles filling in around and a decorative bareboard and gable brace. The siding is rustic, the windows are double hung. An angle bay projects from under the front gable and is trimmed with various details including sawn blocks, diagonal T&G, and drop pendants. The tower has panels below the frieze that are filled in with diagonal T&G. The expansive verandah wraps the front and side and has turned columns supporting the roof. There are turned and sawn brackets on the columns with turned fretwork filling between. The original porch and stair balustrade has been replaced.



8. Construction date:
Estimated _____ Factual 1895
9. Architect _____
10. Builder James W. Terry
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 65 Depth 290
or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
16 Aug. 82 06/22

13. Condition: Excellent Good _____ Fair _____ Deteriorated _____ No longer in existence _____
14. Alterations: None
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 042 Vandalism _____
Public Works project _____ Other: _____
17. Is the structure: On its original site? yes Moved? _____ Unknown? _____
18. Related features: Round stone planter with stone fountain in rear, also 2 duplexes & one story cottage, all in 1945

SIGNIFICANCE

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

This is an extremely ornate example of Queen Anne cottage architecture with its decorative cornice, sawn work and turnings and the tower. It is by far the most ornate example of this style in the one-story cottage and is one of the most notable houses on a street with fine examples of various styles.

A.W. Garrett, prominent hardware merchant, built this outstanding Queen Anne home for his bride, Cara Hall, in 1895. The contractor, James W. Terry, installed the first porcelain bathtub in town in this home. A native of California, Albert W. was born in San Francisco in 1865. His parents, Albert W. and Annie (Walker), came to California in the early 1850's and located in San Francisco where Albert Sr. had a wholesale grocery store. The family removed to Healdsburg in 1868 where the elder Garrett engaged in the manufacture of gloves. Educated in local schools, A.W. worked as clerk and in 1889, with \$600, established the business of Cook & Garrett with Mr. Cook. Cook retired in 1893. A.W. became sole owner and was to become recognized the leading hardware merchant in the city. The business is still thriving 94 years later. A.W. was civic-minded, being elected fire chief in 1898, the first president of Healdsburg Chamber of Commerce in 1905, and active in political affairs.

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).
History of Sonoma County 1926
Healdsburg Tribune 2/9/1893
Healdsburg Tribune 12/22/04
Healdsburg Enterprise 1/1/1890
Interview: Nora Terry McMinn 1979
22. Date form prepared July 25, 1983
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