

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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HABS _____ HAER _____ NR 3 SHL _____ Loc _____
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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: _____
2. Historic name: Charles Sherriffs House
3. Street or rural address: 439 Matheson Street
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 002-201-40-8
5. Present Owner: Gondola, Ernest & Rose Address: 439 Matheson Street
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Residential Original use: Residential

DESCRIPTION

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

The large two story stucco house has a low pitched multi-gabled roof. The eaves are closed with decorative sawn simulated purlin ends. The second story consists of a square central tower with the open gable facing the street facade. There is a large porch recessed under the main roof with a gabled entry supported by heavy stucco pillars. It has a heavy arched entry door with leveled glass,



8. Construction date:
Estimated _____ Factual 1920
9. Architect _____
10. Builder _____
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 85.8 Depth 156
or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
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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 large structure shows the craftsman influence yet with its decorative sawn simulated purlins and fine leveled entry way, it almost exceeds the aesthetic concept of craftsman simplicity. A very pleasing house and basically unpretentious for a house of this large scale. Charles Sherriffs, born in Ontario, Canada, came to California in 1893. After managing the Porter Brothers Packing Company in San Jose, he moved to Healdsburg in 1900 and continued with the firm for two years until beginning Sherriffs Brothers Company which sold to the Prune and Apple Growers Association in 1922, featuring the Elk brand. Miss Lulu Parker, born in Sonoma County, married Charles in 1906. For nineteen years, he was a member of the City board and served as mayor in the 1920's. By 1926, Sherriffs retired from the fruit business and lived off the considerable income from his San Francisco apartment houses.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)
Architecture Arts & Leisure _____
Economic/Industrial _____ Exploration/Settlement _____
Government _____ Military _____
Religion _____ Social/Education _____

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).
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