

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: _____
2. Historic name: Dr. D. Gates Bennett House
3. Street or rural address: 2845 Mill Creek Road
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 110-050-10
5. Present Owner: Woogerd, George & Violet Address: 2845 Mill Creek Road
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:

A rectangular one story house with wide gables at each end and a vented gable dormer in front. The rafter tails are exposed and the siding is rustic. The windows are double-hung with simple frames. In the gables are banks of casement windows below a vent. A flat shelf resting on exposed rafter tails partially separates the lower and upper levels. The front porch is recessed with short tapered pillars atop tall pedestals. Pillars and pedestals are stuccoed and the railing is wood. A small gable is positioned over the steps.



8. Construction date:
Estimated _____ Factual 1900
9. Architect _____
10. Builder George Day
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 300 Depth 200
or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
4/83

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.)

Dr. D. Gates Bennett, a San Francisco doctor, hired local contractor George Day to build this house in 1900. Dr. Gates entertained his San Francisco guests in this home with the upper floor being turned into a "ballroom" for dancing. This large Craftsman house has many features typical of the style such as constructed porch pillars atop concrete pedestals and exposed purlins but the overall size and design indicate an architect was involved. This is one of the nicer examples of Craftsman style in the area.

This home has the tapered pillars and exposed rafters associated with the Craftsman style while the row of casement windows in the gable are a feature that will be characteristic of the Prairie School of architecture.

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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