

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION

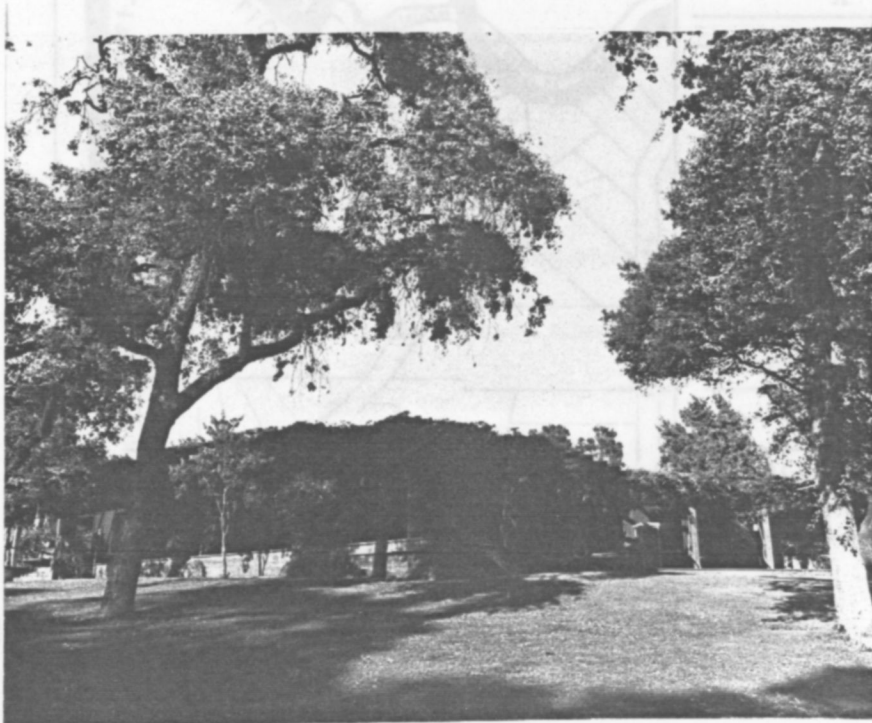
1. Common name: The Villa
2. Historic name: Villa Chanticleer
3. Street or rural address: 1248 North Fitch Mountain Road
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 002-400-20
5. Present Owner: City of Healdsburg Address: _____
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 Ownership is: Public _____ Private City
6. Present Use: Public Original use: Resort

DESCRIPTION

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

This rambling structure has two large rectangular columns on either side of a multi-sided bay, which marks the main entrance to the building. The structure has large plate glass windows and vertical rustic siding. An arbor, which surrounds two sides of the building, is made of thick square posts and beams. The porch has wooden swings suspended by chains attached to the arbor's horizontal beam and is lit by lanterns mounted on the exterior walls. In the rear is an addition housing a kitchen.

(NOTE: In mid-summer, the arbor is covered with wisteria.)



8. Construction date: Estimated _____ Factual 1947
9. Architect _____
10. Builder _____
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage _____ Depth _____
or approx. acreage 17
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
8/83

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: Wisteria vines

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)
The Villa Chanticleer, built in 1947 near the summit of Fitch Mountain, is one of the most beautiful City-owned facilities in northern California. It was originally a resort established in 1910 by a Frenchman named Pradel, who built several cabins and a screened dining pavillion. His connections with the French community in San Francisco assured the resort clientele. From 1916 until 1934 it changed hands many times. Lucien Delagnes purchased it in 1934 and made many improvements enhancing the resort's reputation. In 1945 Delagnes sold the resort to Jack Kent and W. Johnson. Three months later the original dining room burned but was immediately rebuilt. However, the owners declared bankruptcy only a few weeks before its scheduled opening in 1947. Purchased by the City in October, 1955, recreational facilities have since been developed. A source of pride to the local citizens, the Villa is used for public and private functions. Unsubstantiated local legends associate the Villa of the 1920's with the mafia or organized crime element in San Francisco.

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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