

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Provine House
2. Historic name: John Marshall House
3. Street or rural address: 227 North Street  
City Healdsburg Zip 95448 County \_\_\_\_\_
4. Parcel number: 002-161-14
5. Present Owner: Chapin, Betty & Frampton, Bette Address: 50 San Mateo Dr.  
City San Mateo Zip 94402 Ownership is: Public \_\_\_\_\_ Private X
6. Present Use: Residential Original use: Residential

DESCRIPTION

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

This building is a two story structure constructed of wood with wood siding and steep gabled roof. The eaves and roof overhangs are detailed using paired brackets set on a frieze board. The entrance is accentuated by a central entrance flanked with slanted bay windows either side at the ground floor. The windows are detailed with a level hood trim. The roof is wood shingles and the windows are wood double hung. This building is the focal point of the neighborhood and the other buildings 201 and 207 North Street being smaller, have the same kind of detailing as this larger structure. Possibly the same builder.



8. Construction date: Estimated \_\_\_\_\_ Factual 1870
9. Architect \_\_\_\_\_
10. Builder Jacob Pimm
11. Approx. property size (in feet)  
Frontage 93 Depth 232  
or approx. acreage \_\_\_\_\_
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)  
19 Aug 1982

13. Condition: Excellent \_\_\_ Good \_\_\_ Fair X Deteriorated \_\_\_ No longer in existence \_\_\_
14. Alterations: \_\_\_\_\_
15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land \_\_\_ Scattered buildings \_\_\_ Densely built-up \_\_\_  
Residential X Industrial \_\_\_ Commercial \_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
16. Threats to site: None known X Private development \_\_\_ Zoning \_\_\_ Vandalism \_\_\_  
Public Works project \_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
17. Is the structure: On its original site? X Moved? \_\_\_ Unknown? \_\_\_
18. Related features: \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNIFICANCE**

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

One of the most visible and well-preserved examples of a two-story Greek Revival residence in Healdsburg, this home has been a visual landmark for over a century. Built by and for John Marshall in 1871, this residence was considered outstanding at the time of its construction. Marshall, a blacksmith by trade, came to Healdsburg from New York in 1858. Early blacksmiths, if sufficiently skilled, often became some of the most prosperous citizens in Healdsburg. Marshall married a daughter of Jacob Pimm, a local cabinet-maker and wagon-wright, and in the early 1870's, he went into the wagon-wright business with his father-in-law, who had come to Healdsburg in 1870. Pimm later became a local contractor and real estate developer. It is probable that Pimm built this home, as well as his own, as they are both excellent, and unusually detailed examples of their type. Marshall continued his trade as a blacksmith and his residency at this location until his death in 1882. His descendants sold the property to R.R. Provine, a lawyer, in 1902. The Provines retained ownership until recent years.

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). Langhart Museum; Hist. Coast Counties 1904; Tax Asses. 1867 - 1900; Trib: 7/26/07; Int.: Cecil Petray, Duyall Bell et.al. 12/82; So. Co. Atlas 1877; Cemetery Records

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