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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: _____
2. Historic name: Ames Home
3. Street or rural address: 407 Piper Street
City Healdsburg Zip 95448 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 002-133-22-1
5. Present Owner: Johnson, Clyde & Margaret Address: 407 Piper Street
City Healdsburg Zip 95448 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Residential Original use: Residential

DESCRIPTION

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

This small one-story cottage has a combination of hip and gabled roof. The gables contain either multi-lite fixed sash windows or gabled vents and are filled in with cut shingles, flared at the bottom, with a simple bargeboard. The windows are double hung with small cap molding on some. The siding is channel rustic, and the front gable has a narrow angled bay underneath, with large angle brackets with a sunburst motif. The small entry porch is recessed under the main roof and has turned columns. The original porch brackets and balustrade system is missing.



8. Construction date:
Estimated 1890 Factual _____
9. Architect _____
10. Builder _____
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage _____ Depth _____
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: Carport
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: Tall redwood trees

SIGNIFICANCE

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

This is a good example of Queen Anne cottage architecture, showing the reliance on the narrow gabled bay, with its wide sunburst brackets, to be the focal point of the exterior design. The Charles Ames home was built circa 1890. It is most noted for being the home of Charles Ames' daughter, Nercilla Ames Jones, R.N., who served as director of Healdsburg General Hospital from 1920 until her retirement in 1965. During her 45 years as director, Nercilla became one of the best-known, and most trusted, residents of Healdsburg.

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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