

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: _____
2. Historic name: J.S. Tucker House
3. Street or rural address: 411 Tucker Street
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 002-231-41-3
5. Present Owner: Myers, William E. & Barbara A. Address: 411 Tucker Street
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Residential Original use: Residential

DESCRIPTION

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

This single-story cottage has its roof formed by two large intersecting open gables. There is also a large gabled square bay in the front. The cornices are closed except on the front porch which has a boxed cornice and hip roof. Cut shingles in the gables are separated from the channel rustic siding by a plain frieze. Narrow double-hung windows with molded casings are placed in pairs in front and single in the large front gable and elsewhere. The front door is in the side of the front bay. Turned columns with molded and sawn brackets and fret work support the verandah roof. Other details include the turned balustrade, molded caps on the corner boards and turned pendants on the gable ends.



8. Construction date:
Estimated _____ Factual 1895
9. Architect _____
10. Builder _____
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 40 Depth 224.15
or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
23 August 1982

13. Condition: Excellent Good _____ Fair _____ Deteriorated _____ No longer in existence _____
14. Alterations: skylight
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 home was built in 1895 for John S. Tucker and his wife. Both blind, they were looked up to as being successful, contributing members of the community. John Tucker eventually owned several residential properties on this street, but has no relation to the man the street was named for, B.F. Tucker. John, born 1829, and his wife, born in Ireland, lost their eyesight when children and it was while attending the Institute for the Blind in Berkeley, in 1872, that they met and married. Coming to Healdsburg in 1874, they opened a toy and notion store located first in the southwest corner of Matheson and Center Streets then on Plaza Street. The specialty of the stores was handmade baskets which they manufactured. Mrs. Tucker died in 1906 and John, affectionately known as "Blind Tucker", sold the store and remarried in 1908. This house exemplifies the use of stock millwork especially on the porch to create the fanciful victorian facade.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)
 Architecture 2 Arts & Leisure _____
 Economic/Industrial _____ Exploration/Settlement _____
 Government _____ Military _____
 Religion _____ Social/Education 1

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