

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

Ser. No. _____
HABS _____ HAER _____ NR 3 SHL _____ Loc _____
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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: McMinn House
2. Historic name: George Alexander House
3. Street or rural address: 419 Tucker Street
City Healdsburg Zip 95448 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 002-231-25-6
5. Present Owner: Arneson, Clarence V. & Irene J. Address: 419 Tucker St.
City Healdsburg 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 large cottage features front and side gables finished in cut shingles, a box cornice with sawn brackets and decorative frieze, and a curved porch with turned columns and balusters. A decorative fretwork system appears to be missing from the porch.



8. Construction date:
Estimated _____ Factual 1895
9. Architect _____
10. Builder James W. Terry
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 75 Depth 225
or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
20 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: Large palm

SIGNIFICANCE

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

With its false basement and extremely high pitched roof and with the vast amount of decorative millwork, this is one of the most imposing "cottages" in the area.

This home was built in 1895 by James W. Terry for George Alexander, one of ten children of survey area pioneer, Cyrus Alexander, who was the first white settler in the area in 1841. George Alexander was an agriculturist and a director of the Healdsburg National Bank, as well as serving a term as a city trustee. Alexander sold the home to a David Thornton in 1903 who in turn sold it to Joseph A. McMinn in 1907. McMinn served several terms as county supervisor and city trustee and was appointed county sheriff in 1920, remaining a colorful political figure until his death. His second wife, Nora Terry McMinn, was the daughter of contractor James W. Terry who built most of the houses in Healdsburg the late 19th century. Nora McMinn died in this house in the 1970's.

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).

Tax Assess.: 1890-1910
INT: Nora Terry McMinn, 1975
Trib.: 2/15/1917; 11/10/1898;
4/11/12

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