

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Bice Ranch
2. Historic name: Bice House
3. Street or rural address: 2651 Westside Road
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 110-070-01-8
5. Present Owner: Middleton, Wylie E. & Edna O. Address: 2651 Westside Road
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Residential Original use: Residential

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural style: Hip roof cottage
- 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 hip roof cottage has a gable at one corner. The roof is composition, the cornice boxed, the frieze plain and the gable-end is shingled. The siding is narrow clapboard. The windows are tall, narrow, double-hung. The corner entrance porch has turned posts.



8. Construction date:
Estimated 1885 Factual _____
9. Architect _____
10. Builder _____
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage _____ Depth _____
or approx. acreage 8.08
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
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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: Orchard & Nursery

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)
 Although the original Bice homestead with a dirt floor was recently torn down, this home was built for Mary J. Bice, one of the earliest settlers in the survey area, circa 1885. Born in Virginia in 1827, she married Cornelius Bice in 1849. The couple squatted on a ranch on Westside Road in 1853, and were summarily burned out by state militia troops in 1857. After living on the Healdsburg downtown Plaza for several months the family relocated to a 160 acre ranch, purchased legally from Mexican grantee heirs. Cornelius Bice died in 1879, Mary inheriting the ranch. In 1906 Mary Bice sold part of her property for the Felta School (se110-070-03). She died in 1915, leaving thirteen children and twenty-four grandchildren.

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 1
 Government _____ Military _____
 Religion _____ Social/Education _____

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).
 Hist. So. Co. 1880, 1926, 1937
 Ent.: 9/18/15
 So. Co. Atlas 1877, 1898

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