

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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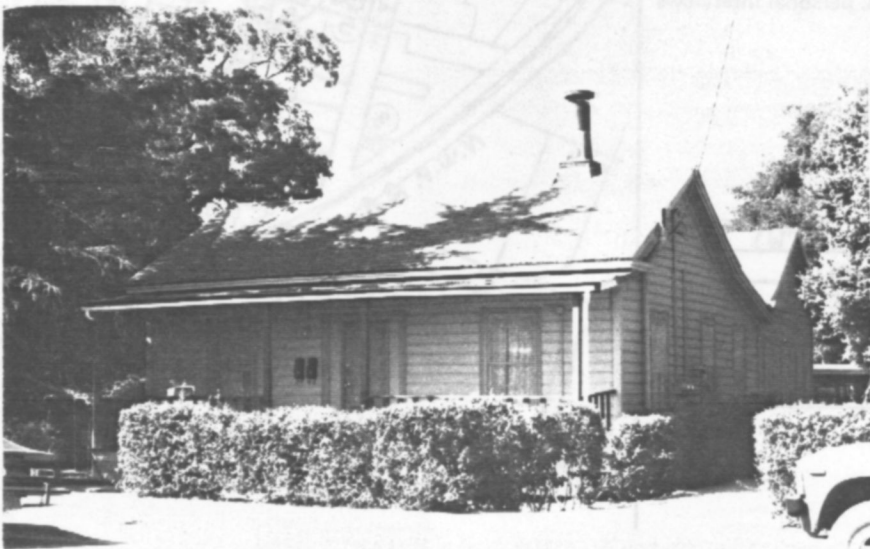
IDENTIFICATION

- 1. Common name: _____
- 2. Historic name: John D. Hassett House
- 3. Street or rural address: 239 Center Street
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 County Sonoma
- 4. Parcel number: 002-242-13-9
- 5. Present Owner: Serifem, Anne M. Address: 519 Monte Vista Ave.
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
- 6. Present Use: Residential Original use: Residential

DESCRIPTION

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

A single story cottage whose gable roof has a molded boxed cornice with a small return in front and a flared slope in the rear. A separate shed roof extends across the facade to cover the verandah. The windows are multi-paned double-hungs with slightly molded frames. The single front door with side panels is in the center of the facade. The siding is channel rustic and the verandah has plain posts and a plain board balustrade.



- 8. Construction date:
Estimated _____ Factual 1853
- 9. Architect _____
- 10. Builder John D. Hassett
- 11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 50.1 Depth 164
or approx. acreage _____
- 12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
30 Aug 82 12/02

13. Condition: Excellent ___ Good ___ Fair X Deteriorated ___ No longer in existence ___
14. Alterations: Single gable addition to rear is shingled; front door and side panels replaced.
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: Boxwood Hedge

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)
This simple structure is the oldest remaining example of settlement structures utilizing sawn lumber from the early northern Sonoma County saw mills in Healdsburg. Built in 1853 by John D. Hassett, this house has remained virtually unaltered in the downtown commercial core of Healdsburg. J.D. Hassett, born in Ohio in 1832, came to California to the Placerville mines in 1852. In the spring of 1853, Hassett came to this area to work in the pioneer saw mill of Felty Miller on Felta Creek (Wester Survey area). Using lumber from that mill, Hassett built this house in that year and bought two parcels (lots #57 and 58). In 1856 Hassett built his own saw mill on Mill Creek and in 1858 built a grist and flour mill on the western portion of lot #57. Hassett later established and operated the Sotoyome Meat Market, became president of the Bank of Healdsburg, and became a rancher and large landowner. Hassett, in fact, owned all of Fitch Mountain at one time. Other residents of note include Ralph Rose, born here in 1884, who became World's Shotgun Champion from 1909 until his death in 1913, and was said to be one of the "Largest men in America".

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 X
Government ___ Military ___
Religion ___ Social/Education ___
21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).
Hist. So. Co. 1880, 1926
Ent: 8/7/1879
Atlas 1877, 1898
Trib: 10/23/13
Int: Robert Hassett 1/83
22. Date form prepared August 11, 1983
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