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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Rosenberg House
2. Historic name: Hall House
3. Street or rural address: 340 East Street
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 002-192-04-5
5. Present Owner: Rosenberg, Gretchen H. & Ira Address: P.O. Box 112
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Residential Original use: Residential

DESCRIPTION

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

This 1½ storey gabled structure has exterior chimneys extending up each end gable. Double hung windows are set in pairs singly about the structure. The two front windows consisting of a fixed sash with a double hung window on either side appear to be a later addition done at the same time as the verandah. The verandah features square stucco pillars with solid stucco balustrade between supporting a hip roof. The eaves are closed and the siding is rustic.



8. Construction date:
Estimated 1880 Factual _____
9. Architect _____
10. Builder _____
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 86.4 Depth 122
or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
05/29

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 022 Vandalism _____
Public Works project _____ Other: _____
17. Is the structure: On its original site? Moved? _____ Unknown? _____
18. Related features: Circular stone fountain at front

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)
This is an extremely large homestead structure and the exposed chimneys make it particularly picturesque. It also exemplifies the "craftsman" influence on the porch addition design. Originally owned by a Captain Chiles Clark, about whom we have no information, this house came into the possession of Clarence Hall, a descendant of a wealthy Alexander Valley rancher, Lieualley Hall, before 1900. It was eventually inherited by Gretchen Hall Rosenberg from her father, Clarence. Gretchen married Ira Rosenberg, whose father, Wolfe, established the Healdsburg department store Rosenberg and Bush in 1865. Originally serving as the Hall's town residence, it became the sole residence of the merchant Rosenberg couple. In the 1950's the Rosenbergs moved their department store to the lot across the street from this house, and Gretchen Hall Rosenberg died here in 1982. The home is now owned by her son, Ira, who along with his cousin, Gary, still operate the store.

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).

Tax Assess. 1880-1890

Int.: Ira Rosenberg 12/82

Gretchen Hall Rosenberg 7/82

22. Date form prepared July 25, 1983
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