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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: _____
2. Historic name: Peterson Home
3. Street or rural address: 228 Fitch Street
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 002-231-06-6
Asbaugh, Barbara Rosenberg
5. Present Owner: %Mrs. E. H. Ashbaugh Address: P.O. Box 941
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Residential Original use: Residential

DESCRIPTION

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

This basic homestead cottage has open gables with boxed cornice returned on the gable ends. The gable dormer is a later addition and has a multi-paned fixed sash with cut shingles filling in and a sawn and turned gable brace. The porch has heavy turned columns atop a solid balustrade. There is a small angled bay added to the left side and an ornamental gable brace in the main gable on that side. The entry with its shallow angled vestibule is also a later change. Lap siding covers the main structure but there are non-conforming contemporary additions to the rear.



8. Construction date: Estimated _____ Factual 1858
9. Architect _____
10. Builder _____
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 150 Depth 151.8
or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
8/83

13. Condition: Excellent Good _____ Fair _____ Deteriorated _____ No longer in existence _____
14. Alterations: Additions to rear and side
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: Large beautifully landscaped garden on corner with house situated on south edge of lot. Old trees (2 lg. evergreens, 1 lg. Magnolia and 1 lg. deciduous)

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)
This house is an example of an earlier homestead structure that has been altered to almost appear as a Queen Anne house if viewed from the front and north side.
Originally located about 50 ft. north of it's present location, this home was built by pioneer Healdsburg merchant, Gustavas H. Peterson, born in Sweden in 1815. Trained for the mercantile business since childhood, he merchandised stock in New Orleans, Cuba, San Francisco, and Sacramento, where he roomed with Stanford, Fair, Huntington, Crocker, Hopkins, and McCay, and became their lifelong friends. Returning to San Francisco, Peterson became a member of the second vigilance committee of 1856. Peterson came to Healdsburg in 1858, married Ellen Mullen, and built this home soon after. He opened a thriving mercantile business on the 300 block of Healdsburg Ave. At some time following 1875, Peterson returned to San Francisco, and among other enterprises, went to work for William Ralston. In 1885, James G. Fair had Peterson take charge of his ranch at Knight's Landing. Peterson died in Healdsburg in 1896 Peterson never became wealthy, but was known never to have cancelled anyone's credit.

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 _____
Government _____ Military _____
Religion _____ Social/Education _____
21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).
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