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### HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

#### IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Historic name: Henry Alexander House
3. Street or rural address: 528 Fitch Street  
City Healdsburg Zip 95448 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 002-121-26
5. Present Owner: Peterson, Ronald R. & Cornell G. Address: P. O. Box 2392  
City San Francisco Zip 94126 Ownership is: Public \_\_\_\_\_ Private X
6. Present Use: Residential Original use: Residential

#### DESCRIPTION

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

This two-story structure has a hip roof with boxed cornice with pairs of sawn brackets over a plain frieze. The windows are tall, narrow, double-hung sash with bracketed hoods over and sawn sill blocks underneath. The siding is channel rustic. The front portico consisting of a flat portico roof supported by square constructed columns atop brick pedestals is a later renovation.



8. Construction date: Estimated \_\_\_\_\_ Factual 1884
9. Architect \_\_\_\_\_
10. Builder \_\_\_\_\_
11. Approx. property size (in feet)  
Frontage 117 Depth 241  
or approx. acreage \_\_\_\_\_
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)  
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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: 532, 534 and 532A Fitch Street

**SIGNIFICANCE**

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

The square symmetry of this house is typical of the formality of the Italianate style, although the original metal roof cresting (wrought iron work) and original front porch are missing. It was built in 1884 by Henry and Almira Alexander, who had moved to Healdsburg from Iowa with several of their 11 children in 1881. Henry was the nephew of northern Sonoma County's first white settler, Cyrus Alexander, who settled in the area in 1841. Henry, born in Illinois in 1824 met and married his wife in Chicago, and in 1855 the couple moved to Mona, Iowa. There Alexander served as postmaster for 20 years as well as being a prominent merchant. Soon after the family's arrival in Healdsburg, three of Henry's sons started the Alexander Brothers grocery in the newly-built (1884) Gobbi Building on Center Street. Henry Alexander served as the Methodist Church deacon until his death in 1891. Almira died here in 1899.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)  
 Architecture X Arts & Leisure \_\_\_  
 Economic/Industrial \_\_\_ Exploration/Settlement \_\_\_  
 Government \_\_\_ Military \_\_\_  
 Religion X Social/Education \_\_\_
21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).  
 Int: Francis Ritz, DDS, 1/83  
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 Int: Marvin Walters, 2/83
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