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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: _____
2. Historic name: Van Allen House
3. Street or rural address: 131 Grant Street
City Healdsburg Zip 95448 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 002-091-12-2
5. Present Owner: Ferrari Dino & Carolyn Address: 131 Grant St.
City Healdsburg Zip 95448 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Residential Original use: Residential

DESCRIPTION

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

The small hip-roofed cottage has a slanted bay with a closed gable over filled with cut shingles. The double hung windows are set in both pars and singly with molded head casings. The siding is narrow rustic siding. The porch roof appears to have been altered to tie in with main roof. Turned columns support to porch roof. The porch and stair balustrade has been replaced with wrought iron and there is a small addition to the rear.



8. Construction date:
Estimated _____ Factual 1889
9. Architect _____
10. Builder _____
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 60 Depth 143.25
or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
8 Oct 1982

13. Condition: Excellent ___ Good X Fair ___ Deteriorated ___ No longer in existence ___
14. Alterations: Front door, wrought iron balustrade and handrails, rectangular addition on rear of house, one aluminum window, porch floor and steps
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: Post 1945 garage and rental to rear

SIGNIFICANCE

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

This house along with ones at 525, 529 and 533 Johnson compose a group of similar structures by the same builder and as such exemplify a period "tract".

Typifying a tradition for local ranchers to maintain a residence in town, this house was built for John J. Van Allen in 1889. Van Allen was born in New York in 1826. He immigrated to California in 1849 working as a miner at Jackson Bar then at a lumber mill in San Francisco. He engaged in farming and hunting in Marin County and lived in Petaluma for a time. In 1871 he settled in Sonoma County on a 1,200 acre parcel in the mountains at the head of Dry Creek and married a Miss Bryan, native of Ireland. One child, Maria, was born to them. Van Allen was buried in Oak Mound Cemetery in 1893.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)
Architecture 1 Arts & Leisure ___
Economic/Industrial ___ Exploration/Settlement ___
Government ___ Military ___
Religion ___ Social/Education 2

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).

Tax Assessments 1889
Healdsburg Tribune 9/21/1893 p.3:4

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