

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Dr. Honor House
2. Historic name: Butcher Ranch
3. Street or rural address: 14891 Grove Street
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 089-120-69-5
5. Present Owner: Honor, Herbert C & Vera Ocker Address: 14891 Grove Street
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Commercial/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 large two-story Italianate Villa has a boxed and bracketed cornice, molded frieze and heavy molded and bracketed lintels above the tall narrow window. Flanking the entrance are two rectangular one-story bays with flat roof, molding and double-curve brackets. The entrance is recessed behind a portico the same style as the bay and supported by large beveled square columns. What appears to have been an original side verandah has been enclosed and a non-conforming addition attached to side. The original water tower exists in rear.



8. Construction date:
Estimated _____ Factual 1883
9. Architect _____
10. Builder _____
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage _____ Depth 1.19
or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
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13. Condition: Excellent Good _____ Fair _____ Deteriorated _____ No longer in existence _____
14. Alterations: a one-story flat roof bay to one 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: One very large magnolia and one pine-picket fence

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)
 This imposing Italianate residence was built for "Squire" William Butcher, soon after he bought the surrounding orchard ranch in 1883. Butcher, a Seventh-day Adventist, came to Healdsburg so that his children could attend the newly established Healdsburg College, run by the Seventh-day Adventist Church. One of the Butcher's daughters, Lelia Bell, became a Healdsburg doctor (changing her name to Bucher and servicing an affluent clientele), inheriting the home after her parents death. Another daughter, Bertha, married Henry Honor, a rancher on Mill Creek near Healdsburg, also a Seventh-day Adventist. Their son, Herbert Clyde Honor, became a medical doctor, and practiced in Sonoma County, later becoming a church missionary doctor in the Phillipines. In 1958, he and his wife Vera, also a medical doctor purchased the ranch from other Butcher descendants. He died here in 1981.
 Although an unsightly small addition has been added to the south elevation, this mansion is one of only a few of this type in the survey area.

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).
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 Francis Ritz 7/82

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