

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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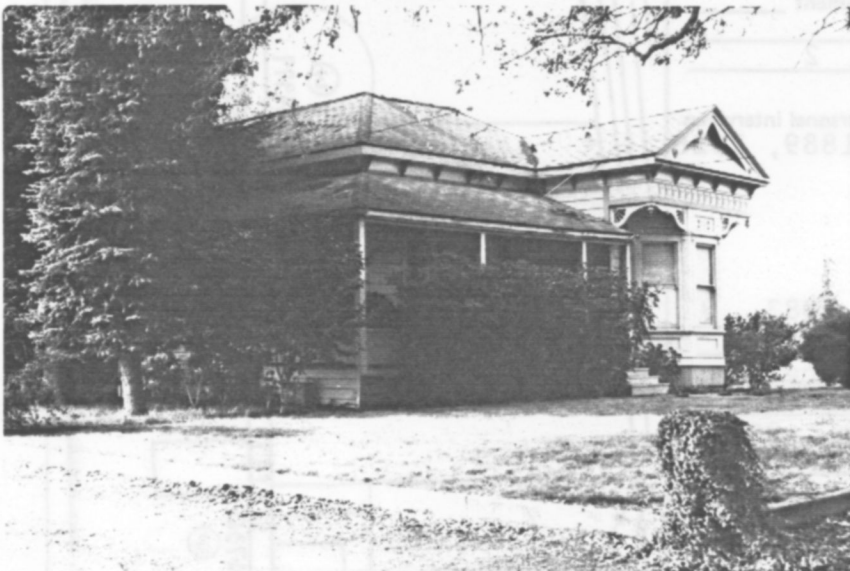
IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Butts Ranch
2. Historic name: Watson Ranch
3. Street or rural address: 14979 Grove Street
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 089-120-04-2
5. Present Owner: Butts, Kenneth & Dorothy Address: 4000 S. Cole Road
City Boise, Idaho Zip 83505 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Residential Original use: Residential

DESCRIPTION

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

This hip roof cottage has a angled front bay and rectangular side bay with gable roofs over. The main cornice is boxed with sawn brackets and the gables filled with cut shingles. The angled bay has a decorative frieze and various sawn and turned ornaments. The verandah which wraps the front and side is original but posts and balustrade system has been altered.



8. Construction date:
Estimated _____ Factual 1894
9. Architect _____
10. Builder _____
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage _____ Depth _____
or approx. acreage 5.08
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
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13. Condition: Excellent ___ Good ___ Fair ___ Deteriorated X No longer in existence ___
14. Alterations: _____
15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land X Scattered buildings ___ Densely built-up ___
Residential X Industrial X Commercial X 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: Two large oaks

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)
This is another example of a picturesque and ornately embellished house built from stock materials without the aid of an architect. This elegant cottage was built in 1894 for James Watson, a native of Ireland, who settled in Sonoma County near Freestone in 1853. James, Jr. came to Sonoma County at the age of nine. He had this home built and bought seventeen acres of prune and vineyards on land that adjoined his father-in-law, W.W. Ferguson's, ranch. (Ferguson came to area in 1857, settled on that site in 1866.) Ferguson died in 1904 and his widow, Martha, sold the property to the Alfred Butts family in 1904. The Butts family continued the orchard farm until recent years, and still retain ownership of the property.

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).
Hist. So. Co. 1889, 1926
So. Co. Atlas 1877, 1898
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