

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: _____
2. Historic name: Col. John Favour/Banks House
3. Street or rural address: 15105 Grove Street
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 089-081-07-9
5. Present Owner: Proctor, Wm. M. Address: 527 Tucker Street
City Healdsburg, CA 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:

This two-story house has a two story front bay which is slanted on the first story square above. The rear of the open gabled end, flares out to a one-story side bay. The house has a boxed cornice with the closed gables of the bays having cut shingles. The front bay has a sawn and spindled gable and brace and a corner brace with pendant between the two-stories. The windows are double-hung and some are placed in pairs. The siding is channel rustic. Half of the front and side has a massive concrete porch with a slightly hipped roof. The pillars are square and tapered and the sides of the stairs and balustrade are solid with a wide, flat cap.



8. Construction date:
Estimated 1870 Factual _____
9. Architect _____
10. Builder _____
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage _____ Depth _____
or approx. acreage 1.13
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
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13. Condition: Excellent Good _____ Fair _____ Deteriorated _____ No longer in existence _____
14. Alterations: Additions (see description)
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: _____

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)
Built circa 1870 as the first residence of Col. John Favour, born in New York in 1838, this structure is an extremely visable part of Grove Street, a suburban residential area of prestige from 1880 to the present. Favour built this home originally on the town's main street, Healdsburg Avenue. Favour, a veteran of the Civil War, who had settled in Downieville, California, in 1859, and in Healdsburg in 1867, quickly became wealthy by ownership of the Albertson Lumber Company, and later served as president of the Bank of Healdsburg and served thirteen years as a city trustee. He died in 1926. The home was purchased and moved to this site circa 1890 by John Banks, a native of Scotland born in 1852. The Banks family maintained ownership of this residence and the surrounding prune orchards until recent years. Although marred by the later porch addition, this classic Queen Anne structure remains structurally unaltered.

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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