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### HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

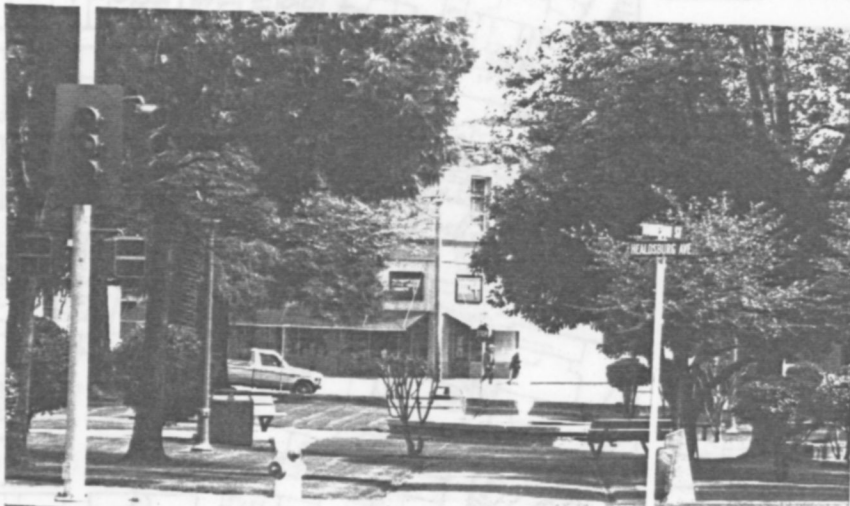
#### IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Plaza
2. Historic name: Plaza
3. Street or rural address: 300 Healdsburg Avenue  
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 002-181-000
5. Present Owner: City of Healdsburg Address: 126 Matheson Street  
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 Ownership is: Public  Private \_\_\_\_\_
6. Present Use: Public Original use: Public Square

#### DESCRIPTION

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

A public park centrally located in the commercial core area. Star-shaped walkways radiate from a central pool/fountain. Redwood trees, orange trees, and camelia bushes among others comprise the landscaping.



8. Construction date: Estimated \_\_\_\_\_ Factual 1857

9. Architect \_\_\_\_\_

10. Builder \_\_\_\_\_

11. Approx. property size (in feet)  
Frontage \_\_\_\_\_ Depth \_\_\_\_\_  
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: \_\_\_\_\_
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.)  
 In 1857 Harmon Heald formed the plaza on the original plot map of the town. From 1857 to 1873 the plaza retained its native vegetation and served mainly as a parking lot for wagons. In 1873 pressure from local citizens caused the clearing of the native oak and madrone vegetation, fill and grading, perimeter fencing, star-shaped walkways, and the planting of pine, firs, and eucalyptus "at random". In 1878 a bell tower and bandstand were built, and all previous vegetation cleared to make way for a meticulously maintained Italianate (mushroom-shaped trees and shrubs) plaza. In the mid 1890's, the bell tower was razed for the construction of an ornate gazebo, and in 1896, the mushroom-shaped trees were also eliminated. But by 1900 the gazebo was replaced by a granite drinking fountain and a bandstand, and a more relaxed atmosphere was created by planting Kentucky Blue Grass, rose bushes, citrus trees, and palms. The bandstand and the plaza, under its various manifestations, was the central gathering point for community political orations, weekend commercial and musical events, and casual social interaction from 1880 until approximately 1942 when the last Saturday evening band concert was held.

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).  
 Photographic (Langhart Museum)

22. Date form prepared August 11, 1983  
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