

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION

- 1. Common name: Memorial Beach
- 2. Historic name: Memorial Beach
- 3. Street or rural address: Healdsburg Avenue
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 County Sonoma
- 4. Parcel number: 088-170-13-9
- 5. Present Owner: County of Sonoma Address: 255 5 Mendocino Ave.
City Santa Rosa, CA Zip 95401 Ownership is: Public _____ Private _____
- 6. Present Use: Public Original use: Public

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural style: None
- 7b. Briefly describe the present *physical description* of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

Riverfront beach



- 8. Construction date: Estimated _____ Factual 1946
- 9. Architect _____
- 10. Builder _____
- 11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage _____ Depth _____
or approx. acreage 7.235
- 12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)

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.)

Having served at one time as the site of the Farrance farmhouse which was washed away in a flood, and a Red Crown gasoline station, this park/beach was built as a County memorial to World War II in 1946. Hailed as a "living memorial" as opposed to memorials built in other cities which were labelled "foolish, horrible bric-a-brac" in a 1946 newspaper article, this beach was sponsored by the Healdsburg American Legion. This beach also turned out to be a highly profitable memorial for Healdsburg, in that it draws more tourists and recreation-seekers than any other like facility in the county.

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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