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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

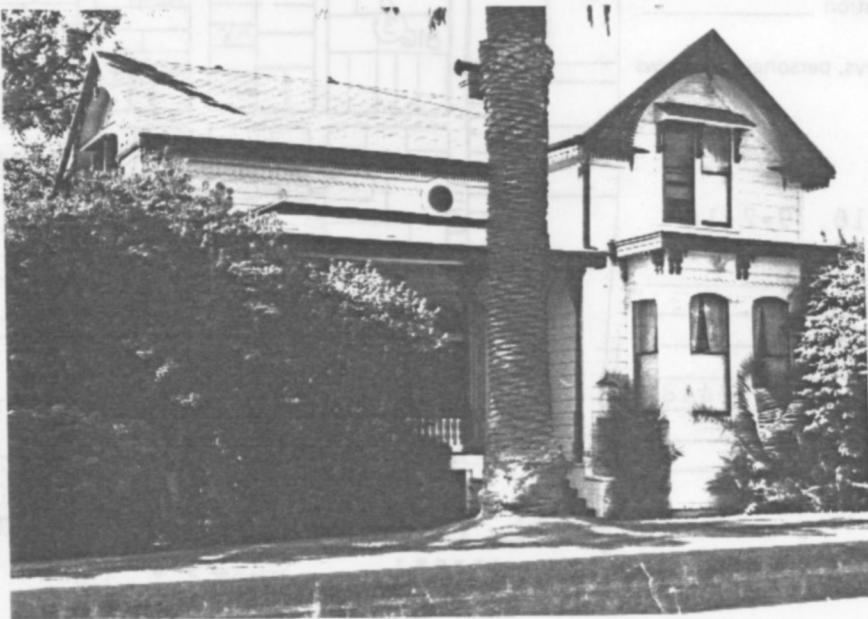
IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: J.W. Ragsdale House
Dr. J.S. Stone House
2. Historic name: _____
3. Street or rural address: 607 Johnson Street
City Healdsburg Zip 95448 County _____
4. Parcel number: 002-091-11
5. Present Owner: Mortensen, Paul M. & Nellafay Address: 607 Johnson St.
City Healdsburg Zip 95448 Ownership is: Public _____ Private
6. Present Use: Residential Original use: Residential

DESCRIPTION

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

This house with square bay under gable end has many decorative elements found in earlier eastern house plan books including heavily sawn bargeboards, brackets with drop finials, square columns with brackets and sawn lace under eaves and gables.



8. Construction date: Estimated _____ Factual 1885
9. Architect _____
10. Builder _____
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 143 Depth 152
or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
08 Oct. 1982 23/00

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.)

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The style of this 1885 home is typical of plans found in eastern architectural journals from 1850 to 1865, and illustrates the sometimes 20 year fashion delay between the coasts (or the conservative nature of the builder). It was built for J.W. Ragsdale, a real estate speculator and owner of the "Russian River Flag" and "Santa Rosa Republican" newspapers. He sold the home one year later to Dr. J.S. Stone, a prominent local physician. In 1890 Mrs. Catherine Byington purchased it for a summer residence, her son Charles taking it over when he married Kate Ryan in 1893. A prominent merchant, Byington also served a city trustee and Deputy County Clerk. The Byingtons lived out their lives here. Charles died in 1936, Kate in 1966.

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).
Hist. So. Co. 1937
Asses. 1890
1900 Census
Trib: 8-22-1895, 2-17-16, 9-2-18
SC Trib: 8-24-1893
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