

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

Ser. No. _____
HABS _____ HAER _____ NR 4 SHL _____ Loc _____
UTM: A10/512120/4274080B _____
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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: _____
2. Historic name: John Favour House
3. Street or rural address: 523 Mason
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 002-282-18
5. Present Owner: Taylor, Emma Address: 523 Mason
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Residential Original use: Residential

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural style: Italianate
- 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 with two-story square bay has a truncated hip roof with a molded, boxed cornice and plain frieze. To the right, is a one-story addition. The windows are double-hung with plain frames. Plain, open brackets support small gables over the doors. The original siding has been covered by asbestos. What appears to be the original front door has small, molded, lower panels and narrow arched panes above.



8. Construction date:
Estimated 1880 Factual _____
9. Architect _____
10. Builder _____
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 209 Depth 245
or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
30 Sep 82 25/18

13. Condition: Excellent ___ Good ___ Fair X Deteriorated ___ No longer in existence ___
14. Alterations: Siding
15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land ___ Scattered buildings ___ Densely built-up ___
Residential X Industrial ___ Commercial ___ Other: ___
16. Threats to site: None known ___ Private development ___ Zoning 022 Vandalism ___
Public Works project ___ Other: ___
17. Is the structure: On its original site? X Moved? ___ Unknown? ___
18. Related features: Large lot with fruit and evergreen trees

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)
Col. John Favour is listed in tax assessment records as owning this property in 1877 and this particular home is shown in an 1884 litho. This was Favour's second home, his first now located on Grove Street (See 089-081-07-9). Favour was extremely wealthy, the Albertson Lumber Mill which he owned and managed being the greatest source of his wealth. Favour was also the President of the Healdsburg Bank for many years and a city trustee for 13 years. He is credited with the erection of the city waterworks. Favour's first wife, Jane, committed suicide in 1915 by hanging herself in the barn of this house. In 1916, Favour married Alverta Clark who was well known in musical circles in Santa Barbara. Favour died in Healdsburg in 1926.
In spite of being covered in asbestos shingles and having had some of its ornamentation removed, this structure still retains its formal "Italianate" feeling.

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. of So. Co. 1937
Tax Assess. 1877
1884 Litho
22. Date form prepared August 12, 1983
By (name) Langhart Museum (clm)
Organization City of Healdsburg
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