

### HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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HABS \_\_\_\_\_ HAER \_\_\_\_\_ NR 4 SHL \_\_\_\_\_ Loc \_\_\_\_\_  
UTM: A 104114404274340 B \_\_\_\_\_  
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#### IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Decker Building
2. Historic name: Kruse Building
3. Street or rural address: 112 Matheson Street  
City Healdsburg Zip 95448 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 002-242-10
5. Present Owner: Jenkins, Genny D. Address: P. O. Box 1196  
City Healdsburg Zip 95448 Ownership is: Public \_\_\_\_\_ Private X
6. Present Use: Commercial Original use: Commercial

#### 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 building is a good example of an Italianate style false front with the slanted projecting bays on the upper level. The parapet is nicely detailed with a bracketed cornice with a frieze design. The lower commercial level has been altered losing some of the significance of the era.



8. Construction date:  
Estimated \_\_\_\_\_ Factual 1900
9. Architect A. J. Barnett
10. Builder W. H. Chaney
11. Approx. property size (in feet)  
Frontage 66 Depth 132  
or approx. acreage \_\_\_\_\_
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)  
01 Sept 1982

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.)  
This is the only substantial victorian commercial building with any architectural integrity left on the square. Some amount of the original iron front facade on the ground level still exists.  
Built in 1900, this building was hailed as the most modern in town. Designed by A. J. Barnett of San Francisco, it was built by W. H. Chaney under the direction of Fred A. Kruse. It was first occupied downstairs by Wells, Fargo & Co., Western Union and Vitousek & Co. Shoe Store. Upstairs the dental office of Dr. J.M. McClish, Dr. H. G. Hewitt and a photograph gallery, there were also housekeeping rooms upstairs. Over the years, the building has been in constant use. Today the downstairs shops are still used for commercial purposes, while the upstairs has been restored and remodeled for use as a bed and breakfast inn.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)  
Architecture 1 Arts & Leisure \_\_\_\_\_  
Economic/Industrial 2 Exploration/Settlement \_\_\_\_\_  
Government \_\_\_\_\_ Military \_\_\_\_\_  
Religion \_\_\_\_\_ Social/Education \_\_\_\_\_
21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).  
Langhart Museum  
Healdsburg Tribune 3/7/1901
22. Date form prepared July 26, 1983  
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