

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Mill Street Lumber
2. Historic name: L. A. Norton Ranch
3. Street or rural address: 44 Mill Street
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 002-251-20-5
5. Present Owner: Humphrey, Wayne & Lorraine Address: 44 Mill Street
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Commercial Original use: Residential

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural style: Homestead
- 7b. Briefly describe the present *physical description* of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:
This house consists of a two story section with gable ends with what appears to be a one story gabled addition. The ornamental gable and porch work are an obvious later attempt at restoration.



8. Construction date:
Estimated 1862 Factual _____
9. Architect _____
10. Builder _____
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 253 Depth 734
or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
03 Sep 82 12/32

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

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)
Although exterior details have been altered this house dates to 1862. This parcel was originally purchased from Harmon Heald, the town's founder, in 1857 by H.M. Willson. Willson, born in New Jersey in 1814, came across the plains to California in 1849, and in 1853 went into business with Harmon Heald at his pioneer grocery. Willson probably built this house in 1862 and sold it and part of the acreage to Col. L.A. Norton in 1876. Considered a suburban ranch property at that time, Norton, a pioneer lawyer who became well-known in Placerville before coming to Healdsburg in 1857 to settle the squatter's land disputes, planted a small orchard and built several outbuildings. For many years after Norton sold the property, it served as the Sanitary Dairy, the house belonging to local contractor and dairyman, George Day.

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 I
Government ___ Military ___
Religion ___ Social/Education ___

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates). Prop. Deed 1876-1950
So. Co. Atlas 1877, 1898
Hist. Hbg, 1917
Hist. So. Co. 1880
Ent. 9/18/1879, 3/22/19
Int.: Wayne Humphrey 2/83

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