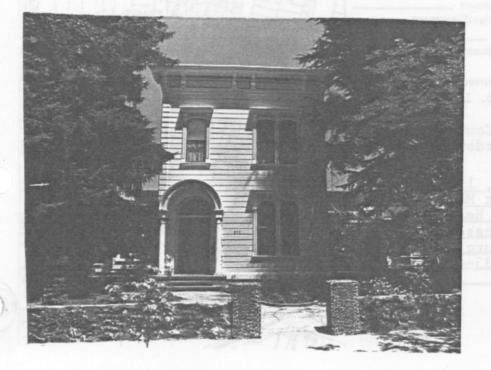
State of California – The Resources Agency DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY	Ser. No HABS HAER NR <u>3</u> SHL Loc UTM: A 10/511600/4274580B C D
DENTIFICATION 1. Common name: Dr. Seawell's Hous 2. Historic name: Powell Mansion 211 North S	 Threats to site: None Known X_Private development Public Works project
 Street or rural address: 211 North S City_ Healdsburg 	
4. Parcel number: 002-161-25	SIGNIFICANCE
5. Present Owner: Lewand, Raymond G	& Delmas PAddress: 211 North Street
CityHealdsburgZip	95448 Ownership is: Public Private X
6. Present Use: <u>Commercial</u>	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 is a two story building with the typical Italianate roof and cornice bracketed detailing. The exterior materials are horizontal siding stop at the corners with a quoine type detailing. The entrance of the building is set off by a deeply recessed door with a paladian type fan light transom. The roof of the entrance is supported with doric columns and pilasters. There is a rear extension to the building which is done in the same architecture as the original. Sonoma County Atlas 1877 shows a flat bracketed portico on this building. Apparently the columned portico was added when the later addition was done.



• 11	Construction date: Estimated Factual 1871_ Architect	
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э.	Builder William H. Middleton	
1.	Approx. property size (in feet) Frontage <u>89</u> Depth <u>323</u> or approx. acreage	
2.	Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s) 19 Aug 1982	

13.	Condition: Excellent X_Good Fair Deteriorated No longer in existence
14.	Alterations:
15.	Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open landScattered buildings Densely built-up Residential Industrial Commercial Other:
16.	Threats to site: None known X Private development 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.)

This house is an example of the more formal and stoic Italianate that characterized the earlier dwellings of the period. There is a noticeable lack of any exuberant millworking details characteristic of later houses. Built by one of Healdsburg's most wealthy, and influential pioneers in 1871, this recently-restored structure is a pivoted landmark of the North Street district. Born in Tennessee in 1824, Powell came to the California mines in 1849 and to Healdsburg in 1856, opening a pioneer grocery. Powell eventually became the largest landowner in northern Sonoma County after switching to real estate in 1860. Powell had two Healdsburg streets named after him, helped organize the Farmers and Mechanics Bank, and survived five wives before his death in 1910. In 1892 he sold this home to build another (see 089-110-07). Most important to current local memory are the second residents (1892 to 1969) the Dr. J.W. Seawell family. The most known and loved doctor ever to have lived in Healdsburg (delivering most of the new population in that era), Seawell ran a sanitarium and hospital in an addition to this residence and later helped found the first Healdsburg General Hospital in 1920 before his death in 1937.

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 _2

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates). Hist. So. Co. 1880, 1889, 1911 Langhart Museum History of Sonoma County, p. 895-7 Russian River Recorder (fall & Win. Tax Asses.: 1867-1892 1982)

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