

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

Ser. No. _____
HABS _____ HAER _____ NR 3 SHL _____ Loc _____
UTM: A 105112807274500 B _____
C _____ D _____

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Purity Chemical
2. Historic name: Cerri Bros. Warehouse/Rosenberg Packing Company
3. Street or rural address: 3 North Street
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 002-173-21
5. Present Owner: Purity Chemical Products Co. Address: P.O. Box 534
City Santa Rosa, CA Zip 95402 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Commercial Original use: Industrial

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural style: False Front Commercial
- 7b. Briefly describe the present physical description of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:
This large metal warehouse building has a false front with stepped parapet. The front facing is sculptured to resemble rough cut field-stone. This structure is an early Soule Steel commercial/ industrial building.



8. Construction date:
Estimated _____ Factual 1922
9. Architect _____
10. Builder Healdsburg Machine Shop
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 96 Depth 216
or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
16 Aug 1982 07/27

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 structure, built for the Cerri and Maggenti Grocery (see 002-172-02) by the Healdsburg Machine Shop in 1922, was the first Soule Steel building in Healdsburg. First utilized as a warehouse for the grocery, it became the Rosenberg Fruit Packing Plant circa 1930. Prunes were dried and shipped from this shed. During Prohibition, raw sugar would be delivered here by the N.W.P. spur truck to be picked up and made into alcohol by Dry Creek Valley moonshiners. Del Monte later took over the plant, and its most recent use has been a storage area for Purity Chemical Products.

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
Int.: Charlie Scalione 1/83
Chris Scalse 12/82
Hbg. Ent.: 6/29/22
Ent.: 6/29/22
22. Date form prepared August 30, 1983
By (name) Langhart Museum (clm)
Organization City of Healdsburg
Address: 133 Matheson Street
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448
Phone: (707) 433-4717

