

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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UTM: A 10511640 B 4274740  
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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Historic name: J. B. Beeson Home
3. Street or rural address: 216 Piper Street  
City Healdsburg Ca. Zip 95448 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 002-161-21-4
5. Present Owner: Andersen Christian & Veola F Address: 216 Piper Street  
City Healdsburg, Ca Zip 95448 Ownership is: Public \_\_\_\_\_ Private X
6. Present Use: residential Original use: residence

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural style: Non-specific cottage
- 7b. Briefly describe the present *physical description* of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

This 1½ story cottage has open gables at each end with a closed gable centered over the front entry. The open gables are sheathed in rustic siding as is the rest of the house. The front gable is filled in with cut shingles. The cornice is boxed and returned at the gables. The double hung windows are set both singly and in pairs, with a constructed and bracketed hood over each. The ornamental front door is set in a shallow angled vestibule. The entry portico has a hip roof supported by turned columns with brackets and turned fretwork between.



8. Construction date:  
Estimated \_\_\_\_\_ Factual 1869
9. Architect \_\_\_\_\_
10. Builder \_\_\_\_\_
11. Approx. property size (in feet)  
Frontage 63 Depth 166.87  
or approx. acreage \_\_\_\_\_
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)  
19 Aug 82 09/34

13. Condition: Excellent \_\_\_ Good X Fair \_\_\_ Deteriorated \_\_\_ No longer in existence \_\_\_
14. Alterations: \_\_\_\_\_
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 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.)

This structure appears to be another example of early homestead architecture with later additions of decorative millwork to update the structure. J.B. Beeson, born in North Carolina in 1818, and his wife, Caroline, born in Connecticut in 1819, came to California by ox-team to Sacramento in 1852. After mining in Sacramento, the family joined relatives in the Alexander Valley near Healdsburg in 1859, and in 1869 moved to Healdsburg and built a home on this site. J.B. ran a mercantile business, which his son, Edward Isaac, born in Sacramento in 1858, inherited along with the property in 1875. In 1896 Edward opened a saloon that became the best known in Healdsburg, "The Palace Saloon".

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. So. Co. 1911  
Int.: Maude Cummings  
Assess. 1869

22. Date form prepared July 24, 1983  
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