

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Historic name: Biddle Home
3. Street or rural address: 226 Piper St.  
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 002-161-19
5. Present Owner: Arreguin Ruben & Lu Address: 186 Spring St.  
City Fort Bragg, CA. Zip 95437 Ownership is: Public \_\_\_\_\_ Private X
6. Present Use: residential Original use: residence

DESCRIPTION

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

This 1 3/4 story house with gabled roof, has open gables which are sheathed in rustic siding, as is the balance of the house. The double hung windows have a small cap molding over them and are placed singly and in pairs around the structure. The cornice is boxed with sawn brackets and has curved constructed barge of shingles. The small front verandah has turned columns with brackets with a sawn and molded balustrode. The porch roof has a gable with vertical siding filling in and a shingled barge.



8. Construction date:  
Estimated \_\_\_\_\_ Factual 1875
9. Architect \_\_\_\_\_
10. Builder \_\_\_\_\_
11. Approx. property size (in feet)  
Frontage 40.35 Depth 165.71  
or approx. acreage \_\_\_\_\_
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)  
19 Aug 82 09/36

13. Condition: Excellent \_\_\_ Good X Fair \_\_\_ Deteriorated \_\_\_ No longer in existence \_\_\_
14. Alterations: Extension 2 story shed addition at rear, & small attached garage east side
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? X Moved? \_\_\_ Unknown? \_\_\_
18. Related features: front part and eastlake portions added after 1884 see history

#### SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)

The otherwise modest decor of this structure is offset by the unusual curved shingled barge, making it a very noticeable structure in the neighborhood. Dr. Benjamin R. Biddle, born July 2, 1808, in Virginia, built a simple two story Queen Anne farmhouse when he retired in Healdsburg in 1875. Biddle first came to California in 1849, there- after crossing the plains three times, and on the last trip brought his family to Oregon where he served as Indian Agent on the Siletz Reservation. He also served as County Clerk and ran a successful drug store there, where he earned the title of "doctor". Biddle was a leading citizen of Healdsburg until his death in 1882, at which time his son, Dr. E.W. Biddle, a Healdsburg dentist, inherited the property and probably made the additions circa 1890.

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).

Ent.: 5-29-1879  
Russian River Recorder: 9-21-1882  
Lithograph 1884

22. Date form prepared July 25, 1983  
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