

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

NOTE: discovery of 1875 photograph shows church originally had short tower with square belfry extending up from crest of front roofline. The belfry and tower were truncated (probably at time of reconstruction) and tower was replaced by present steeple.
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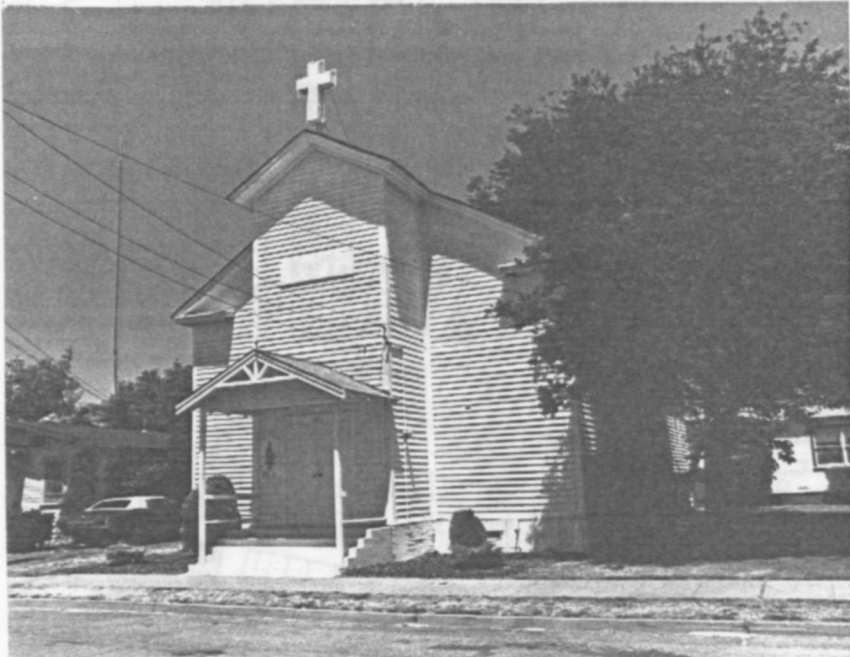
IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Redwood Four Square Church
2. Historic name: Northern Methodist Church
3. Street or rural address: 241 Piper Street
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 002-122-13
5. Present Owner: Redwood Four Square Church Address: 241 Piper Street
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Church Original use: Church

DESCRIPTION

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

This simple rectangular church has a narrow bay forming the entry vestibule. The gable roof has closed cornice with plain frieze and returns on the gable ends. Four tall narrow windows are placed on each side. A small gabled entry portico is supported by square posts and has a simple gable brace. The siding is narrow rustic.



8. Construction date:
Estimated _____ Factual 1870
9. Architect _____
10. Builder _____
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 90 Depth 98
or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
13 Oct 1982 25/29
14/29

*NOTE: discovery of 1872 photograph shows church originally had short tower with square belfry extending up from crest of front roofline. The belfry and tower were truncated (probably at time of moving building) flush to roofline. Porch is a later addition. All else original

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 X
Residential X 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? ___ Moved? X Unknown? ___
18. Related features: _____

SIGNIFICANCE

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

This structure, one of the oldest remaining local churches, is an excellent example of unadorned settlement era church and meeting hall architecture. It was built in 1870 for the Northern Methodist-Episcopal congregation (distinct from the Methodist-Episcopal South). The Northern Methodist congregation was already established when they built their first church building on the south side of the downtown plaza in 1857. After selling that building to the Presbyterians, they built this building on the northeast corner of Fitch and Haydon Streets. It was moved to this location in 1920. In 1924 the two Methodist-Episcopal congregations merged, and by 1933 the Presbyterians joined them to form the Federated Church.

This building was purchased by the Redwood Foursquare Church in the 1940's, a branch of the Foursquare Church in Los Angeles founded by Amie Semple McPherson in the 1920's.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)
Architecture 2 Arts & Leisure ___
Economic/Industrial ___ Exploration/Settlement ___
Government ___ Military ___
Religion 1 Social/Education ___

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).
Tax Asses.: 1870
Vintage Memories 1979

22. Date form prepared August 15, 1983
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