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### HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

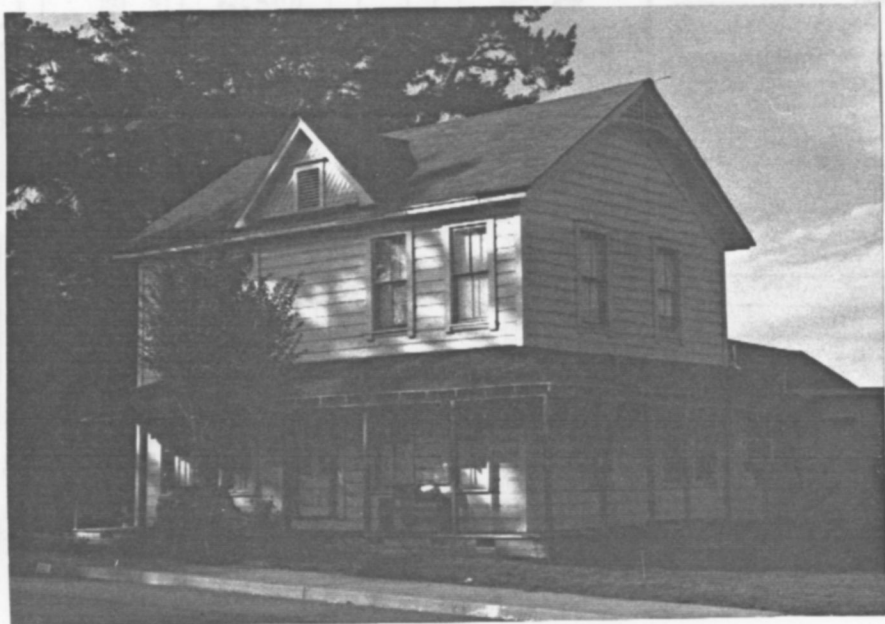
#### IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Joseph Priest House  
Ellen White House
2. Historic name: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Street or rural address: 201 Powell Avenue  
City Healdsburg Zip 95448 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 002=470-13
5. Present Owner: Coop, Lester E. & Dawn Address: 201 Powell Avenue  
City Healdsburg Zip 95448 Ownership is: Public \_\_\_\_\_ Private X
6. Present Use: Residential Original use: Residential

#### DESCRIPTION

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

This large two-story Homestead style house, built in 1870, is a single gable form with a gabled dormer above the central entrance. The windows are tall narrow 2/2. A shed roof porch extends across the front and down one side. The entrance door has two vertical glass panels, glass side lights and transom.



8. Construction date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Estimated \_\_\_\_\_ Factual 1871
9. Architect \_\_\_\_\_
10. Builder \_\_\_\_\_
11. Approx. property size (in feet)  
Frontage 135 Depth 341  
or approx. acreage \_\_\_\_\_
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)  
02 Nov 1982 3/10

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 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.)

Ellen G. White, a founder and prophetess of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, lived in this simple homestead. Although originally built for \$2,000 by physician Joseph H. Priest in 1871, White lived here from 1882 to 1908, embellishing it during her stay with cut shingles, gable braces, and a dormer window.

Born in Main in 1827, White was considered by her church to be a prophetess of God and reportedly wrote many of her best-selling religious books in this house. She was instrumental in founding the Adventist-run Healdsburg College in 1882 and traveled worldwide, spending ten years in Australia and New Zealand. The prophetess, who reportedly called this town a "beautiful, beautiful place", lived here until the college was relocated to Angwin in Napa County.

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).

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