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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: _____
2. Historic name: Coffman House
3. Street or rural address: 539 Tucker Street
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 02-222-13-0
5. Present Owner: Fitzpatrick, Thomas F. Jr. & Helen Address: 56 Grandview Ave.
City San Francisco, CA Zip 94114 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Residential Original use: Residence

DESCRIPTION

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

This one story cottage has a hip roof with boxed cornice supported by paired brackets. The tall narrow windows are double hung and paired. The small hip roof dormer is a later addition and contains a fixed sash with diagonal panes. The hip roof verandah extends across the front and left side and large turned columns atop a solid balustrade supporting the roof. The original rustic siding has been covered with stucco.



8. Construction date:
Estimated _____ Factual 1885
9. Architect _____
10. Builder _____
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 75 Depth 171.44
or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
Sept. 17, 1982 16/28

13. Condition: Excellent ___ Good X Fair ___ Deteriorated ___ No longer in existence ___
14. Alterations: 1900 additions
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 ___ Zoning 010 Vandalism ___
Public Works project ___ Other: ___
17. Is the structure: On its original site? yes Moved? ___ Unknown? ___
18. Related features: ___

SIGNIFICANCE

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

This house show the change from "Italianate" to a more transitional feeling by the addition of a later style roof dormer and porch. Although the original structure has been covered in stucco., this house still retains a strong feeling of the period.

"Judge" James T. Coffman, born in Ohio in 1860, lived in this house from 1885 until his death in the 1940's. He became the most active, civically-connected, respected, and wealthy attorney of his era. Being influenced by his father who had been at the California mines from 1850 to 1853 before returning to Ohio, James came to Santa Rosa to study with a law firm in 1883. Admitted to the bar in 1885, he came to Healdsburg and within 2 years was justice of the peace and city recorder, positions he held until 1893. In that year he married Jennie Luce, daughter of a pioneer Sonoma County family. He practiced law well into his 80's and served terms as president of the Sonoma County Bar Association, city trustee, school trustee, city attorney, and built a downtown commercial building. "Judge" was a title of respect conferred informally by the community at-large.

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).

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22. Date form prepared July 25, 1983
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