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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Mr. C.L. and Dr. M.V. Kimball House
2. Historic name: Mrs. Lucinda Rackliffe House
3. Street or rural address: 544 Tucker Street
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 002-281-23-6
5. Present Owner: Eddinger, Gerald & Mary Lou Address: 307 North Street
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Residential Original use: _____

DESCRIPTION

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

This two story house has front and side gables with returns, a boxed cornice and quoins on corners. The siding is channel rustic with vertical boards skirting the foundation. In front is a one story slanted bay with molded panels below the windows and molded ornaments above. The gables have molded buttons set within a grid. Windows are double-hung with molded frames. Above the front door, which has a glass pane above molded panels, is a transom. The front porch has beaded square columns supporting a flat roof with a molded cornice. A second story door opens onto the porch roof. Alterations include replacement of some of the siding, some sliding aluminum windows and a rear addition.



8. Construction date:
Estimated _____ Factual pre-1873
9. Architect _____
10. Builder _____
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 73.12 Depth 320
or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
9/82

13. Condition: Excellent _____ Good _____ Fair Deteriorated _____ No longer in existence _____
14. Alterations: east side addition circa 1889; quoins & waffle pattern gable may have been added circa 1889; upper story veranda removed; siding
15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land _____ Scattered buildings _____ Densely built-up _____ replaced on front.
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? Moved? _____ Unknown? _____
18. Related features: _____

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)
This home is the only one in this area with the waffle-pattern in the gables. Also, the beaded square columns are not common on homes of this period in this area. The porch roof was probably topped by a balustrade at one time, but is otherwise in an unaltered condition.
- This house appears in an 1884 and 1876 lithograph of Healdsburg. It was apparently built by Mrs. P.K. Racliffe, a widow who moved here from a farm in Dry Creek Valley when her husband died in 1872. The Rackliffs came from Missouri. Lucinda Racliffe remarried (W.T. Allen) about 1882 and sold the home to John Morrison about whom nothing is known. In 1889 the home was purchased by C.L. Kimball and his doctor wife, Margaret V. Kimball, one of the few women doctors in California at that time. The Kimballs came to Healdsburg from Alpena, Michigan. Mr. Kimball purchased and ran a lumber mill in town for many years and Dr. Kimball built an addition to the east end of the house at the rear for her medical office. She specialized in obstetrics. C.L. died in 1910, M.V. in 1913.

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

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).
1876 & 1884 litho.; tax assess.;
Sandborn insurance maps;
Enterprise: 4/17/1889; 12/11/1889;
Tribune: 12/22/04; 3/16/10; 4/24/13;
oral: Mrs. Bernice Hansen, Oakland

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