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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: "L'Auberg du Sans-souci," a Bed and Breakfast Inn
2. Historic name: John Miller House
3. Street or rural address: 25 West Grant Street
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 002-101-01
5. Present Owner: U.S. Small Business Adm., R. Weiss Address: 2160 W. Dry Creek Rd.
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Commercial Original use: Packing House

DESCRIPTION

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

This is the John Miller home, a Queen Anne built in 1890. Gabled bays with shingled ends and gabled dormers have pediments with partial returns. Some of the double-hung windows have upper panes of an arrow pattern. The windows in the dormers are colored glass. A porch extends around one corner and has a balustrade of square concrete posts topped with square tapered wood pillars. Surrounding the property is a wrought-iron fence with square pillars of natural stone.



8. Construction date: Estimated _____ Factual 1902
9. Architect _____
10. Builder Samuel S. Kirkham
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 156 Depth 373
or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
28 Oct 82 30/21

13. Condition: Excellent ___ Good ___ Fair Deteriorated ___ No longer in existence ___
14. Alterations: _____
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? Moved? ___ Unknown? ___
18. Related features: Stone Retaining wall

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)
This house shows some leanings toward a more transitional style with narrow lap siding common to neo-classical house and the decorative pattern of the glass in the windows also being common to later styles.
John F. Miller was the second man to dry prunes commercially in the area. He and his wife, Minnie, came to Healdsburg from Missouri. This house was built by Minnie's father, Lt. Kirkham in 1902. The Miller's grew prunes and opened the fruit packing business on land adjacent to the house. Mrs. Miller opened a millinery shop in town to help support the ranch. The Miller's were friends of Luther Burbank, the famous horticulturalist. He landscaped their garden with some of the species of plants that he developed. The house is now "L'Auberg du Sans-souci", a Bed and Breakfast Inn.

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).
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