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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: _____
2. Historic name: Miller Packing House
3. Street or rural address: 55 West Grant Street
City Healdsburg Zip 95448 County _____
4. Parcel number: 002-101-07
5. Present Owner: U.S. Small Business Adm., R. Weiss Address: 2160 W. Dry Creek Road
City Healdsburg Zip 95448 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Commercial Original use: Packing House

DESCRIPTION

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

This large single gable industrial building was constructed in 1913 of corrugated metal. A ventilator with swing windows appears at the center of the roof-line. At the rear is a two-story twin-single gabled concrete block structure used as an apple dryer when the front building was occupied by Miller Packing Company.



8. Construction date: Estimated _____ Factual 1913
9. Architect _____
10. Builder _____
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 156 Depth 373
or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
28 Oct. 1982 30/21

13. Condition: Excellent ___ Good ___ Fair X 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 X Commercial X 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.)
Prunes have always been an integral part of Healdsburg's agricultural base, becoming the predominant cash crop between 1925 and 1970. Second to dry prunes commercially, John F. Miller and many other partners started a packing plant near the present Railroad Depot between Fitch and Hudson Streets circa 1906; the prune drying yards were on Matheson and First Streets, and at this site were sulphur houses and small drying yards. In 1913 Miller, the partner to Hotchkiss, built this packing house.
Miller Packing Co. packed apples, dried prunes, and pears. During WWII, the plant dehydrated potatoes, carrots, apples, and prunes for the soldiers, producing basically all of the vegetables used in the war.
The building is now occupied by Robert Weiss ceramics.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)
Architecture ___ Arts & Leisure ___
Economic/Industrial X Exploration/Settlement ___
Government ___ Military ___
Religion ___ Social/Education ___
21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).
Trib: 7/12/06; 3/6/13
Int: Eleanor Miller Schwab 7/14/83
Dwall Beel, Charlie Scaleoni,
Cecil Petray, Robert Weiss
22. Date form prepared July 20, 1983
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