

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION AND LOCATION

- 1. Historic name L.A. Norton Cottage
- \* 2. Common or current name \_\_\_\_\_
- \* 3. Number & street 20 West Grant Street Cross-corridor \_\_\_\_\_  
City Healdsburg Vicinity only \_\_\_\_\_ Zip 95448 County Sonoma
- 4. UTM zone 10 A 511080 E B 4273880 N C \_\_\_\_\_ D \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Quad map No. 518D Parcel No. 3-040-04 Other \_\_\_\_\_

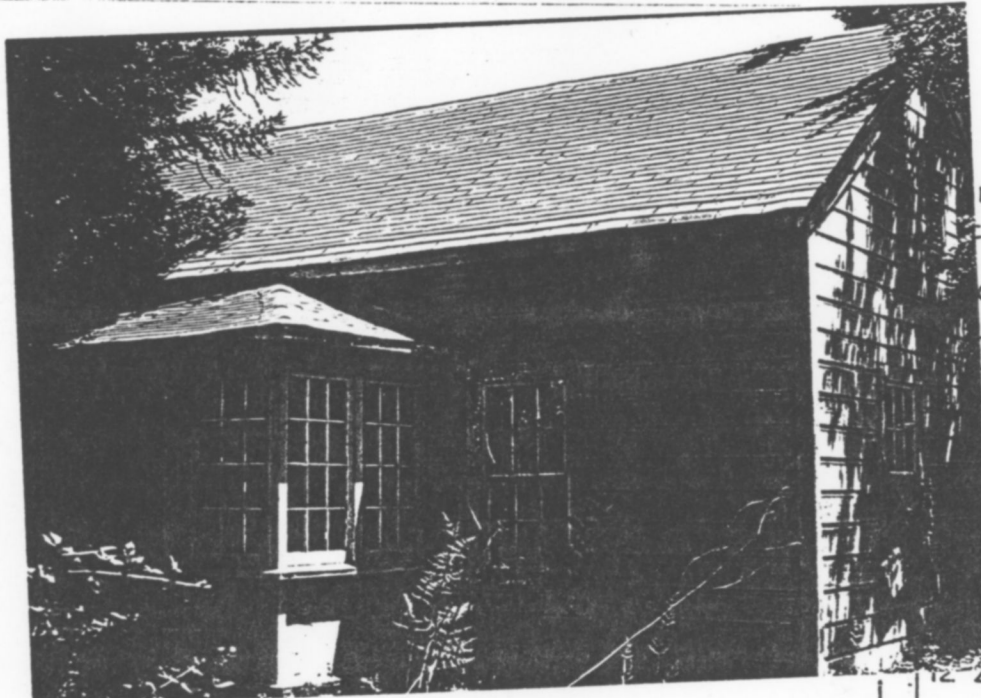
Ser. No. \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
National Register status 672  
Local designation \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIPTION

- 6. Property category Building If district, number of documented resources \_\_\_\_\_

\* 7. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the property, including condition, boundaries, related features, surroundings, and (if appropriate) architectural style.

The building is a side-gabled, single story, wood frame house. At the rear it has a shed roof which may well be part of the original construction, as the horizontal drop siding is continuous. The eaves and gables are closed. The front entry is protected by a dropped, hipped roof entry porch cased with 3/4 fixed windows. The front facade is symmetrical consisting of a pair of 3/4 sash windows that flank the doorway. The front of the house faces north. The west side of the house has two sash windows and a louvered attic vent. The east side of the house has one sash and one casement window, and a louvered attic vent. The south side of the house has a back door and one sash window. The roof, which is of normal pitch, is covered with asphalt shingles. The foundation appears to be a combination of perimeter and post and pier. The interior of the house consists of a living room, kitchen, two bedrooms, a small bathroom, and a pantry area. The house appears to be in fair to poor condition.



Planning agency  
City of Healdsburg Community Development  
Owner & address  
McClenny Group  
92 State St. #220  
Santa Barbara, CA 93105

Type of ownership Private  
Present use Commercial  
Zoning ML (Limited Industrial)

13. Threats \_\_\_\_\_

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\* Complete these items for historic preservation compliance projects under Section 106 (36 CFR 800). All items must be completed for historical resources survey information.

**HISTORICAL INFORMATION**

- \*14. Construction date(s) unknown Original location west side of Healdsburg Ave. Date moved 1960's
- 15. Alterations & date Front porch, date added unknown.
- 16. Architect unknown Builder unknown
- 17. Historic attributes (with number from list) Single Family Property (02)

**SIGNIFICANCE AND EVALUATION**

- 18. Context for evaluation: Theme Residential Architecture Area Healdsburg  
 Period Mid-late 19th Property type Residence Context formally developed? NO

\*19. Briefly discuss the property's importance within the context. Use historical and architectural analysis as appropriate. Compare with similar properties.

This plain house is typical of dwellings of the era in Sonoma County. It is believed to date to the mid-19th century and was owned by L.A. Norton, an important local attorney. It is very unlikely, however, that Norton ever lived in this house; more likely it was a rental. The home was moved to its present location in the 1960's. It was not listed on the 1983 Healdsburg Historic Resource Survey.

It is believed that the home is ineligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, since it was moved from its original location. According to National Register Bulletin 15, a property loses significance if it is moved after its period of significance. In the present case the period of significance is the time during which the house was associated with L.A. Norton.

20. Sources

Clayborn, Hannah (1991) Letter to Jim Hibbs, TRI Realtors, concerning research on house at 20 West Grant Street. Letter on file, Healdsburg Museum research room.

21. Applicable National Register criteria N/A

22. Other recognition \_\_\_\_\_  
 State Landmark No. (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

23. Evaluator Adrian Praetzellis/Sara Atchley  
 Date of evaluation 11 June 1992

24. Survey type Project related

25. Survey name 50001 37/92

\*26. Year form prepared 1992  
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