HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION
1. Common name: 
2. Historic name: J.V. Babst Home
3. Street or rural address: 734 Brown Street
   City Healdsburg Zip 95448 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 002-062-22-2
5. Present Owner: Ellsworth & Elizabeth Taylor Address: 734 Brown Street
   City Healdsburg Zip 95448 Ownership is: Public Private X
6. Present Use: Residential Original use: Residential

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

This two story Queen Anne house with a hip roof with gables sheathed in cut shingles has the lower story covered in narrow rustic siding. The expansive veranda is curved from front to side and has turned columns with brackets supporting the veranda roof and a sawn and turned fretwork and balustrade system. There are two slanted bays on the first floor.

8. Construction date:
   Estimated Factual 1898
9. Architect
10. Builder J. V. Babst
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
    Frontage 100' Depth 162'
or approx. acreage
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
    Oct. 14, 1982
13. Condition: Excellent ★ Good  ____ Fair  ____ Deteriorated  ____ No longer in existence  ____

14. Alterations: __ Living room fireplace

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:  
   Concrete retaining wall.

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)  
   This house is a classic example of Queen Anne, particularly noteworthy for its specially milled curved balustrade and fret-work system and for the varied use of shingles and narrow rustic siding to cover the expansive wall areas. This house shows the ability of an ornamental verandah to alter the whole effect of the house.

   This cottage was built in 1989 by J.V. Babst and sold in 1906 to James W. Seawell. Seawell was born in Missouri in 1859. First a butcher, by 1913, he was prosperous enough to purchase almost an entire block of premium downtown real estate and store buildings facing the Plaza for $50,000.

   Seawell was the father of 3 children, one of whom J. Walter Seawell was the town's most prominent doctor.

   It was restored by recent owners, the John Natterstads and the John Taylors.

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

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).  
   Int.:  J. and E. Taylor 2/83  
   Vintage House Tour 1976

22. Date form prepared:  
   July 27, 1983  
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