Passalacqua House

Henry Passalacqua House

403 Sherman Street

City Healdsburg Zip 95448 County Sonoma

Ownership is: Public

Residential

Period Revival

This rectangular two-story house has a low pitched hip roof with open rafter tails. There is a gabled entry portico topping the recessed central entryway. The front door is flanked by multi-paned side lites. The siding is rustic lap type and the windows are double hung flanked by shutters and are set symmetrically in the facade.

Construction date: Estimated ______ Factual 1936

Architect

Builder

Approx. property size (in feet) Frontage 74 Depth 150
or approx. acreage

Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s) 8/83
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: __________________________

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)

This period revival home was built in 1936 on the site called Pigeon Hill for Miss Vera Moran, a teacher at the local high school, it is thought to be one of the first houses built in town with a government assisted loan.

The house was purchased in the 1940's by Henry Passalacqua a son of a prominent Healdsburg family, who had worked their way out of the Ward District "Italian town" to wealth and social prominence. Henry or "Enrico" as he was called had an illustrious career in the 1920's as a singer of grand opera, touring the continent with his wife Blessilla, and at one time auditioning for the Great Caruso.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)
   Architecture ___ 2 ___ Arts & Leisure ___
   Economic/Industrial ___ Exploration/Settlement ___
   Government ___ Military ___
   Religion ___ Social/Education ___

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).

   Healdsburg Enterprise 4/10/1920
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