HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION
1. Common name: Henry Alexander House
2. Historic name: Henry Alexander House
3. Street or rural address: 528 Fitch Street
   City Healdsburg Zip 95448 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 002-121-26
5. Present Owner: Peterson, Ronald R. & Cornell P. Address: P. O. Box 2392
   City San Francisco Zip 94126 Ownership is: Public Private X
6. Present Use: Residential Original use: Residential

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

This two-story structure has a hip roof with boxed cornice with pairs of sawn brackets over a plain frieze. The windows are tall, narrow, double-hung sash with bracketed hoods over and sawn sill blocks underneath. The siding is channel rustic. The front portico consisting of a flat portico roof supported by square constructed columns atop brick pedestals is a later renovation.
The square symmetry of this house is typical of the formality of the Italianate style, although the original metal roof cresting (wrought iron work) and original front porch are missing. It was built in 1884 by Henry and Almira Alexander, who had moved to Healdsburg from Iowa with several of their 11 children in 1881. Henry was the nephew of northern Sonoma County's first white settler, Cyrus Alexander, who settled in the area in 1841. Henry, born in Illinois in 1824 met and married his wife in Chicago, and in 1855 the couple moved to Monro, Iowa. There Alexander served as postmaster for 20 years as well as being a prominent merchant. Soon after the family's arrival in Healdsburg, three of Henry's sons started the Alexander Brothers grocery in the newly-built (1884) Gobbi Building on Center Street. Henry Alexander served as the Methodist Church deacon until his death in 1891. Almira died here in 1899.