IDENTIFICATION
1. Common name: Carson House
2. Historic name: 641 Healdsburg Avenue
3. Street or rural address: 641 Healdsburg Avenue
   City Healdsburg Zip 95448 County
4. Parcel number: 002-093-10
5. Present Owner: Wilson, George L. Address: P.O. Box 67
   City Novato, CA Zip 94947 Ownership: Public Private X
6. Present Use: Commercial Original use: Residential

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

This simple 2-story has a single story gabled addition to the left side. The house appears to have been substantially modified with a balcony over the first floor porch and French doors probably having been added later. The basis shape and feeling of the structure still remains.
The Carson House, probably built in 1855, is the last artifact of an early pioneer family, Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Carson. Lindsay, the brother of the famous Indian scout, Kit Carson, arrived in California in 1847. Carson built the second house in the Russian River Township in 1849. The adobe house was used by E. Harrison Barnes & William Potter as the first store in the area. The store's location was moved several times and in 1852, Carson bought out Potter's interest. In 1856, Carson bought out Barnes and then sold the store to W.G. McManus. McManus then moved the store to Healdsburg, making it the second store in the city. Being one of the very first to settle here, Carson acquired much prime property, some of which is now Healdsburg Avenue and the area surrounding it. Carson married a widow, Mrs. John S. Williams in 1851 and they had ten children. Mrs. Carson was a pioneer who came across the plains with the Donner party; however, she stayed with the Reed party who took the southern route and avoided the disaster of the Donner party who took the northern route.