HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION
1. Common name: ________________________________________________

2. Historic name: Miller Packing House

3. Street or rural address: 55 West Grant Street

   City: Healdsburg Zip: 95448 County:___________________________

4. Parcel number: 002-101-07

5. Present Owner: U.S. Small Business Adm., R. Weiss

   Address: 2160 W. Dry Creek Road

   City: Healdsburg Zip: 95448 Ownership is: Public Private X

6. Present Use: Commercial Original use: Packing House

DESCRIPTION
7a. Architectural style: Industrial

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

This large single gable industrial building was constructed in 1913 of corrugated metal. A ventilator with swing windows appears at the center of the roof-line. At the rear is a two-story twin-single gabled concrete block structure used as an apple dryer when the front building was occupied by Miller Packing Company.

8. Construction date:

   Estimated ______ Factual 1913

9. Architect __________________________________________

10. Builder __________________________________________

11. Approx. property size (in feet)

   Frontage ______ Depth ______

   or approx. acreage ______

12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)

   28 Oct. 1982 30/21

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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.)

Prunes have always been an integral part of Healdsburg's agricultural base, becoming the predominant cash crop between 1925 and 1970. Second to dry prunes commercially, John F. Miller and many other partners started a packing plant near the present Railroad Depot between Fitch and Hudson Streets circa 1906; the prune drying yards were on Matheson and First Streets, and at this site were sulphur houses and small drying yards. In 1913 Miller, the partner to Hotchkiss, built this packing house.

Miller Packing Co. packed apples, dried prunes, and pears. During WWII, the plant dehydrated potatoes, carrots, apples, and prunes for the soldiers, producing basically all of the vegetables used in the war. The building is now occupied by Robert Weiss ceramics.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)

Architecture _________ Arts & Leisure _________
Economic/Industrial ___ Exploration/Settlement ________
Government _________ Military _________
Religion _________ Social/Education ________

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

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