The Plantation

Giovanni Foppiano House

97 Kennedy Lane

Healdsburg  Zip 95448  County Sonoma

002-591-02

Kennedy, Winifred & Bradley, Lyn  Address: P.O. Box 5048

Anaheim, CA  Zip 92804  Ownership is: Public  Private X

Commercial  Residential

Queen Anne

This large two-story Victorian residence has a truncated hip roof on the main volume and gabled deep bay in front. The cornice is boxed and decorated (recently) with cut scallops. The windows are tall narrow double-hung and often paired. A one story bay with banded windows has been added to one side and a porch that wraps the front and side is a later addition.

Estimated  1899

Architect

Builder

Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage  Depth

or approx. acreage 3

Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
28 Oct 1982  30/24
13. Condition: Excellent X Good ____ Fair ____ Deteriorated ____ No longer in existence ____

14. Alterations: 

15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land ____ Scattered buildings X Densely built-up ____ Residential X Industrial X Commercial X Other: 

16. Threats to site: None known X Private development ____ Zoning ____ Vandalism ____ Public Works project ____ Other: 

17. Is the structure: On its original site? X Moved? _____ Unknown? _____ 

18. Related features: 

SIGNIFICANCE

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

This structure was built by Giovanni Foppiano in 1899. Having come from Genoa Italy to San Francisco in 1866, he moved to Healdsburg and settled in the Ward Street Italian neighborhood in 1873. Purchasing 12 acres at the site of the present residence, he used it as a vegetable farm, and sold the vegetables from a wagon. The family moved to this site, razed an existing house, and moved temporarily into a barn in the 1890's. The present residence was built in 1899. Giovanni, later known as John, was married to Rosa Rosasco in 1976, and they had 10 children. Ann Foppiano, the eldest child, owned the house in the 1930's. The simplicity of this very large residence typifies the utilitarian ethic of many early structures.

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 1

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

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