HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: 
2. Historic name: Field Home
3. Street or rural address: 320 Matheson Street
   City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 002-231-08-2
5. Present Owner: Hoag, John W. & Carla Address: 320 Matheson Street
   City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 Ownership is: Public Private X
6. Present Use: Residential Original use: Residential

DESCRIPTION

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

This 1½ story cottage has broad gables filled with cut shingles and double-hung windows. The eaves are closed with sawn brackets at the corners. There is a small rectangular bay set at an angle to corner of the E.W. - N.S. axis of the house. In the opposite corner on the N.E. side is a small porch with turned columns with sawn brackets and a turned balustrade system filling in. The siding is rustic and there are sawn and turned gable braces in the gable ends.

8. Construction date:
   Estimated ______ Factual 1880
9. Architect
10. Builder
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
    Frontage 75 Depth 220.15
    or approx. acreage
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
13. Condition: Excellent X Good ___ Fair ___ Deteriorated ___ No longer in existence ___

14. Alterations: Additions to rear; porch reoriented and rebuilt; iron grillwork removed.

15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land ___ Scattered buildings ___ Densely built-up ___ Residential X Industrial ___ Commercial ___ 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: Landscaped garden with old large trees ___

SIGNIFICANCE

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

An example of the substantial design changes made to Victorian homes in different eras, this house was originally a plain two-story homestead that served as the town residence of Thomas and Emma Field. Like the home directly west, it underwent substantial embellishment about 1904. The fish scale shingling and ornate gable braces, so popular at that time, are in sharp contrast to the stark structure shown in an 1884 lithograph. The original owners, Thomas and Emma Fields, were farmers who purchased this property in 1865, building this home about 1880. In 1899 G.W. Harmon, a local fruit grower, purchased the property as a location for his nursery. Harmon completed the renovations mentioned above shortly before his death in 1904. In both cases the home was a second residence, a common practice for agriculturalists in outlying areas, allowing their children to attend Healdsburg schools and providing a retirement home.

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

Architecture 1 ___ Arts & Leisure ___
Economic/Industrial 2 ___ Exploration/Settlement ___
Government ___ Military ___
Religion ___ Social/Education ___

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

Town Plat 1865
Ass. 1867 thru 1899
Trib: 1/3/1895
Property Deed

22. Date form prepared August 22, 1983
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