1. Common name: Joseph Priest House
2. Historic name: Ellen White House
3. Street or rural address: 201 Powell Avenue
   City: Healdsburg  Zip: 95448  County: Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 002=470-13
5. Present Owner: Coop, Lester E. & Dawn
   Address: 201 Powell Avenue
   City: Healdsburg  Zip: 95448  Ownership is: Public  Private
6. Present Use: Residential  Original use: Residential
7a. Architectural style: Homestead
7b. Briefly describe the present physical description of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:
   This large two-story Homestead style house, built in 1870, is a single gable form with a gabled dormer above the central entrance. The windows are tall narrow 2/2. A shed roof porch extends across the front and down one side. The entrance door has two vertical glass panels, glass side lights and transom.
8. Construction data: Estimated  Factual 1871
9. Architect
10. Builder
11. Approx. property size (in feet)  
   Frontage  135  Depth  341  
   or approx. acreage
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)  
   02 Nov 1982  3/10
13. Condition: Excellent ___ Good X ___ 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? X ___ Moved? ___ Unknown? ___

18. Related features:

SIGNIFICANCE

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

Ellen G. White, a founder and prophetess of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, lived in this simple homestead. Although originally built for $2,000 by physician Joseph H. Priest in 1871, White lived here from 1882 to 1908, embellishing it during her stay with cut shingles, gable braces, and a dormer window.

Born in Maine in 1827, White was considered by her church to be a prophetess of God and reportedly wrote many of her best-selling religious books in this house. She was instrumental in founding the Adventist-run Healdsburg College in 1882 and traveled worldwide, spending ten years in Australia and New Zealand. The prophetess, who reportedly called this town a "beautiful, beautiful place", lived here until the college was relocated to Angwin in Napa County.

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