STATE OF CALIFORNIA — THE RESOURCES AGENCY
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION
1. Common name: ____________________________________________

2. Historic name: James and Eliza Thompson House

3. Street or rural address: 317 Tucker Street
   City: Healdsburg, CA Zip: 95448 County: Sonoma

4. Parcel number: 002-231-33-0

   City: San Rafael, CA Zip: 94903 Ownership is: Public Private X

6. Present Use: Residential Original use: Commercial

DESCRIPTION
7a. Architectural style: Homestead Cottage

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

A small single-story cottage with a gabled roof and shed roofed addition in the rear. This house has rustic lap siding and boxed cornices. Divided double-hung windows are symmetrically placed on either side of the single front door which has a molded surround. The front porch extends across the front of the home and has a hip roof supported by plain square posts.

8. Construction date:
   Estimated Factual 1864

9. Architect

10. Builder

11. Approx. property size (in feet)
   Frontage Depth
   66 222.93
   or approx. acreage

12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
   23 August 1982
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  ____  Densely built-up  ____  Residential  X  Industrila  ____  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:  large liquid ambers in front

SIGNIFICANCE

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

This cottage is a well-preserved example of the ordinary in settlement era California. Unassuming clapboard homes like this sprang up by the thousands throughout the west between 1850 and 1875, making them the most common type of settlement housing.

This one was built by Ohio natives, James and Eliza Thompson, who first settled on farmland in nearby Dry Creek Valley in 1849. The Thompsons and their nine children moved to town, building this house circa 1864. Mr. Thompson died here in 1876, his wife in 1909. Of their nine children, one daughter Emma, lived here all her life, dying in 1925, as did her brother Harvey in 1934. It was noted in his obituary that he was born, lived, and died in the same room, same house, in the same town.

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


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

Trib.:  11/28/1878, 8/5/1895, 12/22/1888  
Ent.:  5/29/1915, 5/30/1878, 9/18/1889  
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