**IDENTIFICATION**
1. Common name: Rose Villa
2. Historic name: Powell's Palace
3. Street or rural address: 644 West Grant Street
   City: Healdsburg, CA  Zip: 95448  County: Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 089-110-07
5. Present Owner: Foppiano, Raymond
   Address: 644 W. Grant
   City: Healdsburg, CA  Zip: 95448
   Ownership is: Public Private X
6. Present Use: Residential  Original use: Residential

**DESCRIPTION**
7a. Architectural style: Queen Anne Cottage
7b. Briefly describe the present physical description of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:
   This large cottage with a hip roof has front and side extensions with gabled roof. It has main cornice brackets at the corners and a wide shingle frieze. Below the frieze the house is covered in rustic siding. A large verandah extending across the front and side has turned columns and extremely ornate brackets and a turned and molded baluster system.

8. Construction date:
   Estimated  Factual 1892
9. Architect
   
10. Builder: James A. Mead
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
    Frontage  Depth
    or approx. acreage 10
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
    Dec 82 30/32
13. Condition: Excellent ___ Good ___ Fair X ___ 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.)

This is a particularly nice example of a carpenter built house using stock decorative millwork.

Built by one of Healdsburg's most prominent pioneers, Ransom Powell, this residence represents a prestigious structure of a later era, constructed in a popular suburb in 1892. Born in Tennessee in 1824, Powell came to the California mines in 1849 and to Healdsburg in 1856 where he opened a pioneer grocery. Powell eventually became the largest landowner in Northern Sonoma County, after switching to a career in real estate in 1860. There were two Healdsburg streets named after Powell, and before he died in 1910 he had helped organize the Farmer's and Mechanics Bank, served a long term as city trustee, owned several businesses and had survived five wives. Powell had this home built in 1892 and it was lived in by his sixth wife and widow, Louise Madiera Powell.

This structure has recently undergone restoration.

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

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

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