

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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)
6 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 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 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.)
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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