

## Liam Crowley

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**To:** Julia Acker; Juliana Cherry; Liam Crowley  
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Hello Julia, Juliana, and Liam,

I'm not sure how comments currently reach the Review Board, so I'm sending mine to all three of you.

Please pass my comments on to the Board members.

Thank you,  
Kathleen

February 5, 2023  
RE: MHRB 2022-0008

Greetings,

The Kelley House Museum has a research website and when I entered the keyword "water tower" 555 results were found. Why so many? Because water towers were extremely important in sustaining the town of Mendocino with their unique water system. Nearly every developed property had one, including Mendosa's grocery store. Unfortunately, only a few remain today, but water towers are certainly a well established feature of the town's character.

The loss of historic structures due to demolition lowers the historical authenticity of the town. It diminishes the bank of resources that put Mendocino on the National Register of Historic Places. Archival photographs can never replace the "real thing".

Hopefully, you will not permit this structure, which dates back to 1904, to be destroyed and replaced with a squatty faux water tower that adds bulk and mass to the adjacent building.

Please remember that your primary function is to "preserve the architecture and character of the Historic District of the Town of Mendocino".



Thank you for your volunteer service.

Kathleen Cameron  
Mendocino

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