

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION

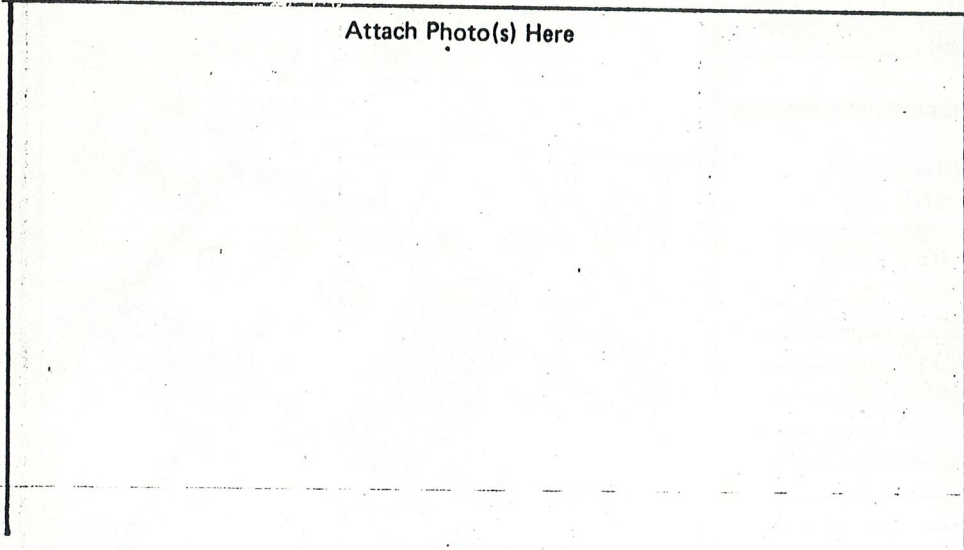
- Common name: SPENCER HILLS HOUSE
- Historic name: SPENCER HILLS HOUSE
- Street or rural address: 44900 Little Lake Street
City Mendocino Zip 95460 County Mendocino
- Parcel number: 119-140-24 MHR # E-60
- Present Owner: Mrs. Jean (Law-Grant) Rice Address: P.O. Box 808
City Mendocino Zip 95460 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
- Present Use: Family Home Original use: Family home

DESCRIPTION

- Architectural style: New England, Gothic, Victorian & Farm & Country
- Briefly describe the present *physical description* of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

Structure is in excellent condition, painted white, gardens and fencing beautifully maintained.
 Main house was constructed in 1855, east wing (kitchen) added 1880. 1971 front porch was extended and turned balusters added.
 House measures approximately 52' x 56'.
 Construction is redwood frame and bargeboard siding. Scrollwork along gable barge rafters & suspended from eave facias. Design is unique to this house and appeared on three other buildings of the same era. Interior ceiling 8'4", floor length windows in living room and antique cast iron facing around living room fireplace.

This beautiful house has had only two ownerships, Spencer Hills and the Robert Law family who purchased the property from the Joshua Grindle's when Alice Hills Grindle inherited from her father.



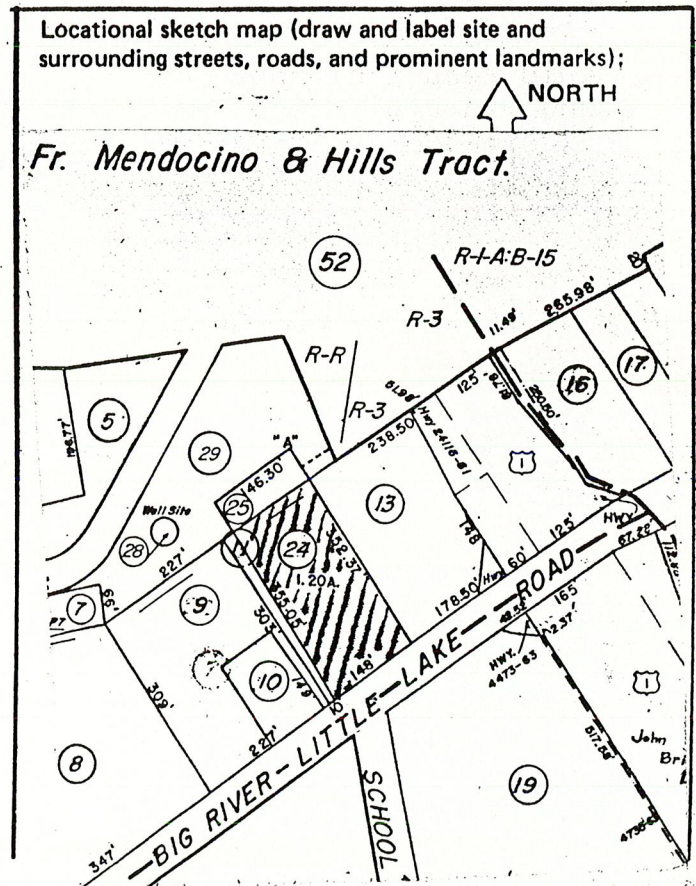
- Construction date: Estimated _____ Factual 1855
- Architect _____
- Builder _____
- Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 148' Depth 305'
or approx. acreage _____
- Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s) _____

13. Condition: Excellent Good _____ Fair _____ Deteriorated _____ No longer in existence _____
14. Alterations: East wing kitchen added 1880, front porch extended 1971
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: Proposed 10,000 sq ft inn immediately west.
17. Is the structure: On its original site? Moved? _____ Unknown? _____
18. Related features: Original dairy is part of house.

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)
Spencer Hills had a 250 acre dairy farm. All but the present house and lot has been sold. Spencer W. and his wife Senith, had a daughter Alice born in Boston, May 15, 1878 who married Joshua Grindle in 1878. Spencer Hills gave a plot of ground to the east to the Joshua Grindle's for their home (now Joshua Grindle Inn), in 1879.
Subsequent to Mr. Hills demise, the Robert Law family purchased the property from the Joshua Grindle's in 1914.
The present Hill House development, and the Hills Ranch development are on a part of the original 250 acre dairy farm, which extended east to Gurley Street and included the Law Avenue development west of Gurley Street.
George Soeth, who married Elizabeth Law after the passing of Robert Law operated the dairy into the 1930's-40's.
The present owner is Jean(Law-Grant)Rice, daughter of the Robert Law's.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)
Architecture Arts & Leisure _____
Economic/Industrial _____ Exploration/Settlement _____
Government _____ Military _____
Religion _____ Social/Education _____
Local cultural history _____
21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).
Mendocino Historical Research records, Book "Mendocino" by Beth Stebbins/Dorothy Bear, and Jean Rice family history, and Paul Tay, architect.
22. Date form prepared June 19, 1987
By (name) Eleanor F. Sverko
Organization County co-ordinator
Address: 10511 Wheeler St.
City Mendocino Zip 95460
Phone: 707-937-5974



NOTE: The following (items 14-19) are for structures only.

14. Primary exterior building material: a. Stone b. Brick c. Stucco d. Adobe e. Wood
f. Other
15. Is the structure: a. On its original site? b. Moved? c. Unknown?
16. Year of initial construction 1855 This date is: a. Factual b. Estimated
17. Architect (if known): _____
18. Builder (if known): _____
19. Related features: a. Barn b. Carriage house c. Outhouse d. Shed(s) e. Formal garden(s)
f. Windmill g. Watertower/tankhouse h. Other original creamery at rear attached to house i. None

SIGNIFICANCE

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

Spencer Hills had a 250 acre dairy farm. The house is the original farmhouse. All but the present house & lot has been sold. This beautiful house has had only 2 families' ownership. Its bargeboard trim dates back to c. 1860 & appeared on 3 other buildings of the same era.

21. Main theme of the historic resource: (Check only one): a. Architecture b. Arts & Leisure
c. Economic/Industrial d. Exploration/Settlement e. Government f. Military
g. Religion h. Social/Education

22. Sources: List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews, and their dates:

23. Date form prepared: _____ By (name): Records of Manufacture & Research Inc.
Address: _____ City: _____ ZIP: _____
Phone: _____ Organization: _____

(State Use Only)

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 Ser _____ Site _____ Mo. _____ Yr. _____
 UTM _____ Q _____ NR _____ SHL _____
 Lat _____ Lon _____ Era _____ Sig _____
 Adm _____ T2 _____ T3 _____ Cat _____ HABS _____ HAER _____ Fed _____

IDENTIFICATION

- Common name: Hills, Spencer House
- Historic name, if known: Hills, Spencer House
- Street or rural address: 44900 Little Lake Rd
 City: Mendocino ZIP: 95460 County: Mendocino
- Present owner, if known: Mrs Jeanne Grant Rice Address: 44900 Little Lake Rd.
 City: Mendocino ZIP: 95460 Ownership is: Public Private
- Present Use: Dwelling Original Use: Dwelling
 Other past uses: None

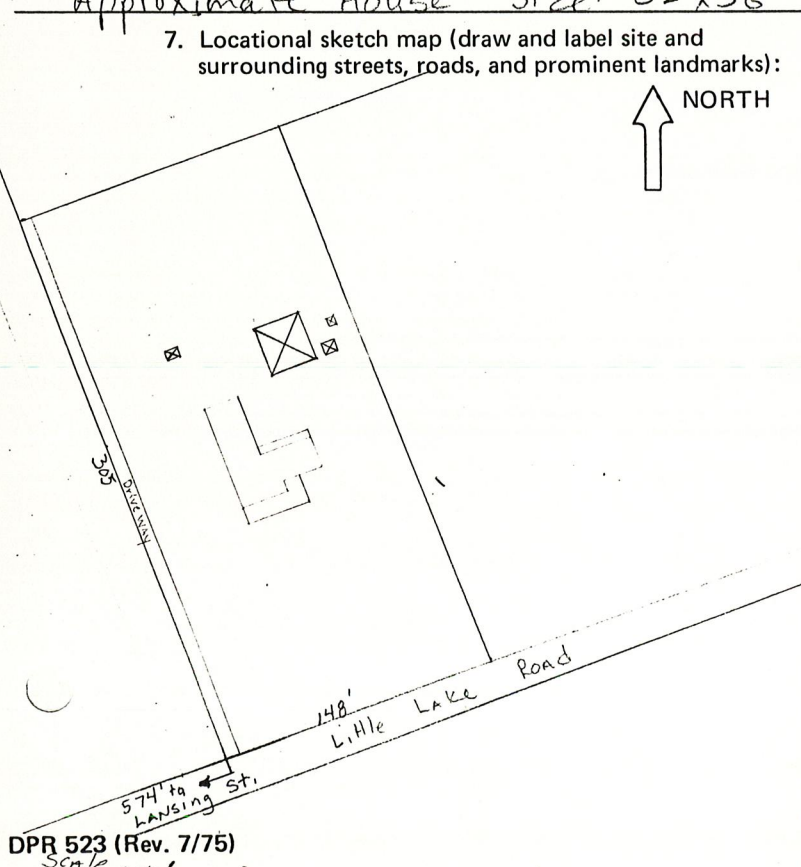
DESCRIPTION

- Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

ON the original section of the house ornate barge board and label window trim grace this two story house. In 1880 the east wing and front porch were added. Then in 1971 the front porch was extended and turned balusters added.

Approximate House size: 52'x56'

- Locational sketch map (draw and label site and surrounding streets, roads, and prominent landmarks):



- Approximate property size:

Lot size (in feet) Frontage 148'
 Depth 305'
 or approx. acreage _____

- Condition: (check one)

a. Excellent b. Good c. Fair
 d. Deteriorated e. No longer in existence

- Is the feature ^{additions} a. Altered? b. Unaltered?

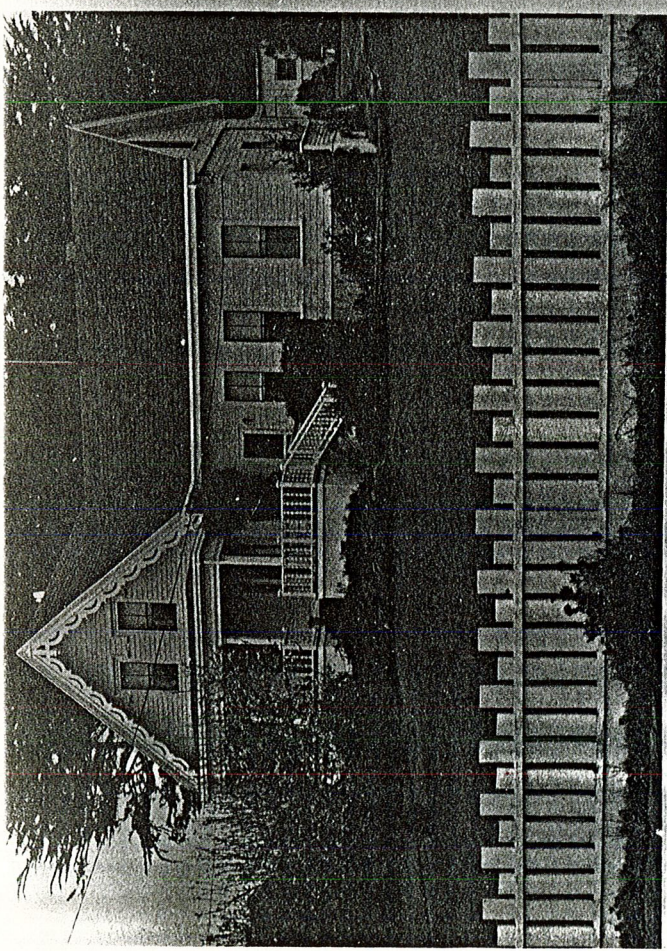
- Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary)

a. Open land b. Scattered buildings
 c. Densely built-up d. Residential
 e. Commercial f. Industrial
 g. Other

- Threats to site:

a. None known b. Private development
 c. Zoning d. Public Works project
 e. Vandalism f. Other

- Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s): _____



Spencer W. Hills house, ca. 1855

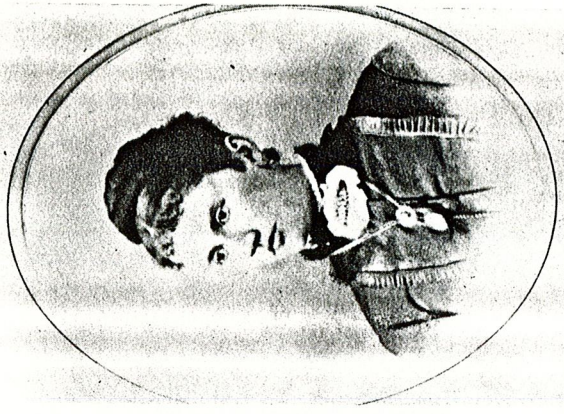
Spencer Hills enlarged this house and added the east wing in 1880, also a porch across the front. In 1971 the present owners extended the porch and added the turned balusters.

Spencer W. and his wife, Senith, had a daughter, Alice, who was born in Boston, May 15, 1858.

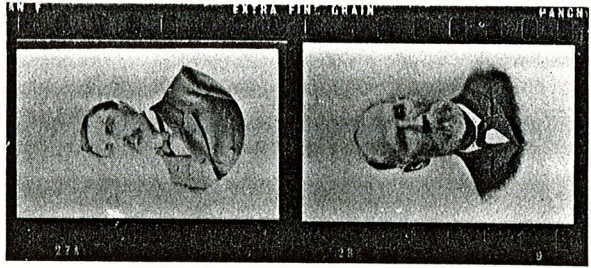
In 1875, when she was seventeen, Alice taught school and was assistant principal in the Mendocino school.

In 1878 Alice married Joshua Grindle who was fourteen years her senior. Mr. Grindle was from Surry, Maine and came to Mendocino in 1869. For thirty years he was an employee of the Mendocino Lumber Co., and also had interests in San Francisco.

The Spencer Hills gave a plot of ground next door, to the east, on which Joshua Grindle began construction of a home for himself and Alice in 1879.

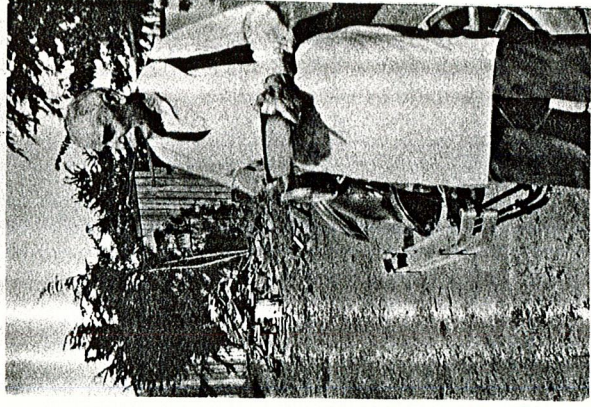


Alice
Hills
Grindle



Joshua Grindle

Spencer W. Hills



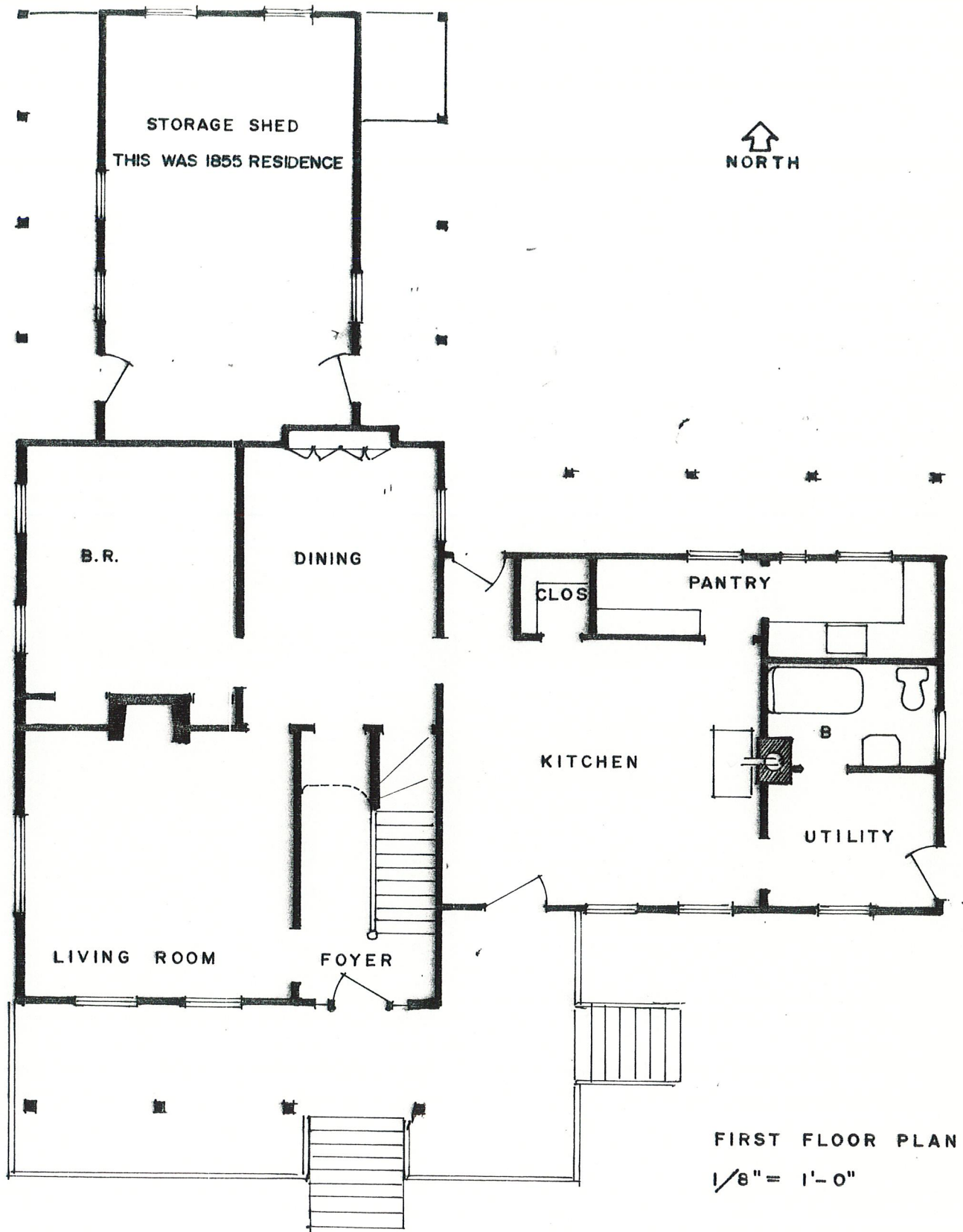
Josh feeding the chickens

ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE CALIFORNIA	COUNTY MENDOCINO	TOWN OR VICINITY MENDOCINO
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) SPENCER HILLS HOUSE (original farmhouse owner)		HABS NO.
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE none		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 44900 Little Lake Street (ea of Lansing)		County Assessor Parcel # 119-140-24
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1855 factual	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) ??	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Original farmhouse of Spencer Hills 250 acre dairy farm - original creamery at rear attached to house - has had only two families of ownership to date.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) New England, Gothic, Victorian, Farm & Country		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Redwood frame & board siding		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) approx 52' x 56' (Lot size 148' feet frontage x 305' depth)		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Scrollwork along gable barge rafters & suspended from eave facias Design is unique to this house and appeared on three other buildings of the same era.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) 8'4" high, floor length windows in living room - antique cast iron facing around living room fireplace		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Main house 1855 - east wing (kitchen) added 1880 - dairy demolished - 1971 porch extended and added turned balusters.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE very well maintained family home of Mrs. Jean (Law-Grant) Rice		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE When Mr. Hills died, the property passed on to his daughter and son-in-law the Joshua Grindle's and was sold to Mr. Law in 1914. (Jean's father)		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Mendocino Historical Research records - Jean Rice - Paul Tay, architect		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Eleanor F. Sverko	DATE May 28, 1986	

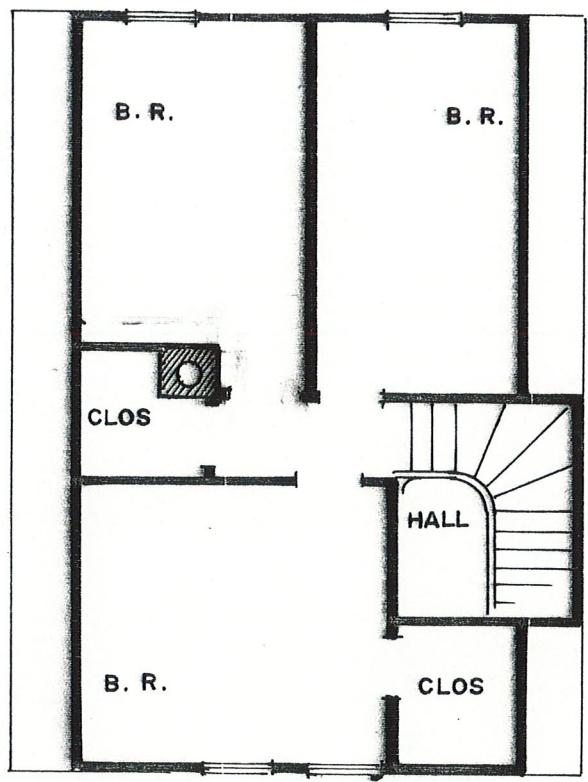
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STATE <i>Calif</i>		COUNTY <i>Mendocino</i>	TOWN OR VICINITY <i>Mendocino</i>
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) <i>SPENCER Hills House</i>			HABS NO.
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE <i>RESIDENCE</i>			
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) <i>44900 L. LAKE ST</i>		<i>APN - 119-140-74 (?)</i>	
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) <i>1855 FIRST PHASE</i>		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) <i>RESIDENTIAL</i>			
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) <i>NEW ENGLAND - GOTHIC - VICTORIAN - FARM & COUNTRY</i>			
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) <i>REDWOOD FRAME & BOARD SIDING</i>			
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE)			
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE <i>SCROLLWORK ALONG GABLE BARGE RAFTERS & SUSPENDED FROM EAVE FACIAS DESIGN IS UNIQUE TO THIS HOUSE</i>			
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) <i>8'-4" HIGH FLOOR LENGTH WINDOWS IN LIVING ROOM ANTIQUE CAST IRON FACING AROUND LIVING ROOM FIREPLACE</i>			
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES <i>MAIN HOUSE ADDED CIRCA 1857 KITCHEN WING ADDED CIRCA 1875</i>			
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE <i>Family Home of MRS JEAN (LAW-GRANT) RICE</i>			
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE			
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.)			
COMPILER, AFFILIATION			DATE



SPENCER HILLS RESIDENCE

MENDOCINO CA.



SECOND FLOOR PLAN

1/8" = 1'-0"

SPENCER HILLS RESIDENCE

MENDOCINO CA.

119-160-24

Spencer W. Hills house

Joel Fisher Hills, elder brother of Spencer, came to Mendocino soon after the first settlers of 1852, probably in 1853 or 1854.

He was the first to open a store separate from the company store owned by the mill. It was located on the flat near Big River and on the east side of the railroad tracks.

In 1856, according to the Beacon of March 6, 1897, Mr. Hills opened a store on the flat near the mill and was so successful that he was enabled to build a large structure on Main Street, occupying the upper story for a dwelling and the lower for his store. The building, later Tin Eli's store, was on the south side of Main Street.

He afterwards bought from Edwards C. Williams the claim north of (David F.) Lansing's place, which is now occupied by his brother, Spencer W. Hills.

In Martha Ford's diary, April 30, 1855, she wrote, Rather high Nor-West winds but very bright clear day — we were through washing at dawn this morning, which is unusual for us. Yesterday at 4 o'clock Mr. Kent and Hills arrived from San Francisco with their wives. Came immediately to our house where they will stop until they can get a home of their own. They are very fine pleasant ladies and I am delighted to have more society. . . .

Where did Mrs. J. F. Hills live after her short stay with the Fords?

The first small cottage of the Spencer W. Hills house is said to have been built in 1855. Was it built by Edwards C. Williams, one of the 1852 pioneers and an active member of the Lumber company? Or, since J. F. Hills was in the cattle business and butchered cattle for sale in his store, did he rent from E. C. Williams, build a house on the land (about 250 acres) and subsequently buy the property? The Beacon article says Joel F. Hills bought the property from E. C. Williams after he had built the two stores.

About 1877 Joel Fisher Hills sold out his Mendocino holdings to his brother Spencer W. Hills and moved to San Diego. This was noted in the Beacon of 1897, March 6th.



Kelley House Calendar

By WALLY SMITH
For the Beacon

Ten families of the Mendocino area have contributed heirlooms to our traditional Christmas exhibit in the Escola Room, painstakingly set up during the past week by docent Rita Fenton - with a bit of help by museum director Megan Coddington.

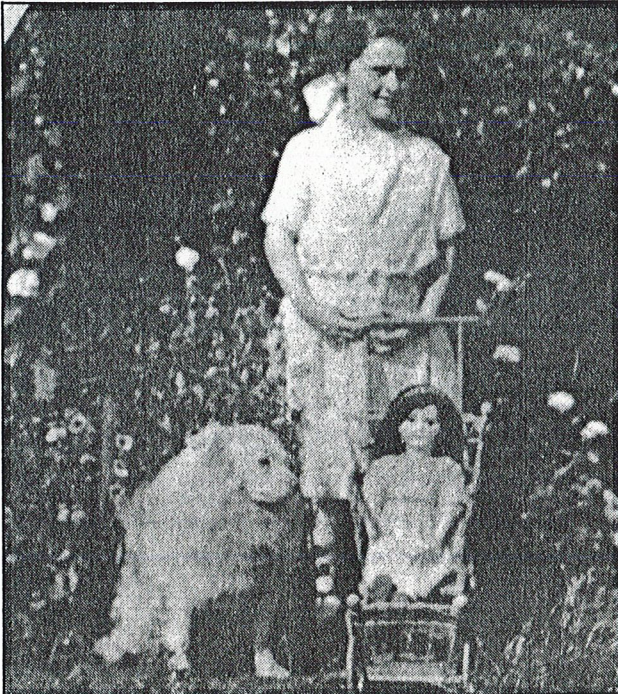
Drop in to see it. All of the Ford family heirlooms that have been on display in the Escola Room (timed to coincide with the recent reunion of 30 members of the family, renting the Kelley House for the purpose) have been individually wrapped and packed away for future use. All of these items have been donated to the museum over a period of many years by members of the family.

In contrast, a good many of our Christmas exhibit items are on loan for the Yuletide display. Items shown have come from Cora Hervilla, Evelyn Abernathy-Hansen, Loisjean Raymond, Sharon Folsom, Gwen Jacobson, Evelyn Escola, Charles and Nancy Swehla, Margo Farrar, Jean Rice and Rita Fenton.

There are dolls with china (glazed porcelain) heads, composition heads, rubber, and even metal heads. Among them are Cora's Kewpie doll, patterned after the quaint creatures made famous 75 years ago by author-illustrator Rose O'Neill; Jean (Law) Rice's childhood doll, Sylvia, tastefully outfitted in pink and accompanied by a photo taken around 1912 showing Jean with Sylvia and the family dog, Fritz; and Daisy Kelley MacCallum's treasured companion, Aurora Lee, who stands 26 inches tall and is outfitted in red shoes and a red dress trimmed in black.

"My name is Aurora Lee and I was born in Mendocino in 1866 and have lived here all my life," Daisy wrote in a note found in the doll's bodice. "I was so glad when Josie came from Paris. We live in a cedar trunk in the attic and have such lovely times together. We are always invited when there is a sewing class and we love to go."

Aurora Lee's Parisian friend,



Jean Law Rice poses around 1912 with her treasured companions, doll Sylvia and dog Fritz.

Mendocino Historical Research, Inc. photo

Josie, has been on loan to someone else and we're not certain she'll be on exhibit.

All of the dolls with china heads are the product of one factory, where a single oven holds 5,000 heads.

Vintage Christmas cards, with lots of frills and romanticized verses and illustrations, are to be seen. Vintage books about Santa Claus and his friends and helpers include "The Life and Adventures of Santa Claus" by L. Frank Baum, originator of the celebrated Oz books. As a youngster I read all 37 of the series which opened with "Dorothy and the Wizard of Oz." Baum wrote the first 11 books, and following his death Ruth Plumley Thompson continued the popular series. Most of the 37 Oz books are long out of print; only the 11 authored by Baum himself are to be found on book store shelves,

recreated by photostat from Baum's original editions.

"The Night Before Christmas," Clement C. Moore's famous poem about Santa and his tiny reindeer, is represented by a miniature edition only 2-1/2 by 3-1/2 inches in size. Other vintage Yuletide books on display include "A Defective Santa Claus" by James Whitcombe Riley, and "A Christmas Box of Pretty Stories."

And what's this? Operation Desert Shield? No, just Charlie's World War II soldiers, sailors and Waves, some of them on skis. The three POWs, which complete the collection are not on exhibit.

Visitors to the museum (especially the youngsters) are always enthralled by the traditional Escola Room exhibit, and I'm sure Rita would be happy to add heirlooms from other Mendocino families to the display next year.

Fees raised for dog licenses, super urge imaginative animal control

By Chris Calder
For the Beacon

The Board of Supervisors Tuesday approved fee hikes on dog and kennel licenses, but urged animal control officer Greg Foss to get tougher and more imaginative in policing the county's pets.

The board agreed people should pay more than \$10 — the new late license fee — for shirking the county's licensing laws. Although Foss said he can write citations much higher than that, supervisors

Foss shied away from that approach, saying no county in the state licenses cats and "people get offended when you come knocking on doors," looking for pets.

Supervisors agreed cats are the city's problem first of all. Second District Supervisor Nelson Redding said he has the impression people take unwanted cats out of the city and drop them on country roads "because they know someone out there will take them in."

But he acknowledged "dogs are

"To account (fee hikes) only to salaries, fringe benefits and direct overhead of employees is shortsighted," he said. "We need to do something new with this, not just more of the same."

Board Chairman Jim Eddie also said some untried methods would probably work better than more fee hikes, which he said hit more responsible pet owners and spare those who never have licensed their animals.

"We could probably put on

Rotary offers s

John T. Blount, Governor 513, Rotary International received authorization to scholarship applications interested in a one year of study program, through F foundation.

The applications can be from the local Rotary Club.

Blount stated that his dis four scholarships to award academic year 1992-93. The cover travel to and from of the winner's choice, books, living expenses nominal amount for misc items.

The district governor po that high school stud

Student literary

College of the Redwo have a new student magazine in the spring of will be designed and publi students enrolled in Pub Design, taught by Judy Detr

Students who have atten CR classes since fall sen 1987 are eligible to have t included. Writing stute invited to submit manus short stories, excerpts fro

Single do shells bri

The Mendocino Youth Association's shell fund efforts for the town's "Fr Park" has gotten a starsh boost.

In their third week, with help from the Beacon, t collection reached 1,100 smashing stash of 500 beat handed over to them anonymous local sportsma over many a low tide and y mint condition treasure shells has been hibernati old growth of redwo Comptche way.

"We are well along toward our goal of 2,000 hoping now to double guardian of the shells Moore. "If you have one,

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SPENCER HILLS
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Mendocino Presbyterian Church
A Christian Memorial Service for
Jean Law Grant Rice
October 5, 1996

MENDOCINO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Celebrating the Life and Mourning the Death of Jean Law Grant Rice
A Christian Memorial Service
October 5, 1996

Prelude and Lighting of the Candles
Pacabel Canon in D
Organist
Family

Welcome
Rev. Bill Mangrum

**Call to Worship
John 11:25-26

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord. Those who believe in me, even though they die, shall live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.

Romans 14:8

If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

**Hymn of Faith
The Day of Resurrection
No. 168

**Pastoral Prayer
Rev. Bill Mangrum

The Life of Jean Rice
Born: Aug. 13, 1905
Died: Sept. 28, 1996

Sharing our Memories of Jean Rice
Family and Friends

Musical Tribute
We Gather Together
Organist

**A Mourning Psalm
Psalm 23
Congregation

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

The Life of Jean Grant Rice

An era of caring, giving and serving on the Mendocino Coast has ended. Jean Grant Rice, second generation native of Caspar and the granddaughter of a pioneer Caspar logger, died September 28 in the Mendocino home that has been in her family since 1914. Mrs. Rice, who was 91, was the daughter of Mary Elizabeth Freathy Law, whose father, Edward P. Freathy, came to Caspar in 1864. He was a logging foreman for J.G. Jackson, founder of the Caspar Lumber Co.

Helen Jean Law was born on August 13, 1905, to Robert and Elizabeth Law in a small farmhouse at the north end of Caspar. Robert Law had migrated to Caspar from eastern Canada. Her mother was born in Caspar. Jean was the second of three children and sister to William Edward Law and Robert Allan Law, both of whom preceded her in death. Like many members of her family, Jean was known by her middle name.

The Laws moved to Mendocino and then to Little River before Robert Law purchased the Spencer Hills Ranch in Mendocino from Joshua Grindle, son-in-law of Hills. Thus, the Victorian home at 44900 Little Lake Road has had just two owners since Hills built it in 1855. Robert Law established Mendocino Dairy on the 250 acre ranch. His wife, Elizabeth, carried on the business after his death in 1925. She later hired George Soeth to run the dairy and they were married in 1934. Historical records list the original Hills home as the third oldest in Mendocino. The present dwelling has had at least two additions since 1855.

Jean graduated from Mendocino High School in the Class of 1922. She left Mendocino later that year to begin nursing training at Children's Hospital in San Francisco. While there, she befriended two classmates who became lifelong friends, Mary Veroni and Bergie Beck. She brought Mary to Mendocino one time, where she met and later married Anthony "Jeff" Lemos. The three classmates held reunions whenever possible. Mary and Bergie came to Mendocino on Aug. 13, 1995, for Jean's gala 90th birthday party.

It was also at Children's Hospital that Jean met a young man from Cloverdale, John Lynwood Grant, a native of Greenwood (Elk) who was visiting an aunt who was a Mendocino Coast resident. Jean and Lynwood, as he was known, were married in 1928. They had two sons, Bruce and Don, while still living in San Francisco. They moved to Marin County in 1933. Bruce graduated from San Rafael High School. The Grants moved to Santa Rosa in 1948 and Don graduated from Santa Rosa High School.

Jean took time out from her nursing career when her son Bruce was born. Near the end of World War II, she resumed the career as a special nurse in Marin County. When they moved to Santa Rosa in 1948, she went to work as a doctor's office nurse until her retirement. Jean and Lynwood helped maintain the family

home in Mendocino during her mother's latter years. They retired in November 1966 and moved to Mendocino on Thanksgiving Day that year.

Over the years, Jean and Lynwood were friends of Alden and Kelly Rice. Jean and Alden were classmates in Mendocino schools and their mothers were friends. Lynwood passed away in 1971 and about a year later, Kelly Rice died.

In 1974, Jean and Alden were wed in a memorable ceremony at the Mendocino Presbyterian Church, from which Alden whisked away his new bride in his 1915 Ford Model T touring car. Alden was well known in Mendocino for his Model T and his 1914 Chalmers touring car. Alden passed away in 1979.

Jean was a caring person who enjoyed serving others all her life -- from the days when she delivered milk from her father's dairy in a horse and buggy, through her nursing career and into her retirement.

While she didn't get a driver's license until she was in her 60s, Jean made up for it in the next 20 years by ferrying friends and neighbors in and around Mendocino. Jean has been an active member of the Mendocino Presbyterian Church serving as an elder and as a deacon, Eastern Star, the Mendocino Study Club and earlier the Sherwood Oaks Auxiliary and the Kelley House Museum.

Jean had two brothers who preceded her in death: William Edward Law and Robert Allan Law. She is survived by her step-brother, Albert Roy Soeth and his wife, Ding, of Willows, step-sister Marie Soeth Forgue and her husband, Joe, of Newport, Oregon (Albert Roy Soeth and Marie Soeth Forgue are the children of George Soeth, who married Elizabeth Law, several years after the death of her husband and Jean's father, Robert Law.); brother-in-law, Elmer Rice of Salinas, CA; her sons, Robert Bruce Grant and wife, June, of Garden Valley; their children: son, Robert Charles Grant, married to Lori Chastain Grant, daughter, Katie Grant, residents of Carmichael, CA; daughter, Nanci Grant Franceschini, married to Gary Franceschini, son Gary, daughter Karen, residents of Citrus Heights, CA; daughter Mari Grant Elder, married to Steve (Duke) Elder, daughter, Kathy, son, Paul, residents of North Highlands, CA; daughter Sheryl Grant Hinkle, married to Robert Hinkle, son, Joshua, daughter, Marissa, residents of Citrus Heights, CA); and Donald Milton Grant and wife, Ann, of Moraga, their daughter, Dana Ann Grant, resident of Walnut Creek, CA; step-daughter Eve Rice Boynoff and her husband, Morris, of Mendocino (Eve Rice is the only daughter of James Alden Rice, Jean's second husband. They were married in 1974, three years after the death of Jean's first husband, John Lynwood Grant, and two years after the death of Alden's wife and Eve's mother, Kelly Rice.); five grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and numerous nephews and nieces.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Silent Prayer (*please sit for silent prayer*)

Meditation

Amazing Grace

Susan and Jennifer Stecz

Unison Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Congregation

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**Hymn

Morning Has Broken

No. 553

**Benediction

Rev. Bill Mangrum

Ringling of the Bell

Family

Postlude

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Organist

**Those who are able, please stand.

Following the service, the family invites everyone to the reception in Preston Hall, hosted by the deacons of the Mendocino Presbyterian Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that remembrances be made to the Mendocino Presbyterian Church (the garden project), P.O. Box 105, Mendocino 95460; the Mendocino Historical Society (Kelley House), P.O. Box 922, Mendocino; or the Mendocino Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 901, Mendocino.

Organists: Judy Brooks and Steve Gray

Flowers arranged by Nancy Puder of the Mendocino Presbyterian Church Flower Guild.

*May the road
Rise up to meet you,
May the wind be always
at your back,
May the sun shine warm
upon your face,
And the rains fall soft
Upon your fields...
And until we meet again,
May God hold you
In the palm of his hand.*


-- An Irish Blessing

Family and friends
remember

James Alden Rice

Mendocino Presbyterian Church

May 27, 1979 - 2 p.m.



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Benediction



Spencer Hills House

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(Jean Grant Rice)

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**In Remembrance of
JAMES ALDEN RICE
1907-1979**

**Memorial Services
Mendocino Presbyterian Church
Mendocino, California
2:00 p.m. Sunday
May 27, 1979**

**Officiating
The Reverend S. Martin Eidsath**

**Private Inurnment
Milliken Family Plot
Evergreen Cemetery
Mendocino, California**

**Cannarr-Fairlee Funeral Home
Fort Bragg, California**

Beacon - 10/24/1914

Law
Mr. and Mrs. Robt Law and family moved here from Little River this week and are now at home in the former Hills' residence. Mr. Law will have a good exhibit of vegetables at the Apple Show next week. He was a prize-winner at the recent Hop Festival at Ukiah, taking first prize for the best display of turnips.

Notes 9/7/1973

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Appl of Jean Law
Grant to build a
garage on her property

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12/16/1966

Mr. and Mrs. J. Lynwood Grant have established their permanent residence in the house where Mrs. Grant, the former Jean Law, spent her childhood at 1010 Little Lake Road. Mr. Grant retired on Nov. 1 after 17 years with the Sonoma County Assessor's Office. Mrs. GRant retired in August following a long career as a registered nurse. Both are natives of the Mendocino Coast.



9/5/1885 P W Hill has
J A Johnson beg an
addition to his house.

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7/7/1964

Albert R. Breth et ux to

Philip Youeld et ux

Prop Sec 20 T17N R17W

dated 6/24/64

6-20-1925

E. P. Frenchy of Casper is having
his household effects removed to this
place and will hereafter make his
home with his daughter Mrs R. Low

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5-23-1925

Robert Low to Mary E Low

dated 5-4-1925

Prop in or near Mendocino.

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+ Hill Ranch