

ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE CALIFORNIA	COUNTY MENDOCINO	TOWN OR VICINITY MENDOCINO
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) KELLEY HOUSE		HABS NO.
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE none		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 45007 Albion Street		County Assessor Parcel #119-238-17
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1861 (Wm. H. Kelley Diary)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) unknown	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Original use, residence by Wm. H. Kelley family. Wm. H. Kelley, pioneer to this area 1852. NOW "KELLEY HOUSE MUSEUM".		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) unknown, West Coast adaption of then current Eastern "style".		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Redwood		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) 69' long x 50' wide		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Quite elegant fenestration, ornate cornice complete with brackets		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) interiors intact - original		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Kitchen wing added about 1880.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Condition excellent. "KELLEY HOUSE MUSEUM" and caretakers apartment.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE One of the earliest houses built in Mendocino of native "redwood" lumber by Wm. H. Kelley in 1861, was owned by Kelley family until April 1975, sold to new owner and title transferred immediately to Mendocino Historical Research, Inc.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Stebbins/Bear, Mendocino Historical Research (see Vol II, No. 2, "Mendocino" pub by Bear & Stebbins. Mendocino Beacon and William H. Kelley's 1861 diary.		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Eleanor F. Sverko with assistance from Stebbins/Bear architect, Michael Leventhal		DATE May 27, 1986



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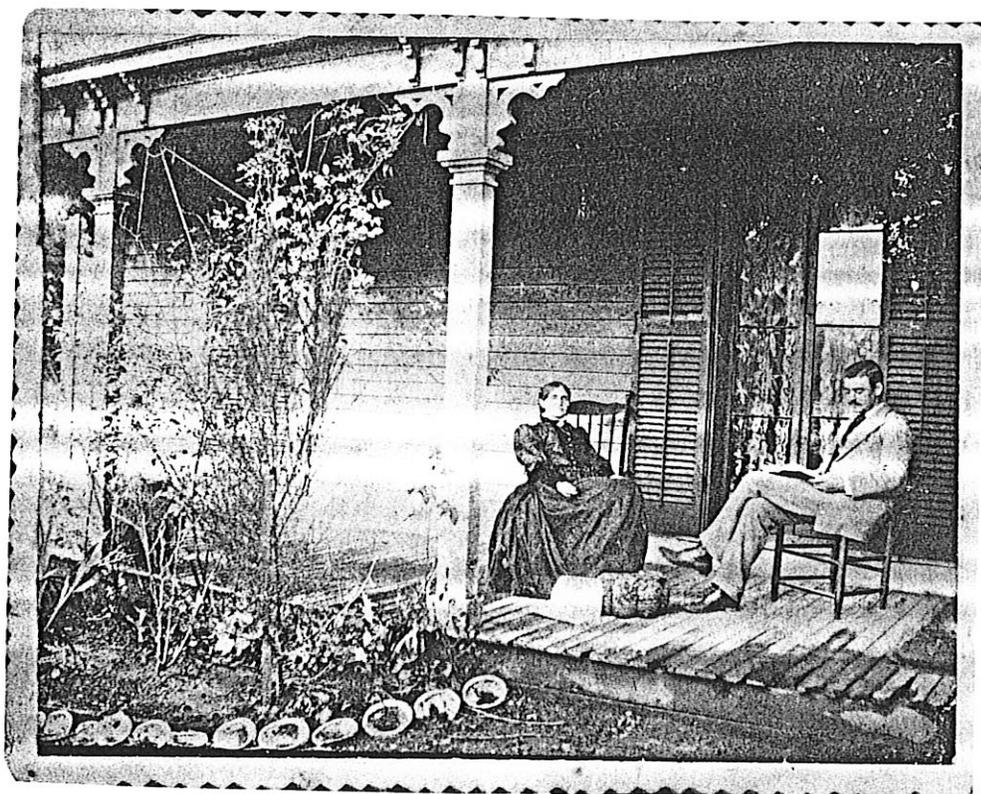


KELLEY HOUSE  
Built 1861 - Photo c. 1871

Kelley House as it looked in an early stereopticon photograph found in the family collection of memorabilia. The house was painted pale creamy yellow with white trim.



Kelley House 1886. Kitchen wing has been added.



Eliza Kelley and son Otis on east porch, c. 1895

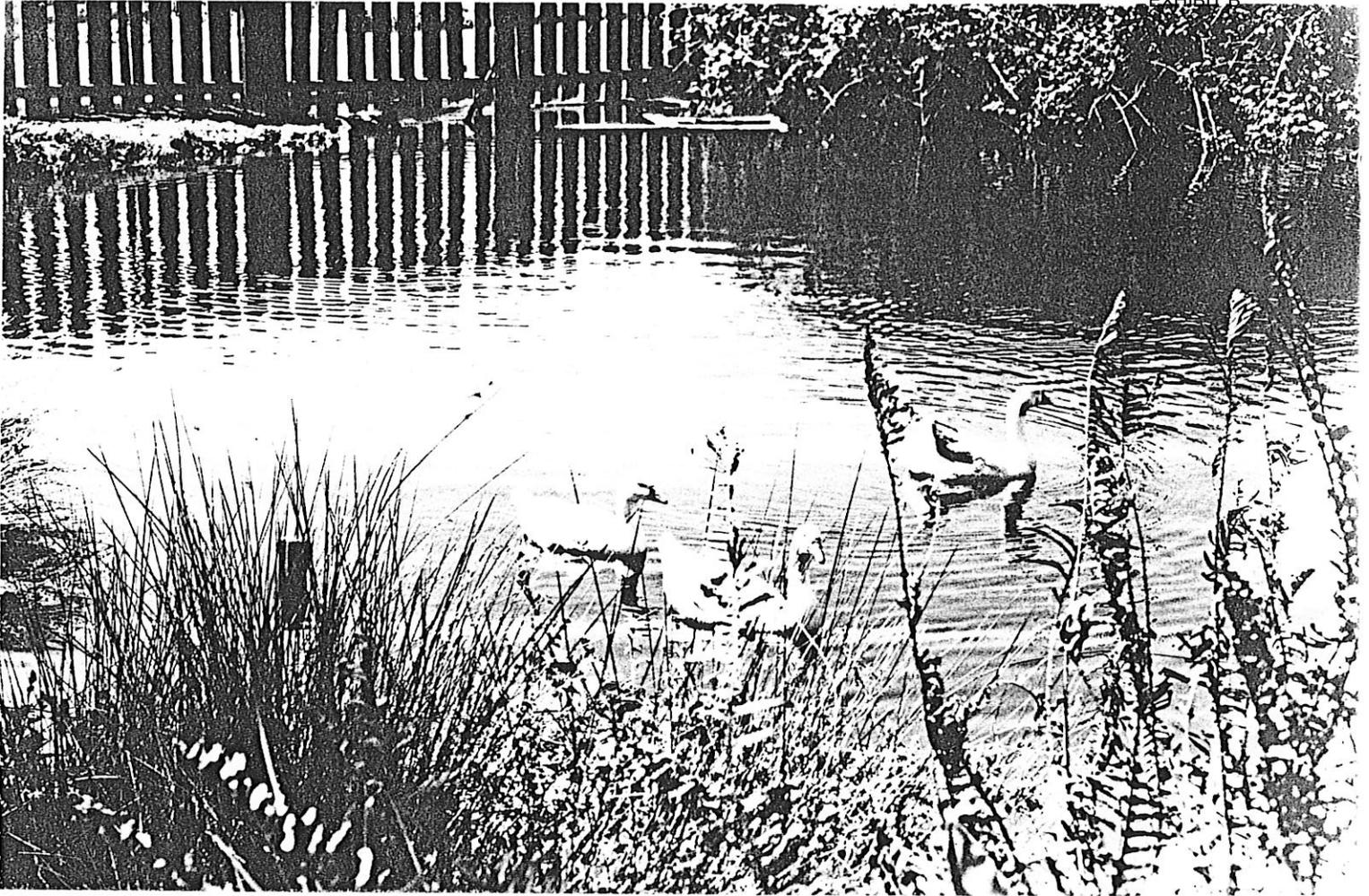


photo by Richard Yates

This is one of our favorite pictures of the Kelley duck pond. At one time Kelley children had a small boat on the water and we are told William Kelley stocked the pond with trout.

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Photographs except as otherwise labeled were supplied by the Kelley's grandchildren, the children of Otis and Annie McGuire Kelley. Our contact has been with Margaret Kelley Campbell.

The historical value of the agreement between William Kasten and William Kelley on page 10 cannot be emphasized enough. During our research of Mendocino history, references to Kasten's disposition of the land he pre-empted in 1851 (see copy of Pre-emption in Mendocino, Book I, by Bear and Stebbins), have assumed Kasten sold his holdings to Henry Meiggs, but this agreement clears up that assumption.

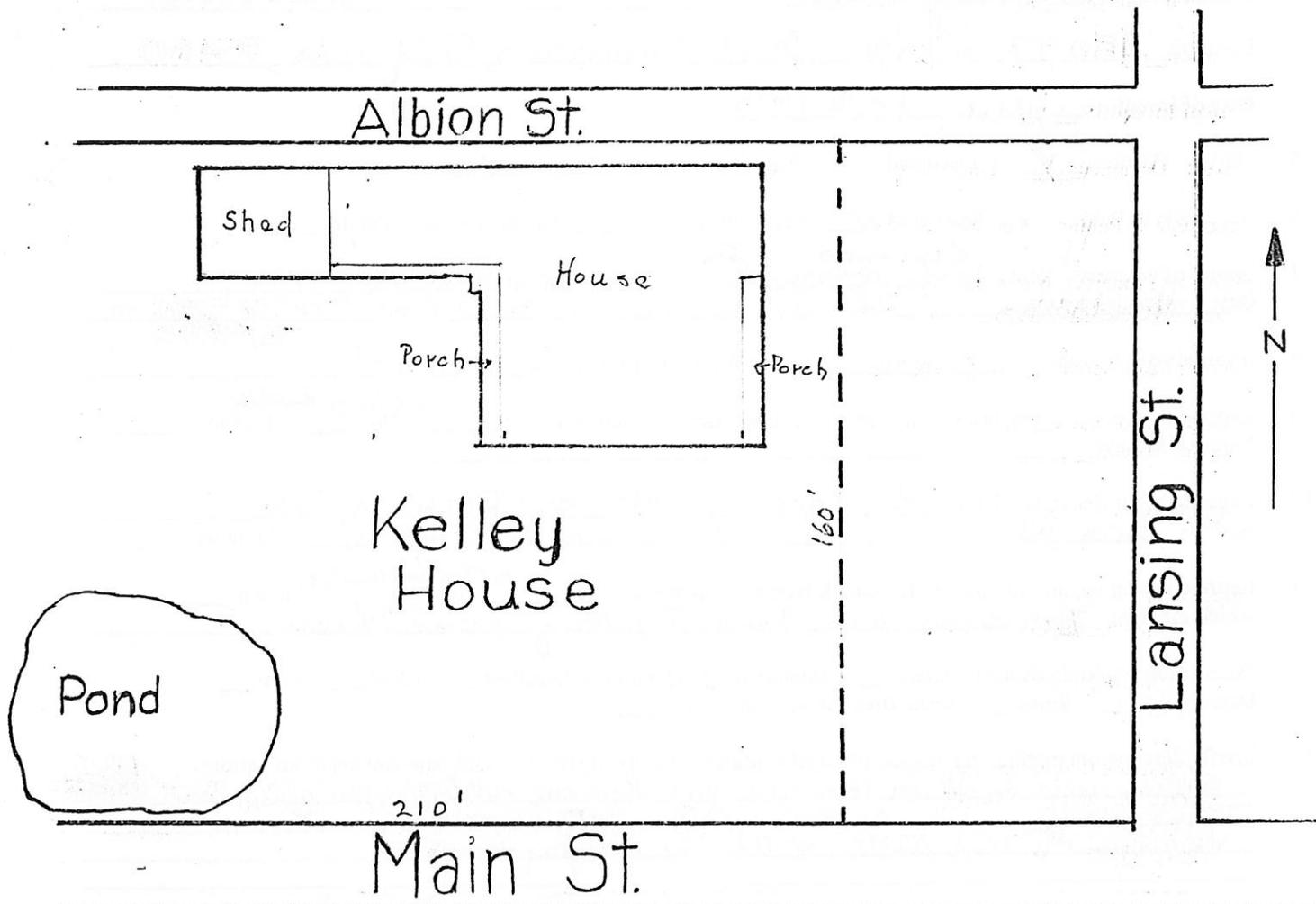
Mendocino Historical Research historians are deeply grateful for the cooperation of the Kelley family in supplying historical memorabilia. The photographs lent to us to copy will assist in the restoration of Kelley House.

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- 2. Common Name Kelley House APN: 119-238-17
- 3. Location 45007 Albion Street, Mendocino, California, 95460
- 4. Date of Inventory June 10th 1975
- 5. Status: Occupied  Unoccupied \_\_\_\_\_ Preservation Work in Progress
- 6. Accessible to Public: Yes, Restricted  Yes, Unrestricted \_\_\_\_\_ Not Accessible to Public \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. Owner of Property: Name Mendocino Historical Research, Inc. Address POST OFFICE BOX 922  
City Mendocino State California Zip 95460 Phone 707/937-5791 or 937-8940
- 8. Approximate Acreage .71 acre or Approximate Lot Size 210' X 160'
- 9. Representation in existing historic or prehistoric survey (see instructions): Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  *not individually* Unknown \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Survey \_\_\_\_\_
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- 11. Representation on current Historic Landmark Registry programs: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  *not individually* Unknown \_\_\_\_\_  
Which Program Mendocino is on National Register of Historic Places
- 12. Description (multiple choice): Altered \_\_\_\_\_ Unaltered  Condition: Excellent \_\_\_\_\_ Good \_\_\_\_\_ Fair \_\_\_\_\_  
Deteriorated  Ruins \_\_\_\_\_ Unexposed (archeological site) \_\_\_\_\_
- 13. Briefly describe the present and original physical appearance of site or structure and note any major alterations: 1880  
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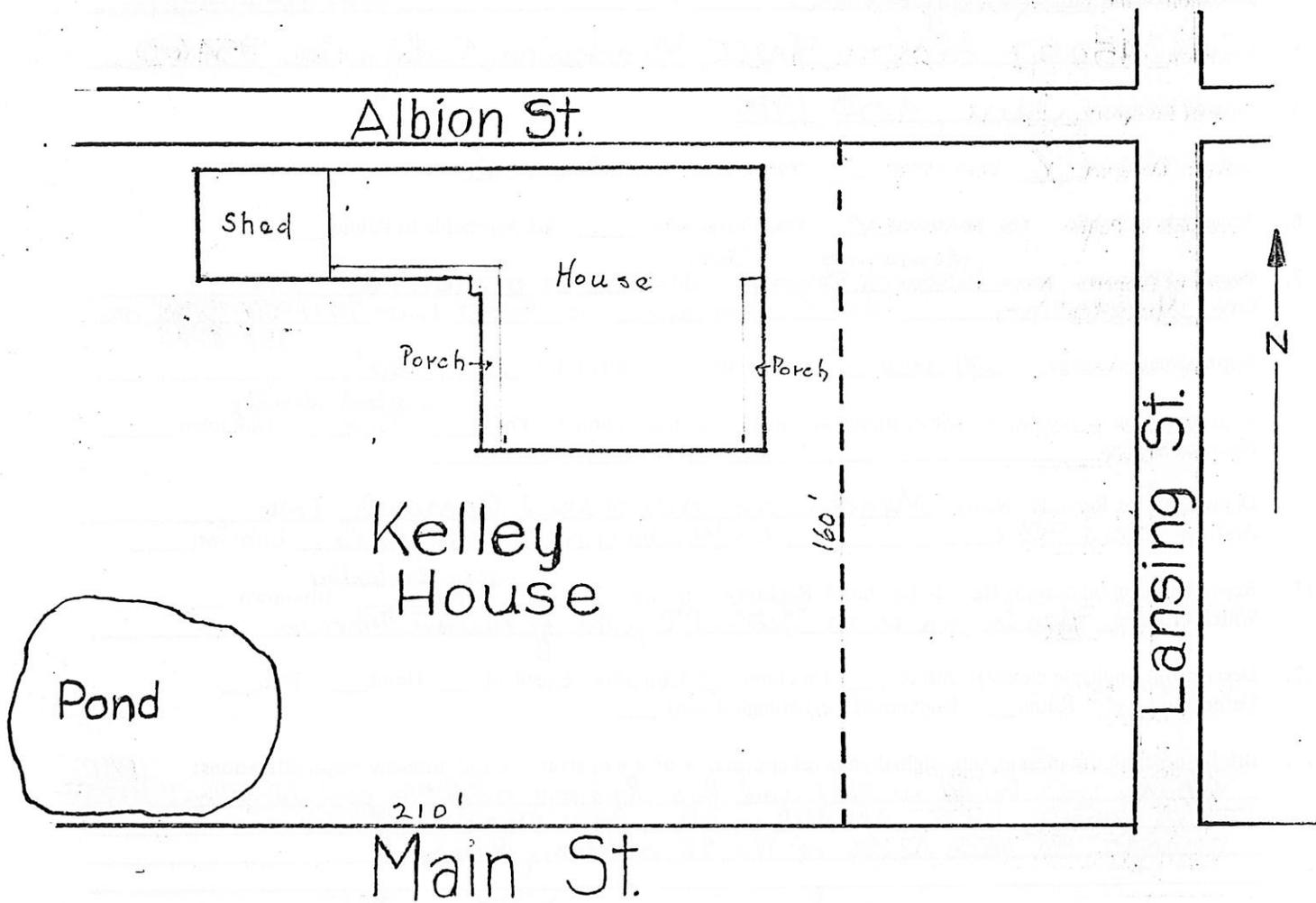
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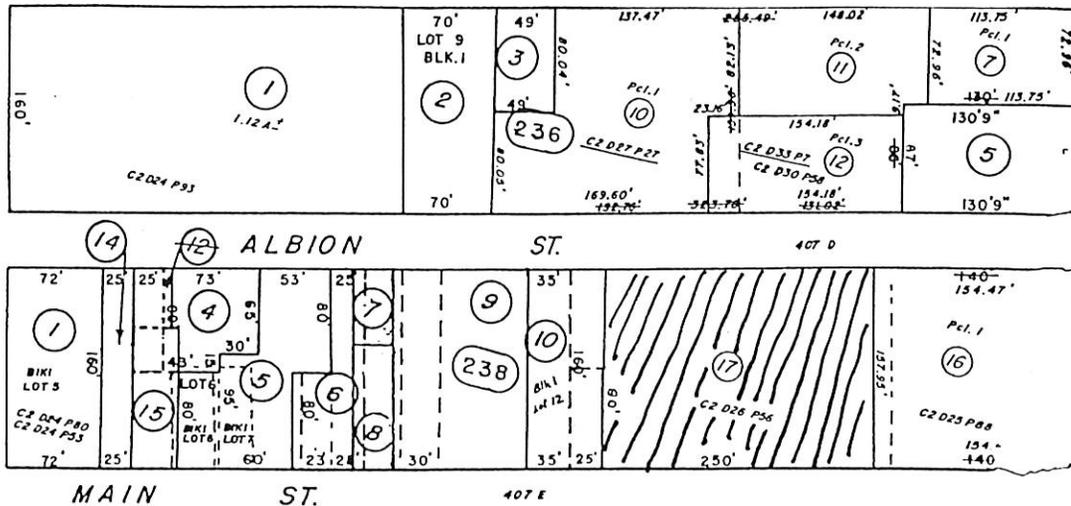
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Per Eleanor F. Sverko, April, 1998

**KELLEY HOUSE**

**APN: 119-238-17**  
**MHR: #26, Landmark No. I**  
**45007 Albion Street or**  
**45020 Main Street**



This historic old home which is now the Kelley House Museum, owned and operated by Mendocino Historical Research, Inc., was built in 1861 by William H. Kelley, early pioneer who was among the first to come to Mendocino in 1852. He sailed here on the ship "Ontario" in 1852, along with forty other men to help build the first sawmill.

In 1854, Kelley bought almost the entire Mendocino peninsula from William Kasten, who had filed a pre-emption claim, for \$2650. Kasten had the first house in Mendocino (Heeser-Kasten House). In 1855, Kelley returned east and married Eliza Lee Owen. They lived in the Kasten house six years, until this home, built of native redwood lumber, was completed in 1861. A kitchen wing was added about 1880. In August, 1880, Kelley added a trout pond to the property, and planted 1000 catfish.

The Kelley's put down roots in Mendocino and raised their children here. Their daughter Daisy married Alexander MacCallum, and for them he built the MacCallum House. In 1894, he built the Eliza Kelley Memorial Baptist Church, on Ukiah Street, for his wife.

In 1975, the Kelley heirs sold the entire corner to R. O. Peterson, who immediately transferred ownership of the Kelley House and grounds to Mendocino Historical Research, Inc., who have operated the Museum and Archives since that time. MHR, Inc., was the recipient of a \$70,000 grant in August, 1974, to help with the acquisition of the property. Much restoration, an ongoing project, has been done to the old house .. A part of the old shed was rebuilt into a vault in 1993, with the exterior siding replaced .. The grounds are beautifully maintained .. And the pond still has ducks!



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