State of California — The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

Ser. No. _____
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UTM: A _____ B _____
C _____ D _____

IDENTIFICATION

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

DESCRIPTION

7a. Architectural style: New England, Gothic, Victorian & Farm & Country

7b. 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.

Attach Photo(s) Here

8. Construction date:
   Estimated ____ Factual 1855
9. Architect _____
10. Builder _____
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
    Frontage 148" Depth 305'
    or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s) _____

13. **Condition:** Excellent ___ Good X 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 X Densely built-up ___
Residential X Industrial ___ Commercial X Other: ___

16. **Threats to site:** None known ___ Private development X Zoning ___ Vandalism ___
Public Works project ___ Other: Proposed 10,000 sq ft inn immediately west.

17. **Is the structure:** On its original site? X 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.

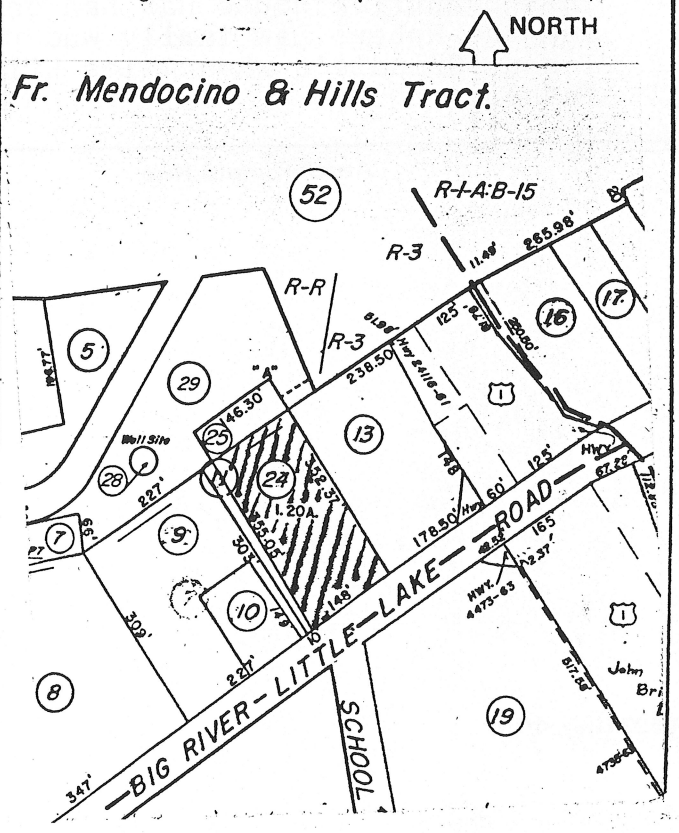
The present owner is Jean(Law-Grant)Rice, daughter of the Robert Law's.

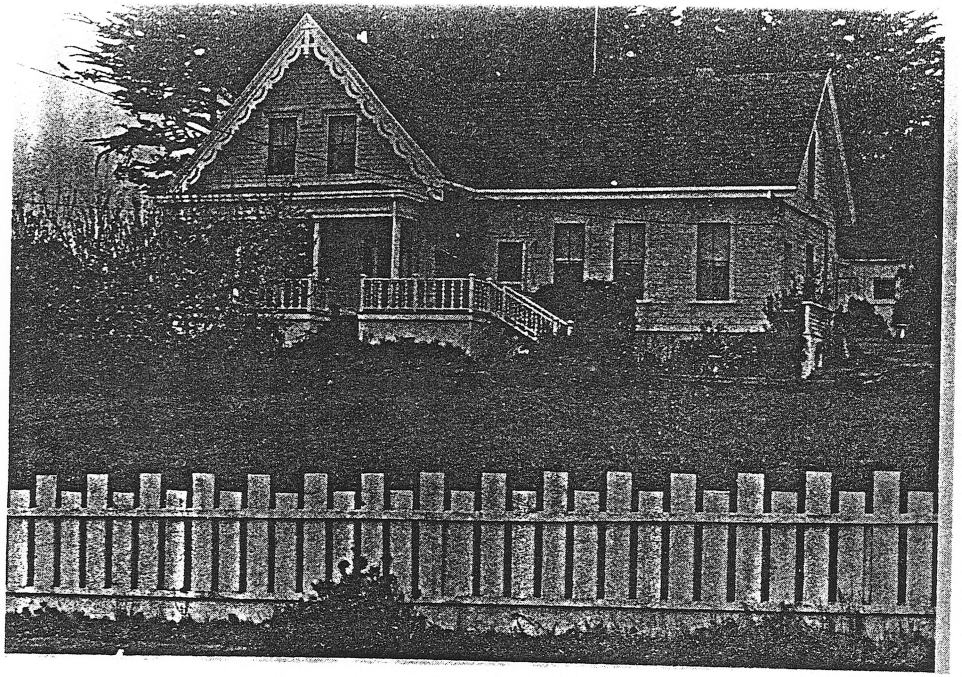
20. **Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)**
Architecture X Arts & Leisure ___
Economic/Industrial ___ Exploration/Settlement ___
Government ___ Military ___
Religion ___ Social/Education ___
Local cultural history

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

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





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
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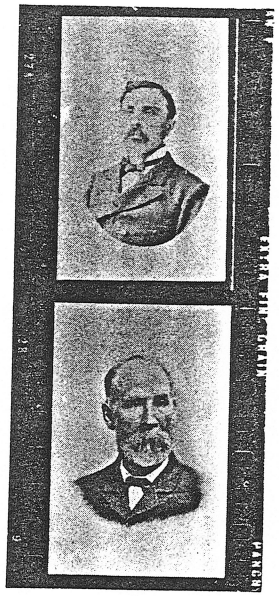
Joshua Grindle



Spencer W. Hills

Josh feeding the chickens

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Form 10-920
(June 1983)

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE	COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY
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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)*
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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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HABS NO.

SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE
RESIDENCE

COMPLETE ADDRESS *(DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES)*
44900 L. LAKE ST

APN - 119-140-14 (?)

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION *(INCLUDE SOURCE)*
1855 FIRST PHASE

ARCHITECT(S) *(INCLUDE SOURCE)*

SIGNIFICANCE *(ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE)*
RESIDENTIAL

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)*

EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE
SCROLLWORK ALONG GABLE BARGE RAFTERS & SUSPENDED FROM EAVE FACIAS
DESIGN IS UNIQUE TO THIS HOUSE

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 ADDED CIRCA 1857
KITCHEN WING ADDED CIRCA 1875

PRESENT CONDITION AND USE
Family Home of MRS JEAN (LAW-GRANT) RICE

OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE

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    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 (dairy demolished) ☒ b. Carriage house ☐ c. Outhouse ☐ d. Shed(s) ☐ e. Formal garden(s) ☐
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    Address: _____ City _____ ZIP: _____
    Phone: _____ Organization: _____

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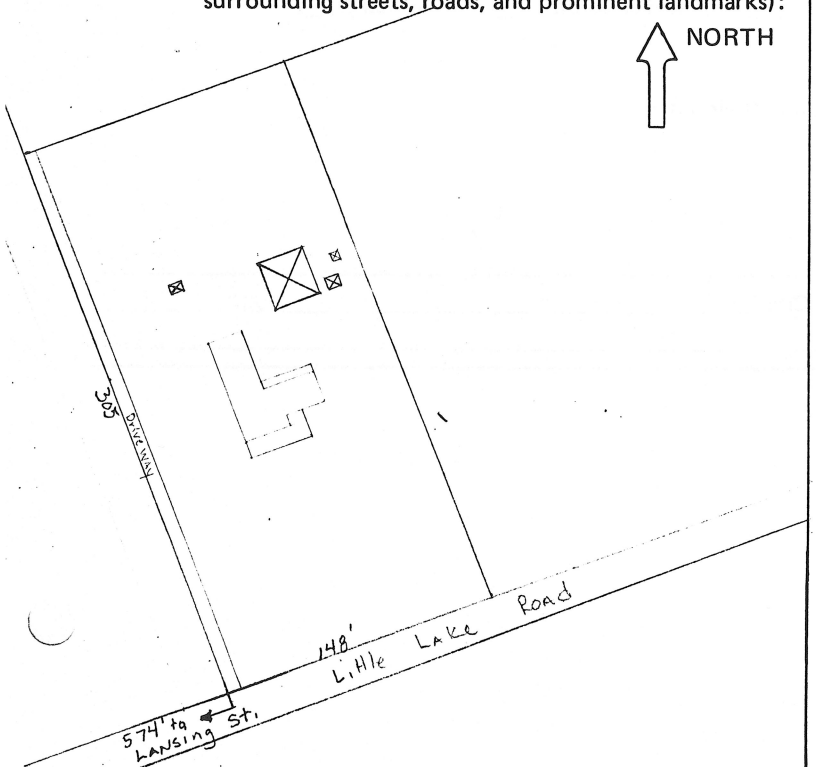

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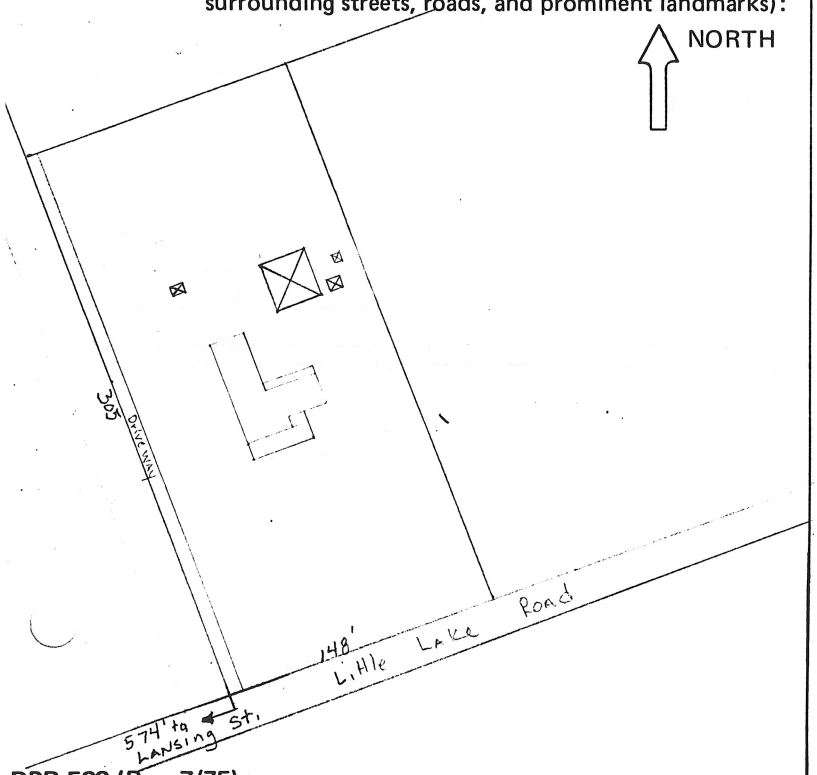

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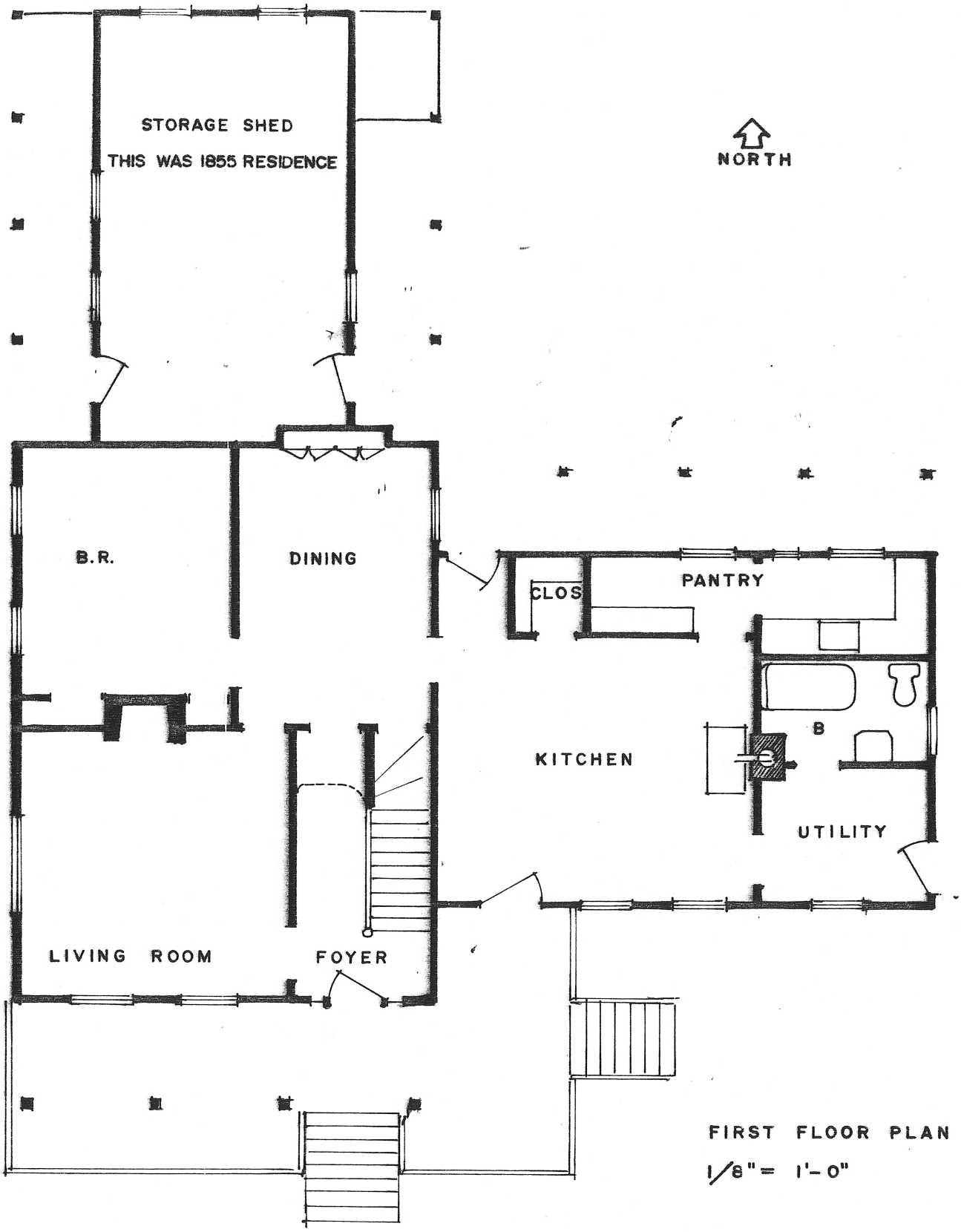

FIRST FLOOR PLAN
1/8" = 1'-0"

SPENCER HILLS RESIDENCE MENDOCINO CA.

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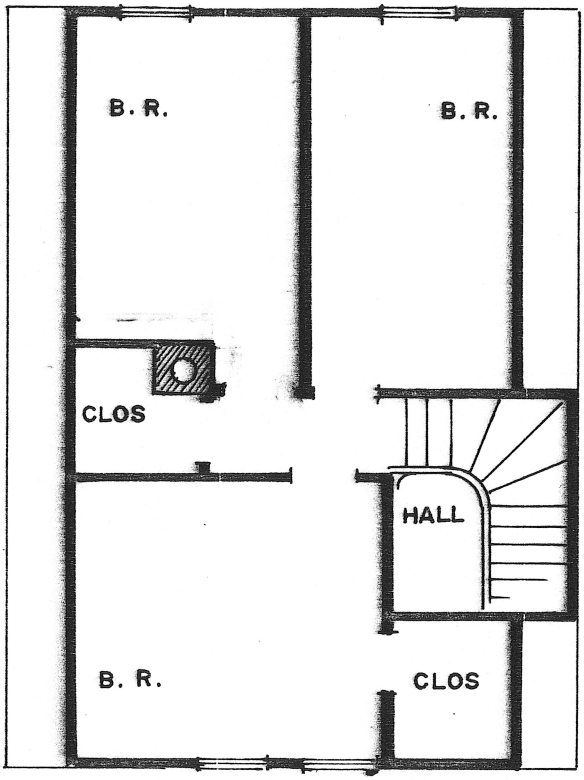
NORTH



SECOND FLOOR PLAN

1/8" = 1'-0"

SPENCER HILLS RESIDENCE MENDOCINO CA.

1985

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.

Beacon Nov. 21, 1990

Kelley House Calendar

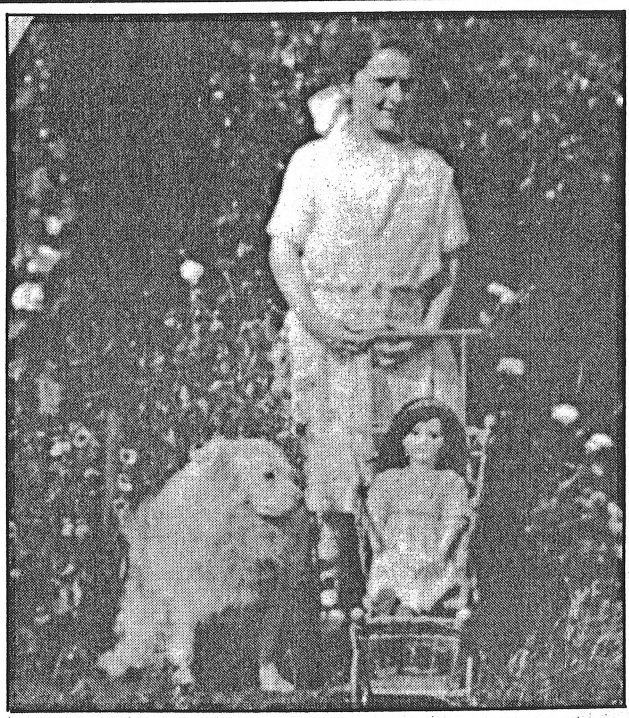
By WALLY SMITH
For the Beacon

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.



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

Mendocino Historical Research, Inc. photo

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, 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.

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SIGNIFICANCE

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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, 1858 who married JOshua Grindle in 1878. Spencer Hills gave a plot of ground to the east to the Jushua 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 X 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
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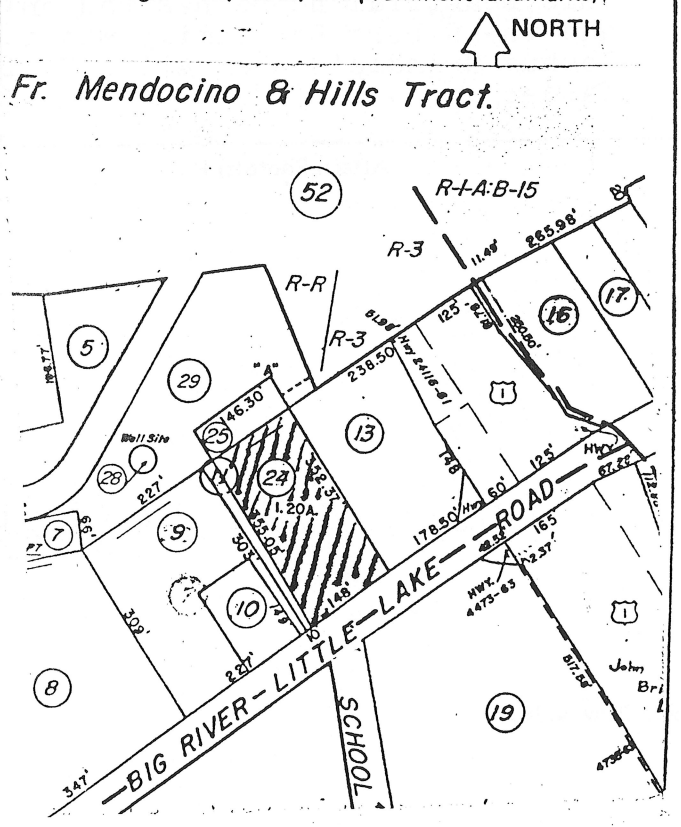
Locational sketch map (draw and label site and surrounding streets, roads, and prominent landmarks);



Littleriver Mendocino And The Coast

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Richard Placone, at Palo Alto from Wednesday until Sunday. Feasting and family fun combined to make a delightful visit.

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From Redding for Holiday

Holiday guests at the W. M. Woodward home on the Ridge Road for four happy days were their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Woodward, with children Wendy and Mark, from Redding.

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Thanks and Feasting

Joining the Ellis Rowe family for the day of Thanks and feasting were Sharon and Dennis Bevan with baby of Manchester or Elk (they live half way between).

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Notes

The Al Koskelas were up from San Francisco to be with family members for the holiday.

Archer Anderson drove to Potter Valley for a family celebration at the home of his sister, Mrs. Clark.

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Fire Dept. Meet Dec. 2

Friday, Dec. 2, a special meeting will be held at the Fire Hall in Albion, Fire Chief Wm. E. Perry has announced. Dinner will be served at six o'clock to members of the Albion-Little River Volunteer Fire Department. All members are requested to attend.

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Visiting Mrs. Ruby Walt

Weekend guests at the Ridge Road home of Mrs. Ruby Walt were her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Walt with Marc and Eric and Lynn Walt of Hayward. A most pleasant family visit.

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Fly From Biggs

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bowles flew over from Biggs in their private plane on Sunday to visit at the Richard Hood seacoast home. They were met at the Little River airport by their hosts and were dinner guests with the Hoods at the Harry Urbani home in Fort Bragg.

Mr. Bowles had just returned from a successful hunting trip to Worland, Wyoming. He and his hunting companion each bagged a nice buck.

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MENDOCINO MEMO

Ocean View Installs Saturday

Installation of officers will take place at the historic Masonic Temple this Saturday night, to begin at 8 o'clock. Installed in beautiful and impressive ceremony will be officers of Ocean View Chapter 111, Order of the Eastern Star.

Heading the slate is Worthy Matron Antoinette Hayward and Worthy Patron Charles Hayward. Line officers include Mrs. Frances Langton, associate matron; Carl Godsey, associate patron; Marquita Rybloom (Mrs. James), conductress; and Karleen Godsey (Mrs. Carl), associate conductress.

Retiring matron and patron are Eva Strelow (Mrs. Floyd) and Sam Paul.

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Move to Mendocino

The welcome mat has been laid for Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Grant of Santa Rosa, who moved to Mendocino last Friday, to her mother's home, the late Mrs. Soeth.

The dwelling originally was the historic Hill's place. Mrs. Grant is the former Jean Law, who was born and raised in Mendocino. They are being happily greeted by many local friends.

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Ethel McCoy Passes

Mrs. Ethel McCoy, widow of Charles McCoy, was released from her suffering last Sun-

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

Officiating
The Reverend S. Martin Eidsath

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Milliken Family Plot
Evergreen Cemetery
Mendocino, California

Cannarr-Fairlee Funeral Home
Fort Bragg, California

Family and Friends
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James Alden Rice

Mendocino Presbyterian Church
May 27, 1979 – 2 p.m.

Organ Prelude	Judy Brooks
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Scripture	
Meditation	Rev. S. Martin Eidsath
Hymn – "How Great Thou Art"	page 32
Benediction	

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.