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National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic HELD - POAGE HOUSE

and/or common HELD - POAGE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

2. Location

street & number 603 W. Perkins Street

N/A not for publication

city, town Ukiah N/A vicinity of

state California code 06 county Mendocino code 045

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: Library

4. Owner of Property

name Mendocino County Historical Society

street & number 603 W. Perkins Street

city, town Ukiah N/A vicinity of

state California 95482

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Recorder's Office Mendocino County Courthouse

street & number N. State and W. Perkins

city, town Ukiah

state California

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Architectural & Historical Resources Inventory  
Report - City of Ukiah has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date November 22, 1985  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Planning Department, City of Ukiah

city, town Ukiah

state California

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## 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date <u>N/A</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

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### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Held-Poage House, a prominent two-story Queen Anne/Colonial Revival residence, is sited on the north half of a large lot which occupies one half of City Block 54. The south half of the lot is landscaped with numerous native California trees--cork-oak, madrona, California bay and manzanita. The building retains a high level of integrity.

Because the home was built near the boundaries of the lot, being 37' from the street curb on the east 20' from the north curbing, it is very prominent to passing foot and motor traffic. The house is 40' x 50' with approximately 2,000 square feet. The porch system provides another 520 square feet of covered space. The prominence is further pronounced by several architectural features which are its round, corner, two-story tower with witch's hat roof, and open, wrap-around, first floor porch. The main hipped roof is intersected by a gabled wing to the east, square gabled northwestern bay, gabled dormer with finials, and encircling porch roof. The wrap-around porch roof has brackets at the eaves and is supported by fifteen simple Tuscan columns. A balustrade of turned posts connects the columns. Consoles flank the tower windows beneath the eaves and the eastern gable end contains an arched opening. There are two circular bays, the one facing east has three windows and the one facing northeast has four. These windows and eight others like them are 7' x 30" single pane, double hung wooden sash. The northeast corner of the structure has rectangular shaped bay (4' x 8') with four windows. The house by exterior appearances seems to have a full second story but the second floor was never finished or used. The upper building surfaces are shingled. The lower floor is sided with 10" wide channel rustic. The house is completely constructed of redwood but has always been painted. The asymmetry, tower, gable forms, and surface changes are Queen Anne characteristics. This was a popular form in Ukiah until 1910. Few homes in Ukiah have the completeness of detail or quality this home has. The home was constructed by Samuel M. Orr. Orr was a local architect and contractor noted for his quality workmanship. Several of his homes and commercial buildings are still standing in Ukiah.

In 1924, the house received minor structural remodeling. The house was fully plumbed at this time and southwest corner bedroom's closet was turned into the first interior bathroom. A small alcove was added to the southern exterior wall next to the bathroom to hold the new oil burning furnace. Additional plumbing was added for the hot water radiator system, which replaced the earlier wood burning stoves. The dining room entry doorway was enlarged to accommodate french doors. The original kitchen was turned into third bedroom and southeast corner pantryroom wall was extended eight feet east to create a new kitchen. This kitchen addition looks like part of the original house because the exterior siding, moulding, and windows were duplicates of the 1903 materials and designs. The roof line and pitch were also exactly matched to the older structure.

The last exterior changes were made in 1958 and 1965. The entire house was placed on a perimeter concrete foundation and the original foundation skirting was replaced by exterior siding. The three wooden entry stairways were replaced by red brick and a small bathroom (6' x 6') was added by enclosing part of the southern kitchen porch. In 1982 a handicap ramp was built but no structural changes were made for this project. A hidden security system was installed in 1979.

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The house can be entered through three doors, kitchen, front entry hall, and double french into the dining room. There are three bedrooms, a study, two parlors, dining room and kitchen. The interior woodwork was grained to look like oak and burl. In the 1924 remodeling, all rooms except the bedrooms were painted a cream color and the house repapered. The later redecorating is still intact in the rooms except a 1969 repapering of the dining room. The house was wired when it was built in 1903 and all original lighting fixtures are in place and in use. The northeast parlor bay has a built-in circular bench and a large (4' x 8') overhead ornate wooden fretwork framing the bay projection. The 1924 kitchen is totally unchanged with the exception of a 1940's refrigerator and stove. The flooring is the original linoleum, a beige with red, grey, and brown geometric designs. The sink is a free standing, two spindle legged "white wear". There are two installed Hoosier-style cupboards with a built-in flour sifter and turntable spice rack. The ice box is zinc lined with three compartments and there is an additional floor to ceiling cooler with grills and floor holes for drafting cooler air from under the house.

With exception of the changes mentioned above, this turn-of-the-century house is unchanged and well-maintained in its nearly original state.

Resource Count

Contributing: 1

Non-Contributing: 0

## 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** 1903-1937 **Builder/Architect** Samuel M. Orr

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Held-Poage House is significant as one of Ukiah's most prominent turn-of-the-century Queen Anne/Colonial Revival residences, and as the home of socially prominent Ukiahans, Ethel Poage-Held and William D. L. Held. Built by local architect Samuel M. Orr in 1903, the home was maintained by the family for 65 years. Few homes in Ukiah have the completeness of detail or quality this home has.

The residence is a fine representative of its transitional era, reflecting Queen Anne style design complexity and Colonial Revival simplicity. The historic associations contribute significantly to the importance of this building. The Held-Poage House is the only historic residence in Ukiah which has escaped multiple owners, lot subdivision, inferior alterations, or poor maintenance.

Born in 1874 at San Francisco, California, William D. L. Held at the age of seventeen came to Ukiah to begin the reading of the law and working as a stenographer in the office of T. L. Carothers. For ten years he was a law clerk and court reporter for Mendocino Superior Court and the U.S. District Court. In 1901 he formed a partnership with T. J. Weldon to practice law. In 1904, 1906, and 1910, Held was elected to the California State Assembly where he authored a constitutional amendment providing for a direct primary, which made possible the present California primary law. He also authored the bills providing for the initiative and referendum and recall as applied to California counties. In 1928, Held was elected Mayor of Ukiah, and in 1932 Judge of the Superior Court of Mendocino County, a position he held for twelve years.

Ethel Poage came from a prominent family who had moved to Ukiah in 1885. Her father, Simeon Poage, a former Idaho Territorial Legislator, who wrote the constitution for Idaho for its admission to statehood, practiced law in Ukiah in addition to serving as a Justice of the Peace and city attorney. Her brother, William, was a long time elected district attorney for Mendocino County.

Upon Judge Held's death in 1968, the property was passed on to his only son. In 1969, the home and a maintenance trust were deeded to the Mendocino County Historical Society with the provision that it be used as a research library.

This residence is now the headquarters of the Mendocino County Historical Society, staffed by volunteers for research in state, county, and local histories and genealogies. The home is also a living museum with many of Held's furnishings and many other items donated by local pioneer families. The patrons are allowed to use the original furniture, and several of the rooms also hold collections which are displayed to demonstrate how a 1903 home was furnished. The Held-Poage home is unique and gives the community a glimpse into Ukiah's past and the lives of a prominent couple.

The family continued to be associated with the residence until 1969; however, nothing of exceptional significance occurred between 1937 and 1969; therefore, the period of significance is terminated in 1937.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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# 10. Geographical Data

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Quadrangle name Ukiah

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

### UTM References

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### Verbal boundary description and justification 001-229-03

East half of Block 54 of said Western Addition of the City of Ukiah, bounded North by Perkins, East by Dora Street, South by Church Street, recorded in Bk. 54, Pg. 208, Mendocino County Records. Boundaries are the original lot lines.

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state NA code county code

state code county code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Judy Pruden

organization Mendocino County Historical Society date October 16, 1986

street & number 603 W. Perkins telephone 707-462-6969

city or town Ukiah state California 95482

# 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Kathryn Sweetser

title date 11/30/87

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register of Historic Places

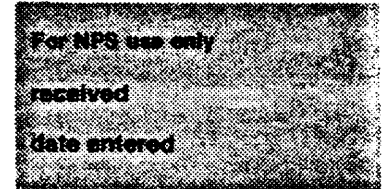
for [Signature]  
Keeper of the National Register date 1-7-88

Attest:

Chief of Registration

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CHURCH ST.

DORA ST.

CURB / SIDEWALK

IRIS BEDS

TREES

VEGETABLE GARDEN

LILACS

BEDS

DIRT PATH

TREE

RHODODENDRONS

PLANTER

TREE

TREE

BEDS

N

TREE

TREE

RAMP

LAWN

LAWN

CURB / SIDEWALK

PERKINS ST.

EAST 1/2 BLOCK 54,  
WESTERN ADDITION

BOUND ON N. by  
PERKINS, ON E. by  
DORA, ON S. by CHURCH

(WALKWAYS CONCRETE)

603 W. PERKINS  
HELD-POAGE HOME  
UKiah, Mendocino Co., CA

SCALE 1" = 20'

