

Fraga House, Water Tower  
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## PHOTOGRAPHS

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

Historic American Buildings Survey  
National Park Service  
Department of the Interior  
Washington, DC 20013-7127

ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE CALIFORNIA	COUNTY MENDOCINO	TOWN OR VICINITY MENDOCINO
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE <i>(INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME)</i> FRACA HOUSE, WATER TOWER		HABS NO. CA-2231
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS <i>(DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES)</i> 45040 Calpella Street		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION <i>(INCLUDE SOURCE)</i>	ARCHITECT(S) <i>(INCLUDE SOURCE)</i>	
SIGNIFICANCE <i>(ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE)</i> Significant for architecture gravity-flow water tank tower		
STYLE <i>(IF APPROPRIATE)</i>		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION <i>(INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS)</i> redwood shingles over redwood structure		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE <i>(SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE)</i>		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE <i>(DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)</i>		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE fair condition; no longer in use		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE This structure was called "Tower of Bicycle Playing Cards" by James Piersol, son of Dr. Piersol, an early owner, because this is where neighborhood children went to hide from parents who disapproved of them playing cards. Listed on National Register of Historic Places.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION <i>(INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.)</i> James Piersol, William R. Spencer, Mendocino Historical Research, Inc., courthouse records		
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