

## Home tour house description notes

### Background Information

Owner name(s): Barbara Alexander

### Description

This home is a wonderful example of a historic home that allows visitors to get a real feel for what it may have been like to live during Sutter Creek's gold mining heyday.

Entering via a covered porch, through the antique etched glass front door, you will find another fine example of a traditional "payday" miners' cottage, where the owners would start by building a modest, bare-bones dwelling, and expand over time as money became available, adding additional rooms, including modern features such as indoor bathrooms and kitchens. It is believed that the original footprint of the home included only the front parlor and the modest bedroom to the immediate right as you enter, which feature the original - albeit slanting - wood plank flooring.

The attractive parlor is filled with an eclectic mix of vintage family treasures, and mementos from the owner's travels around the globe. The antique rugs came from the owner's family home in Armenia; the two upholstered side chairs belonged to her grandparents. Just off the parlor, is the owner's charming bedroom, which has been cleverly expanded by reclaiming unused porch space. The expansion created an inviting bathing area featuring a large soaking tub, several windows and a skylight that let in plenty of sunlight.

Traveling back through the parlor, you can see evidence of yet another expansion, where a large and sunny kitchen was added. Featuring traditional beadboard siding and ceilings, the kitchen has a charming "lived in" feel to it. Just beyond the kitchen is another expansion where a portion of an unused porch was converted into a beautiful, sunny breakfast room and adjacent work space. Featuring a window seat overlooking the lovely back garden, this room is not only loved by the owner, but is also home to a number of thriving plants, and two lively Parakeets, "BB" (blue) and "Mimi" (white).

The large backyard and side gardens feature a number of mature trees, including an apple and peach tree, as well as a wildflower meadow in the corner. A gazebo-covered seating area creates an outdoor room for fair-weather enjoyment.