

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

Ser. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
HABS \_\_\_\_\_ HAER \_\_\_\_\_ Loc \_\_\_\_\_ SHL No. \_\_\_\_\_ NR Status 5D  
UTM: A 10/626968.4096461 C \_\_\_\_\_  
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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Cobb House
2. Historic name: Cobb House
3. Street or rural address: 391 Fifth Street  
City Gilroy Zip 95020 County Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 79901964
5. Present Owner: Woodrow Ketchum Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Ownership is: Public \_\_\_\_\_ Private
6. Present Use: Residence Original use: Residence

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural style: Neoclassical
- 7b. Briefly describe the present *physical appearance* of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

This corner lot neoclassic has a truncated hipped roof with two leaded windows in the shingled dormer which faces Fifth Street. Below the exposed rafters, unusual for this style of house, the siding is wide clapboard and there is a bay window. The recessed porch has cobblestone pillars and the house sits high upon a raised foundation.



8. Construction date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Estimated \_\_\_\_\_ Factual 1897
9. Architect \_\_\_\_\_  
Unknown
10. Builder \_\_\_\_\_  
Unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet)  
Frontage \_\_\_\_\_ Depth \_\_\_\_\_  
or approx. acreage \_\_\_\_\_
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)  
Mar. 1988

13. Condition: Excellent \_\_\_\_\_  Good \_\_\_\_\_ Fair \_\_\_\_\_ Deteriorated \_\_\_\_\_ No longer in existence \_\_\_\_\_
14. Alterations: \_\_\_\_\_
15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land \_\_\_\_\_ Scattered buildings \_\_\_\_\_ Densely built-up   
Residential \_\_\_\_\_  Industrial \_\_\_\_\_ Commercial \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
16. Threats to site: None known \_\_\_\_\_  Private development \_\_\_\_\_ Zoning \_\_\_\_\_ Vandalism \_\_\_\_\_  
Public Works project \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
17. Is the structure: On its original site?  Moved? \_\_\_\_\_ Unknown? \_\_\_\_\_
18. Related features: \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNIFICANCE**

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)

This home was built for the Robert Cobb family in 1898. Mr. Cobb was a partner of L.N. Wood in a drygoods store on Monterey Street. One outstanding feature of this Neoclassic Style home is the river rock pillars on the front porch. Rocks for the supports were gathered in the Uvas River bed.

In the diverse styles of Gilroy Fifth Street is a sampler of the eras. This structure with it's river rock pillers is an important element on the street.

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

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).

Gilroy Museum Files  
Sanborn Maps 1892-1906  
A Field Guide to American Homes  
McAlister

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