

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Historic name: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Street or rural address: 7100 Rosanna Street  
City Gilroy Zip 95020 County Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 79901007
5. Present Owner: Carmen Seanez Address: 211 W. Ninth Street  
City Gilroy Zip 95020 Ownership is: Public \_\_\_\_\_ Private X
6. Present Use: Residence Original use: Residence

DESCRIPTION

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

The porch in Greek revival style is only a little wider than the doorway. This is the case in this very old pioneer cottage. Rectangular in form, with a high pitched roof, the front facade is located on the side. The door is in the center (behind the porch) with a window on each side. A window divides each of the end gables. This is the simplest form of cottage, translated from a traditional British folk style.



8. Construction date:  
Estimated 1860 Factual \_\_\_\_\_
9. Architect Unknown
10. Builder Unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet)  
Frontage 75 Depth 150  
or approx. acreage \_\_\_\_\_
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)  
Mar. 1986

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

**SIGNIFICANCE**

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

This very simple, intact pioneer residential structure displays utilitarian simplicity and is important as an example of a very early Gilroy settler's home. It has not been possible to date this structure, however the location, style, and materials make it one of the oldest, if not the oldest, structure in Gilroy.

The basic form, a pitched roof two room structure, was the start of many area homes. This house was extended in the rear, the easiest way to enlarge a pioneer cottage. Very few of this early form exist in Gilroy, or in the Santa Clara Valley.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)

- Architecture 1 Arts & Leisure \_\_\_\_\_  
 Economic/Industrial \_\_\_ Exploration/Settlement \_\_\_  
 Government \_\_\_ Military \_\_\_  
 Religion \_\_\_ Social/Education \_\_\_\_\_

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

Gilroy Museum File  
A Field Guide to American Houses  
 McAlister

Sanborn Map 1888,1908

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