

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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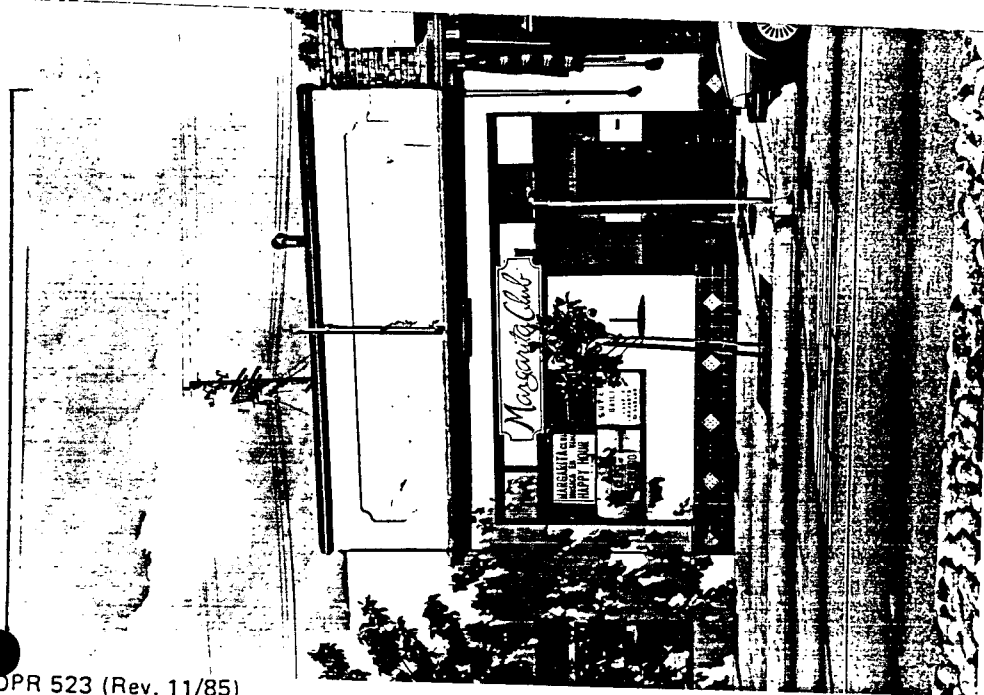
IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Margarita Club
2. Historic name: _____
3. Street or rural address: 7355 Monterey Street
 City Gilroy Zip 95020 County Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 799839
5. Present Owner: Tony Arreola Address: 8401 Wayland Lane
 City Gilroy Zip 95020 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Bar Original use: _____

DESCRIPTION

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

7355 Monterey is another well-scaled brick commercial building from the 1880's which has unfortunately been altered by the stuccoing over of the street front commercial window forms. The structure is rectangular in plan. The facade is flat faced with a slightly projected cornice line, a projecting string course, decorative paneling on the upper portion of the street facade. A band of horizontal shaped windows separates the stucco surface from the area that contains the front windows. Note, however, that the existing fenestration is an altered form from the original large plate glass which typifies the commercial style and may be seen unaltered at #7357 next door. The entry is recessed and marked by a simple wooden door which is also an alteration. The major detail element is found in the decorative tile work which frames the lower facade and which is found in slight variations.



8. Construction date: _____
 Estimated after Factual _____
1926
9. Architect Unknown
10. Builder Unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
 Frontage 20 Depth 142
 or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
Mar. 1986

13. Condition: Excellent Good Fair Poor Very Poor
14. Alterations: Storefront modifications, stucco covering
15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land Scattered buildings Densely built-up X
 Residential Industrial Commercial X Other:
16. Threats to site: None known X Private development Zoning Vandalism
 Public Works project Other:
17. Is the structure: On its original site? X Moved? Unknown?
18. Related features:

SIGNIFICANCE

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

The commercial district along Monterey has a preponderance of well scaled one and a half story commercial buildings. 7355 is a contributing structure to the continuity of the street. Remodeled from what it once was, the view need only look to the storefront, to the north to see that this is in facade and horizontal banding a structure in context with the others.

Originally one of three businesses in the same structure, this was a cigar store possibly operated by Mr. Porcella prior to his expanding into the dry goods business and occupying the space to the north.

The two story Union Hotel Building stood on this site prior to 1926.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)
 Architecture 1 Arts & Leisure
 Economic/Industrial 2 Exploration/Settlement
 Government Military
 Religion Social/Education

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

American Architecture Since 1780
Whiffen
Sanborn Maps 1888, 1908
Gilroy Museum Files - Porcella

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