

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: _____
2. Historic name: E.J. Bryant House
3. Street or rural address: 7431 Church Street
 City Gilroy Zip 95020 County Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 79900706
5. Present Owner: Residence Address: Residence
 City Aptos Zip 95003 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Residence Original use: Residence

DESCRIPTION

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

The site consists of a tall one and one half story wooden residence constructed on a rectangular plan and designed in a Queen Anne cottage architectural style that is so stripped of ornament that it almost seems to be Greek Revival with slight Italianate detailing. The roofline is steeply pitched and cross gabled. The cornice line is exaggerated with moldings. Squared modillions ornament the eave above the plain frieze. The structure is sheathed in wide ship lap siding with distinctive quoins at the facade corners. Narrow colonettes ornament the projecting angled bay which is covered by small mansard roof. A narrow front porch is supported by narrow squared posts. Fenestration is simple, rectangular shaped and vertically oriented double hung windows. A multi-step straight stair leads to the front entry. The site is in good condition with minimal landscaping. A very low wall encloses the lot.



8. Construction date: Estimated _____ Factual 1888
9. Architect Unknown
10. Builder O.F. Hanson
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
 Frontage 38 Depth 140
 or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
Mar. 1986

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.)

The 7400 block of Church contains a number of very interesting architectural styles that portray the growth of Gilroy from 1860 to 1910. During this time, the pattern of settlement was expanding north and west. The 7400 block appears to be where the pre-1900 development pattern ends as the 7500 block incorporates late neoclassical styles after 1910, with some of the 1902's bungalows. The 7300 block is primarily pre 1890 residences. The people who lived in this block represented a cross section of occupations and heritage. For example, E.J. Bryant was a milk dealer.

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).

1880 Census
 A Field Guide to American Houses
 McAlister

Sanborn Map 1888, 1908
 Gilroy Museum Files

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