

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION

- 1. Common name: _____
- 2. Historic name: _____
- 3. Street or rural address: 7453 Monterey Street
City Gilroy Zip 95020 County Santa Clara
- 4. Parcel number: 79900754
- 5. Present Owner: Bonnie Brown Address: 799 Claremont Dr.
City Morgan Hill, CA Zip 95037 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
- 6. Present Use: Retail/Commercial Original use: Retail/Commercial

DESCRIPTION

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

Another well-scaled brick commercial building from the 1920'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 _____ Factual 1920
- 9. Architect Unknown
- 10. Builder Unknown
- 11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 22 Depth 140
or approx. acreage _____
- 12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
Mar. 1986

13. Condition: Excellent ___ Good A Fair ___ Deteriorated ___ No longer in existence ___
14. Alterations: Facade Covered in stucco
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.)

This well formed structure type is the basis for understanding downtown Gilroy. The sum of these buildings is greater than the individual value of each. Downtown Gilroy would be enhanced by appropriate rehabilitation of this structure, however, its removal would cause irreparable damage to the distinctiveness that creates downtown Gilroy.

The businesses in this commercial retail structure have included Oliveira's Brownbuilt Shoes, 1926 through 1930. Before that, Oliveira's was known for boots and saddles.

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, 1892, 1906, 1926

Gilroy Museum File - Monterey Street

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22. Date form prepared _____
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