

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

HABS _____ HAER _____ Loc _____ SHL No. _____ NR Status 4D
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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: _____
2. Historic name: _____
3. Street or rural address: 7507 Monterey Street
 City Gilroy Zip 95020 County Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 79900655
5. Present Owner: Joseph Rizzuto Address: 5655 Monterey Rd.
 City Gilroy Zip 95020 Ownership is: Public _____ Private
6. Present Use: Clothing Store Original use: _____

DESCRIPTION

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

The structure is a large, one-and-a-half story commercial building constructed on a rectangular plan and designed in a Spanish colonial revival design. Dominant features include the false, low-gabled red tile roof, the plain cornice, the oversized panels on the upper half story, the band of horizontal wooden boards which are placed in vertical strips over the first floor apertures, and the projecting awnings. Decorative wooden detailing is located just below the shallow eave. The street front reinstates the standard commercial design with a recessed, double-door entry which is framed by large, plate glass windows. Decorative shields ornament the fifth street elevation.



8. Construction date:
 Estimated 1923 Factual _____
9. Architect Unknown
10. Builder William Radtke
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
 Frontage 50 Depth 142
 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: Storefront modifications
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 builder was the prolific William Radke, who constructed many of the commercial, as well as residential, sites, dating from the early decades of the 20th century. The significance of the building's design is that it helps add the fourth design element in the city's commercial core. To the mission revival, commercial and neoclassical forms of downtown Gilroy is added the Spanish colonial revival design.

The commercial use of this building from construction until the 1940's was D.B. Parks Auto Trimming and Harness Shop.

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).
Gilroy Museum File- Monterey St.

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