

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: _____
2. Historic name: Richard Brem House
3. Street or rural address: 7521 Church Street
 City Gilroy Zip 95020 County Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 79900609
5. Present Owner: John Gilson Address: 7521 Church Street
 City Gilroy Zip 95020 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Residence Original use: Residence

DESCRIPTION

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

This bungalow is one story with the classic doublelow gable profile. The projecting porch gable is filled with wide grooved horizontal boards supported on elephantine columns. The porch railing is an uncharacteristic turned balustrade. A nicely proportioned structure sheathed in wide grooved horizontal boards. The mature shrubs blend with the house.



8. Construction date: Estimated _____ Factual 1926
9. Architect Unknown
10. Builder Unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
 Frontage 35 Depth 140
 or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
Mar. 1986

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.)

This house was built for Richard Brem. The booming years after World War I were centered around agriculture in the valley around Gilroy. Food processing and the various related businesses grew and brought additional population to the area. Many new residents were people who valued the natural feeling of bungalows and enjoyed the comfort of a California style. Gilroy has retained a full range of bungalow styles that are concentrated in the area, bound by First Street on the north, Fifth Street on the south, Monterey Road and Hanna Street. Within the context of this area are found homes of industry employees, merchants, bankers, doctors, and educators. A full cross section of community life is still visible in the size, style and complexity of these residences.

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).

A Field Guide to American Houses
McAlister

Sanborn Map 1888, 1908

Assessment Rolls

22. Date form prepared April 1986

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Locational sketch map (draw and label site and surrounding streets, roads, and prominent landmarks):

