

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Historic name: Grodhaus House
3. Street or rural address: 7527 Fagleberry Street  
City Gilroy Zip 95020 County Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 79900625
5. Present Owner: Gail Grodhaus Address: 7540 Church Street  
City Gilroy Zip 95020 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:

This Queen Anne style cottage has a front bay window and decorated upper trim on each side window. The gable above the bay window is covered with fish scale shingles. There are corner brackets above the slant bays. The porch and stair railings have round columns and turned balusters. The hipped roof appears to be a modified pitch. The boxed eaves and eave trim are very nicely executed.



8. Construction date:  
Estimated \_\_\_\_\_ Factual 1896
9. Architect Unknown
10. Builder Val Grodhaus
11. Approx. property size (in feet)  
Frontage 75 Depth 150  
or approx. acreage \_\_\_\_\_
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)  
1986

13. Condition: Excellent \_\_\_ Good X Fair \_\_\_ Deteriorated \_\_\_ No longer in existence \_\_\_
14. Alterations: roof
15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land \_\_\_ Scattered buildings \_\_\_ Densely built-up X  
Residential X 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 house was built in 1896 by Val Grodhaus, who worked as a tinner for the Amos Robinson Hardware Store. He had previously built another house on this property, which was moved to another sit on south Church Street, to make room for the present home.

The house is presently owned by Gail Grodhaus, grandson of Val Grodhaus. His mother, Marjorie Grodhaus, was a Gilroy teacher and later, the Gilroy librarian.

The cottage retains the original architectural character and is an important element in the heritage fabric of the city.

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 2

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

Gilroy Museum File- Grodhaus  
A FIELD GUIDE TO AMERICAN HOUSES,  
McAlister.

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

