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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: King and Dominquez Accounting Firm
2. Historic name: Rudolph Graef House
3. Street or rural address: 7528 Figleberry Street
City Gilroy Zip 95020 County Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 79900659
5. Present Owner: Dean Croft Address: 7095 Princevalle
City Gilroy Zip 95020 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Accounting Office 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 one story clapboard house has enclosed eaves and an offset gable with corners that return in. Many Queen Annes characteristics include the decorated eaves, bay window and the stickwork in the gable. The open veranda porch has scrollwork on the square columns and decorative cut-out wood slats in the railing.



8. Construction date: Estimated _____ Factual 1886
9. Architect Jacob Jansen & Son
10. Builder Janus Dorland
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 65 Depth 142
or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
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.)

When this Victorian cottage was completed in 1886, the editor of the Gilroy Advocate praised it as having "arrangements as perfect as any housewife could wish". The editor went on to hope we see more cottages of this superior class erected within the coming months. The cottage which received such praise had been built for Rudolph Graef and his family by contractor Janus J. Dorland and the architectural firm of Jacob Jansen and Son.

Rudolph Graef, a native of Germany, came to Gilroy in 1867. His first enterprise was a boarding house on Monterey Street, where lodging and meals cost 25 cents. However, in 1870, Graef began a boot-making and cobbler shop and remained in that business for 43 years until his death in 1913. The house on Egleberry Street was originally behind the cobbler's shop which faced on Monterey Street.

The house remained in the Graef family's possession until 1976. It is not the offices of the King and Dominguez accounting firm. It has become a showplace of well done restoration and renovation. The cottage has recently been approved for nomination for the Santa Clara County Historical Heritage Award.

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).

City of Gilroy assessment book 1887
Gilroy Advocate 1886
Gilroy Museum Files

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