

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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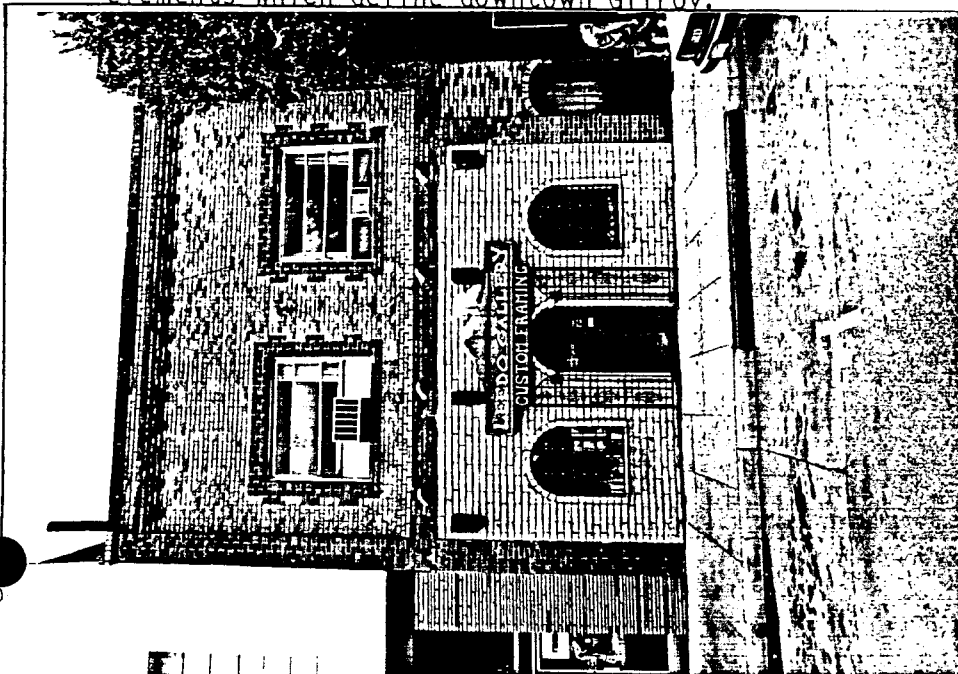
IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: _____
2. Historic name: _____
3. Street or rural address: 7529 Monterey Street
 City Gilroy Zip 95020 County Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 79900649
5. Present Owner: Mrs. Vernon Naughton Address: 575 Fifth Street
 City Gilroy Zip 95020 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Art Gallery Original use: Commercial

DESCRIPTION

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

This site is a two story brick commercial design which is constructed on a rectangular plan and which has been altered on its street facade first floor. The building reflects the correct massing, height and configuration to fit into the central business district of Gilroy. The buff brick facade is defined by the use of color variations along a parapet, on a stepped cornice, surrounding the second story rectangular-shaped, double hung windows, separating elevations between the first and second stories; and vertically dividing the building on both corners and between the first floor entry from the stairway to the second floor. Four projecting industrial lights punctuate the facade between the floors. The major alteration which conflicts with the urban design of the commercial district is the infilling of the commercial street entry with large brown adobe bricks with four wooden posts projecting above three round arches (2 windows and an entrance door). A wrought iron grill has been added to the front of the aperatures. The renovations adversely affect the quality of the site's architecture, but the basic forms of the building are such that they still reinforce the basic elements which define downtown Gilroy.



8. Construction date:
 Estimated 1910 Factual _____
9. Architect Unknown
10. Builder Unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
 Frontage 32 Depth 142
 or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
Mar. 1986

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13. Condition: Excellent ___ Good X Fair ___ Deteriorated ___ No longer in existence ___
14. Alterations: _____
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 all brick building in the business section of Gilroy's downtown area, has a two story wooden, clapboard living quarters at the rear. A separate address is given to the business on the second floor. The structure now belongs to Mrs. Vernon Naughton and houses the Leedo Art Gallery and a Pipe Shop behind. Although altered on the street level in a most unrespectful manner, the basic structure and quality of workmanship in the second story make it a contributing structure in the Monterey Road commercial district.

In 1926, the structure was Jordan's Pharmacy, a business that occupied the building beyond 1931.

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 Whiffen
 Sanborn Maps 1906, 1969
 Gilroy Dispatch "1969"

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