

# HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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 UTM: A 10/627109/4096594 C \_\_\_\_\_  
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## IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Historic name: Jacob Reither House
3. Street or rural address: 7551 Church Street  
 City Gilroy Zip 95020 County Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 79900606
5. Present Owner: Don Chesbro Address: 7451 Church Street  
 City Gilroy Zip 95020 Ownership is: Public \_\_\_\_\_ Private X
6. Present Use: Residence Original use: Residence

## DESCRIPTION

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

This decorated one story rectangular structure sports a central gable. Eaves are returned in the end gables and are accentuated with boxed eaves and a wide band. The full width porch is supported by slender columns with lacey cutout braces. The central section contains the offset entrance and a three part slanted bay. The sheathing appears to be ship lap. The stairs and railings are simple designs appropriate to this structure.



8. Construction date:  
 Estimated 1869 Factual \_\_\_\_\_
9. Architect \_\_\_\_\_ Unknown
10. Builder \_\_\_\_\_ Unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet) 140  
 Frontage \_\_\_\_\_ Depth \_\_\_\_\_  
 or approx. acreage \_\_\_\_\_
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)  
Mar. 1985

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.)

This small house, built by Jacob Reither, documents the changes in scale of homes through its move to this location. A modest home that the locally important Chesbro family owned, and when they wished to build a larger home as was befitting the time and their stature, this house was moved in 1888 to allow construction of the elegant Queen Anne at 7541 Church. This house has remained a property of the Chesbro family since that time. Jacob Reither was manager of the Gilroy Brewery, and was also Mayor from 1882-1886. He also served many years on the Common Council.

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
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