

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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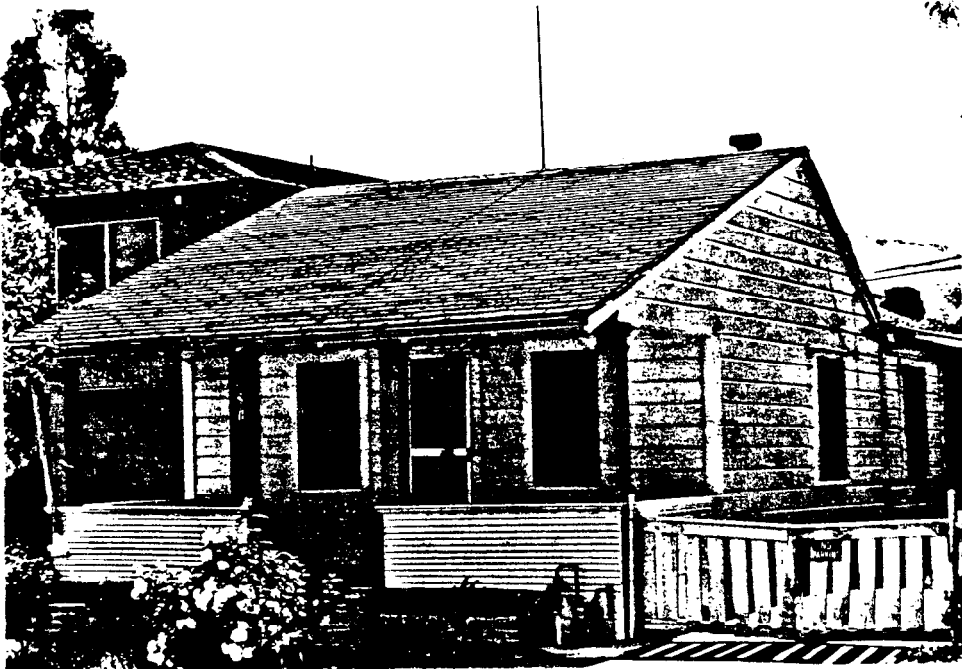
IDENTIFICATION

- Common name: _____
- Historic name: _____
- Street or rural address: 7581 Rosanna Street
City Gilroy Zip 95020 County Santa Clara
- Parcel number: 79901956
- Present Owner: Martina Chavez Address: 7581 Rosanna Street
City Gilroy Zip 95020 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
- Present Use: Residence Original use: Residence

DESCRIPTION

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

This single story rectangular structure is a very small pioneer structure approximately 20' x 35'. It has squared boxed columns on the front porch support. the front edge of the front porch is set back by only about 2 feet from the side walk. There is a small partial rear basement.



- Construction date:
Estimated 1871 Factual _____
- Architect Unknown
- Builder John Harrison
- Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 41 Depth 70
or approx. acreage _____
- Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
1986

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 _____ Residential X Industrial _____ Commercial _____ 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 property was divided from the original lot that included both of the adjoining lots to the north and south. Alvala Gilman was the owner in 1870. The house was built between 1870 and 1875 on property owned by John Harrison. Mr. Harrison died on September 7, 1876 at the age of 65, and bequeathed his property to the Gilroy Benevolent Society in trust of the poor of Gilroy. Mr. Harrison was from Yorkshire, England, and came to America as a young man, then to San Ysidro in 1850 as a cook for Smith and Allen. He soon became the proprietor of the business. He had no family or relatives, and therefore left his properties to the Benevolent Society. The execution of his will was not settled until 1879, in favor of the Society. They kept the property for housing of the poor until it was deeded to C. J. Weppener in 1926.

The Society began in 1871 as a relief effort for families who lost homes in fires. The remaining funds were given to an organization of ladies who had shown their concern for the poor and disadvantaged.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)
 Architecture 2 Arts & Leisure _____
 Economic/Industrial _____ Exploration/Settlement _____
 Government _____ Military _____
 Religion _____ Social/Education 1

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).
 Gilroy Advocate, June 28, 1879
 Gilroy Dispatch, May 26, 1969
 Gilroy Museum File - John Harrison

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