

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

HABS _____ HAER _____ Loc _____ SHL No. _____ NR Status 5D
 UTM: A 10/626974/4097051 C _____
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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: _____
2. Historic name: _____
3. Street or rural address: 7810 Church Street
 City Gilroy Zip 95020 County Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 79900117
5. Present Owner: Margarita Roldan Address: 7810 Church Street
 City Gilroy Zip 95020 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Residence Original use: Residence

DESCRIPTION

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

The offset low gabled roofline on this California bungalow is a unique feature of an otherwise standard looking house. Regular items include the exposed rafters, stucco siding and recessed porch supported by large, square pillars. There are some small windows on either side of the chimney that are decorated with an outline of tiny window panes.



8. Construction date:
 Estimated 1920 Factual _____
9. Architect _____ Unknown
10. Builder _____ Unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
 Frontage 42 Depth 86
 or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
Mar. 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 X
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.)

The booming years after World War I were centered around agriculture in the valley around Gilroy. Food processing and the various related businesses grew and brought additional population to the area. Many new residents were people who valued the natural feeling of bungalows and enjoyed the comfort of a California style. Gilroy has retained a full range of bungalow styles that are concentrated in the area, bound by First Street on the north, Fifth Street on the south, Monterey Road and Hanna Street. Within the context of this area are found homes of industry employees, merchants, bankers, doctors, and education. A full cross section of community life is still visible in the size, style and complexity of these residences. One of the unique modifications to traditional style is that this California Bungalow has perpendicular pitched roof lines.

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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