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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: _____
2. Historic name: Old Post Office
3. Street or rural address: 50--60 West Sixth Street
 City Gilroy Zip 95020 County Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 79900852
5. Present Owner: Thomas Casey Jr. Address: 325 La Prenda
 City Millbrae Zip 94030 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Vacant Newspaper Off Original use: Post Office

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 single story reinforced concrete structure with press brick facade sheathing is 50' x 100'. The facade is punctuated by three openings; one is the recessed and raised double door. A large window area and smaller opening all have the same upper line. A rectangle of chevron brick and three linear panels across the upper space denote modifications.



8. Construction date: Estimated _____ Factual 1920
9. Architect Unknown
10. Builder Unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
 Frontage 32 Depth 143
 or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
Mar. 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 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.)

In 1920, M. Casey and important local entrepreneurs and civic leaders received approval from the U.S. Post Office to construct a new post office building on Sixth Street between Monterey and Egleberry. Together with Postmaster Moore and contractor, William Radtke (Sr.), Casey researched post offices as far north as Burlingame to be sure the new Gilroy facility would be efficient. One of several structures constructed for the Post Office was this structure, which retains architectural interest and is important in relationship to the other small commercial structures in this block and in relationship to those on Monterey Street.

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 2

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interview and their dates).

Research, Mary Prien, Gilroy Museum Files
 Gilroy Advocate, 1919

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