DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
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 Office   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

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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 Eigleberry. 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.