Dr. Clarence R. Weaver house

60 Fifth Street
Gilroy, Zip 95020, County Santa Clara

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Original use: Office/ Residence

The two story Queen Anne Victorian is one of the most architecturally distinctive structures on a street noted for its design diversity and high quality historical significance. The building is designed in a slightly modified rectangular plan and distinguished by its varied detail including decorative wooden shingles, steeply hipped cross gabled roofline with corner witch's hat turrets; and elegant balustrated raised entry porch framed in doric columns which is repeated by a second story recessed porch. The band of double hung windows with leaded upper lights adds immeasurably to the turret design. The structure has been recently renovated and is in excellent condition. Special detailing which add ornament to the residence includes scroll work under the eaves, stained glass in the transoms, and a serrated band of shingles which acts as a string course along the 2nd story facade. Wooden steps lead up to the entry porch. Narrow extended bays and an eastern facing porch add variety to the side facades on its small lot. In spite of this lack of space, the architecturally designed residence more than holds its own with the residences further west on Fifth Street. The site is a definite asset to the city in its refurbished commercial form which houses professional offices.
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.)

Dr. Clarence Weaver, an early Gilroy dentist, built this Queen Anne style house in 1900. It was designed as a residence and dental office by noted architect William H. Weeks. When Dr. Weaver moved to Alameda, the house was sold to the George and Josephine Remane family, who lived there for many years.

In 1978, the Mussallem Development Corporation bought the property for office use. The corporation commissioned Bruce Nyberg to restore the house. The restoration was cited by the Santa Clara County Historical Heritage Commission for excellence.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)

Architecture ___ Arts & Leisure ___ Economic/Industrial ___ Exploration/Settlement ___ Government ___ Military ___ Religion ___ Social/Education ___

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

Gilroy Museum Files - Weaver
A Field Guide to American Houses - McAlister
Sanborn Map 1888, 1908

22. Date form prepared __________ April 1986

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