

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION

Robinson/Cole House

1. Common name: _____
2. Historic name: _____
3. Street or rural address: 99 Eighth Street
 City Gilroy Zip 95020 County Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 79900963
5. Present Owner: Unknown Address: _____
 City _____ Zip _____ Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Residence Original use: Residence

DESCRIPTION

7a. Architectural style: Italianate

7b. Briefly describe the present *physical appearance* of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

The site is a single-story wooden residence designed on a rectangular plan and constructed in a Pioneer Cottage style with some Italianate touches. An asphalt shingled hipped roof is distinguished by paired, carved brackets and a plain frieze under a pronounced eave line. The entrance facade is punctuated by a shed roof front porch that is supported by six squared wooden posts and ornamented by carved wooden filligree. The entrance is centered and slightly recessed with a transom window. Simple double hung windows characterize the fenestration. The residence is in good condition and sits amid mature landscaping. Only an aluminum screen door appears to be an alteration. The simple design is not commonly found in Gilroy.



8. Construction date:
 Estimated 1866 Factual _____
9. Architect Unknown
10. Builder Perry W. Robinson
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
 Frontage _____ Depth _____
 or approx. acreage 1/2
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
Mar. 1986

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.)

This house at the corner of Egleberry and Eighth Street in Gilroy is of interest because of its connection to the family of cattle king, Henry Miller. The house was built by Perry Winslow Robinson and occupied by his family. Robinson's wife, Anna Sheldon Robinson, was the sister of Henry Miller's second wife, Sarah Sheldon Miller. Miller, of the Miller-Lux Company, at one time owned over a million acres of farm and ranching land in California, Nevada and Oregon. On this vast acreage, Miller raised some one hundred and sixth thousand head of cattle, sheep and hogs. The Robinson's were often visited by in their Gilroy home by Mr. and Mrs. Miller, as they traveled to and from their elaborate summer home at Mt. Madonna. The Robinsons house was later the residence of their daughter, Sadie and her husband, Mr. Cole.

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

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).
A Field Guide to American Houses
McAtister
Gilroy Museum Files - Robinson

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