HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION
1. Common name: Robinson/Cole House
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:
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
    Mar. 1986

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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 sixty 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.