HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION
1. Common name: Hahing Funeral Home
2. Historic name: Barshinger & Son Funeral Home
3. Street or rural address: 129 Fourth Street
   City: Gilroy    Zip: 95020    County: Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 79900431
5. Present Owner: [Blank]    Address: [Blank]
   City: [Blank]    Zip: [Blank]    Ownership is: Public    Private    X
6. Present Use: Funeral Home    Original use: Funeral Home

DESCRIPTION
7a. Architectural style: Mediterranean Revival
7b. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

The site consists of a large stucco and tile building which is constructed on an irregular plan and designed in a Spanish Colonial revival architectural style. The structure exhibits a central low gabled roof which is sheathed in red Spanish tiles. Projecting from this central mass are smaller gabled wings and a large, round arched arcade. In characteristic Spanish Colonial revival style, the exterior walls are simple flat spaces which are accented with some incised forms - round arches over the main windows and panels above the slightly recessed entry. The most distinctive ornament is exhibited by the window shapes. Fenestration includes vertically-oriented narrow multi-light windows, round windows, paired round-arched windows; very narrow vertically-oriented windows. The arches of the arcade are paired and divided by curved patterned columns.

8. Construction date:
   Estimated    Factual 1928
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
    Frontage: 150    Depth: 150
    or approx. acreage: [Blank]
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
    Mar. 1986
13. Condition: Excellent X Good ___ Fair ___ Deteriorated ___ No longer in existence ___

14. Alterations: __________________________
   Additions connecting structures

15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land ___ Scattered buildings ___ Densely built-up X ___ Residential ___ Industrial ___ Commercial ___ 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.)

The significance of this site is totally due to the architecture of William Weeks, one of the most notable architects in Gilroy. It represents the ability of earlier 20th Century architects to handle historic detail - a lesson post-modern designers would do well to emulate.

Barshingers and Sons moved to this new funeral home from the first floor of Masonic Building on Monterey Street, where they conducted a furniture store in front and a mortuary in back.

The first addition to the building incorporates a four-side roofed pioneer; the second addition is new (1984), but mirrors the shape of the first.

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

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates)
   Gilroy Advocate
   American Architecture Since 1780
   Whiffen
   Gilroy Museum Files - Wm. Weeks
   __________________________

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Locational sketch map (draw and label site and surrounding streets, roads, and prominent landmarks):

NORTH