

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: _____
2. Historic name: Curse House
3. Street or rural address: 144 Martin Street
City Gilroy Zip 95020 County Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 84100618
5. Present Owner: John Bettencourt Address: P.O. Box 1086
City Gilroy Zip 95020 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Residence Original use: Residence

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural style: California Bungalow
- 7b. Briefly describe the present *physical appearance* of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

This single story end facing gable design bungalow with a recessed porch and stucco sheathing is flanked by two large trees located on either side of the front walkway.



8. Construction date: Estimated _____ Factual 1923
9. Architect unknown
10. Builder Holmes Brothers
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 47 Depth 100
or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
Mar. 1986

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.)

This structure, constructed by the Holmes Brothers, is one of the several they developed for the increasing population of Gilroy. A part from the concentration along Sixth Street, this is an interesting structure in relationship to the patterns of housing required by the growing work force and the acceptance the Holmes Brothers found for this attractive bungalow style.

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

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

A Field Guide to American Houses
McAlister

Sanborn Map 1888, 1908
Gilroy Advocate 11/19/21

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