IDENTIFICATION
1. Common name: Curse House
2. Historic name: ________________
3. Street or rural address: 144 Martin Street
   City: Gilroy Zip: 95020 County: Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 84100618
5. Present Owner: John Bettencourt
   City: Gilroy Zip: 95020 Address: P.O. Box 1086
   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 ___ X 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 relationships 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 ___ 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

22. Date form prepared ___ April 1985
   By (name) ___ The Firm of ___
   Organization ___ BONNIE L. BAMBURG ___
   Address: 247 N. Third Street ___
   City ___ San Jose, CA ___ Zip 95112 ___
   Phone: ___ (408) 971-1421 ___

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