IDENTIFICATION
1. Common name: Ayll House
2. Historic name: Sunshine Maternity Home
3. Street or rural address: 165 Second Street
   City: Gilroy Zip: 95020 County: Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 79900116
5. Present Owner: R.E. Siverson
   Address: 165 Second Street
   City: Gilroy Zip: 95020 Ownership is: Public Private X
6. Present Use: Residence Original use: Residence

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

This corner parcel has a large single story bungalow with an usual facade of two low peaked roofs and an end gable with wood slat vent. Elephantine columns in stucco complete the support of this exposed structures.

8. Construction date:
   Estimated: 1917 Factual
9. Architect: Unknown
10. Builder: Unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
    Frontage: 86 Depth: 48
    or approx. acreage
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
    Mar. 1986
Condition: Excellent X Good Fair Deteriorated No longer in existence

Alterations: ____________________________

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

Threats to site: None known X Private development Zoning Vandalism Public Works project Other: ____________________________

Is the structure: On its original site X Moved Unknown __________

Related features: ____________________________

SIGNIFICANCE

Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)

This large Craftsman Bungalow style house was built circa 1919 and was originally the home of Hazel Holmes. During the 1920's, it was operated as the Hazel Holmes Sanitarium and as the Sunshine Maternity Home. From 1925 and 1971, this was the family home of Josiah Ayer, one of Gilroy's most notable residents. Josiah, or Joe Ayer was one of the area's colorful cattle ranchers. Born in Milpitas in 1883, Ayer came to Gilroy in 1905 to begin a career in ranching that lasted nearly fifty years. As well as cattle ranching, Ayer extended his holdings into large scale vegetable farming. Joe Ayer was well known in the Santa Clara Valley for his extensive philanthropy. At the time of his death, he was chairman of the board of trustees of Wheeler Hospital. One room of the hospital is named for Ayer and his wife, Edith P. Ayer. Ayer, a captain in World War I, was an active veteran and donated the lobby furnishings of the Veterans Memorial Building. Ayer was a charter member of the Gilroy Elks and a member of the American Legions, as well as a founder of Gilroy's Annual Gymkhana. This house gains its significance from its prominent resident of nearly fifty years.

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

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

A Field Guide to American Houses, McAlist __________
Sanborn maps 1906, 1926
Gilroy Museum Files

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surrounding streets, roads, and prominent landmarks):