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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

- 1. Common name: Thayer House
- 2. Historic name: Thayer House
- 3. Street or rural address: 174 Martin Street
City Gilroy Zip 95020 County Santa Clara
- 4. Parcel number: 84100619
- 5. Present Owner: Richard Alatorre Address: 174 Martin Street
City Gilroy Zip 95020 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:

This one story house has a low hipped roof, enclosed eaves and characteristic brackets under the eaves which give it a strong Italianate look. There are decorative rectangle panels just below the eaves, a bay window facing Martin Street and a recessed porch supported by square pillars.

The structure is currently under construction. The modifications appear to remove most of the architectural distinction.



- 8. Construction date: Estimated _____ Factual 1885
- 9. Architect _____
- 10. Builder WO FIFE
- 11. Approx. property size (in feet) 137 131
Frontage _____ Depth _____
or approx. acreage _____
- 12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s) 5/86

13. Condition: Excellent ___ Good ___ Fair ___ Deteriorated X No longer in existence ___
14. Alterations: under construction
15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land ___ Scattered buildings ___ Densely built-up X
Residential X 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: very large trees

SIGNIFICANCE

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

This house was built in 1885 by W.O. Fife on a lot purchased from Arzelia Martin Lewis in the Lewis Addition, Block 8. The house was purchased by the Thayer Family in 1893 and occupied by Dr. Thayer until his death in 1926 and then by his daughter, Florine Dexter Thayer. She lived in the house until her death in the early 1960's.

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
 Interview-Mary Prien 1/86
 Assessment Rolls

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