IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: ____________________________

2. Historic name: ____________________________
   Nelson House

3. Street or rural address: ____________________________
   194 Fourth Street
   City: ____________________________ Zip: 95020
   County: Santa Clara

4. Parcel number: ____________________________
   79900639

5. Present Owner: ____________________________
   Henry Reynoso
   Address: 7201 Monterey Street
   City: ____________________________ Zip: 95020
   Ownership is: Public _________ Private _________ X

6. Present Use: Residency
   Original use: Residency

DESCRIPTION

7a. Architectural style: ____________________________
   Queen Anne

7b. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

   This one story small rectangular structure is a modification of the Gilroy Pioneer style. The basic form has been given a decorated anter gable supported on turned posts and slanted bay projections, one each side of the porch. Singles decorate the gable and a rose cut-out is the gable brace. The bay roofs are above brackets of Italianate design. A transitional cottage, the architecture is in extremely good proportions making this one of the nicest cottages in Gilroy.

8. Construction date:
   Estimated _________ Factual 1890 _________

9. Architect: ____________________________
   Unknown

10. Builder: ____________________________
    Unknown

11. Approx. property size (in feet):
    Frontage 77 Depth 100 or approx. acreage

12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s):
    Mar. 1986

523 (Rev. 11/85)
13. Condition: Excellent X Good ___ Fair ___ Deteriorated ___ No longer in existence ___

14. Alterations: ______________________

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

This structure is significant for its architectural design and because it is an important component of the streetscape.

This Queen Anne was built for Edward Rohr, a member of the John Rohr family, in the fall of 1890. The property was purchased in 1895 by Dr. H. R. Chesbrow, a Gilroy homopathic physician who arrived here in 1885. He probably used this house and the other one on this lot as rentals since he lived in a house on Church Street.

In 1902 the house was purchased by Hans P. Nelson, a house-cleaner, who had come to Gilroy in 1898. After the death of Mr. Nelson in 1918, the house was owned by his widow, Annie Nelson until her death in 1922. The daughter, Mabel Nelson Parr was given the house and she and her husband, Alvin H. Parr, resided there until at least 1945.

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).

   Assessment Rolls
   A Field Guide to American Houses
   McAlister
   Sanborn Map 1888, 1908

22. Date work done ___ April 1986
   By (name) _______ The Firm of ___________
   Organization _______ BONNIE L. BAMBURG
   Address: 247 N. Third Street
   City _______ San Jose, CA _____ zip 95112
   Phone: _______ (408) 971-1421

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