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### HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

#### IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Historic name: Nelson House
3. Street or rural address: 194 Fourth Street  
City Gilroy Zip 95020 County Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 79900639
5. Present Owner: Henry Reynoso Address: 7201 Monterey Street  
City Gilroy Zip 95020 Ownership is: Public \_\_\_\_\_ Private X
6. Present Use: Residence Original use: Residence

#### 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

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 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. Chesbro, 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 form prepared April 1986  
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