IDENTIFICATION
1. Common name: 
2. Historic name: Wilson House 
3. Street or rural address: 237 Fifth Street 
   City: Gilroy, Zip 95020, County Santa Clara 
4. Parcel number: 79900611 
5. Present Owner: Joe Arellano 
   Address: 237 Fifth Street 
   City: Gilroy, Zip 95020, Ownership is: Public: False, Private: True 
6. Present Use: Residence, Original use: Residence 

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

This large house has been divided into two separate houses and has an offset gable roofline with exposed rafters and support brackets. The siding is wide clapboard and the veranda porch extends around the west side of the house all the way to the rear. There are square posts on the porch and a railing of criss-crossed 1" x 4" wooden boards.

8. Construction date: Estimated 1869, Actual 1869 
9. Architect: Unknown 
10. Builder: Unknown 
11. Approx. property size (in feet): Frontage 70, Depth 120, or approx. acreage: 
12. Date(s) of enclosure, photograph(s): May 1966
13. Condition: Excellent __ Good __ Fair ___ Deteriorated ____ No longer in existence ___
14. Alterations: Several alterations have transformed a Pioneer into a bungalow
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: Barn

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

William Wilson, a capitalist, had this Early Pioneer style home built before 1869. The house remained in the Wilson family until 1907. The property also includes a charming barn which once housed the Wilson's horse and buggy.

This residence is important for the architectural design and compatibility with other structures on Fifth Street.

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).
   Gilroy Museum files
   A Field Guide to American Houses, McAlester

22. Date form prepared ______ April 1986 ___
    By (name) _______________ The Firm of ___
    Organization BONNIE L. BAMBURG ___
    Address: 247 N. Third Street ___
    City: San Jose, CA ___ Zip: 95112 ___
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Locational sketch map (draw and label site and surrounding streets, roads, and prominent landmarks):