HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Christian Science Church

2. Historic name:

3. Street or rural address: 283 West Fifth Street
   City: Gilroy Zip: 95020 County: Santa Clara

4. Parcel number: 79900673

5. Present Owner: Unknown Address:
   City: Zip: Ownership is: Public Private X

6. Present Use: Church Original use: Church

DESCRIPTION

7a. Architectural style: Mediterranean Revival

7b. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:
   This structure is composed of a main rectangular form with two projecting wings. All forms have medium pitched roof lines with the roof covered in red Spanish tile. The basic stucco form is punctuated with narrow arches.

8. Construction date:
   Estimated Factual 1930

9. Architect: Unknown

10. Builder: Hawson Brothers

11. Approx. property size (in feet)
   Frontage: Degr. or approx. acreage 52

12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
   Mar. 1936

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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.)

The Christian Science Society of Gilroy was established in 1912. For many years, the Society met in the homes of members. In 1930, this Mission Revival style building was constructed by the Howson Brothers Contractors. It is still occupied by the Christian Science Society.

One of the newer structures on Fifth Street, this church is a compatible component in the streetscape of Fifth Street and is of importance in the religious life of Gilroy.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)
Architecture ___ 2 Arts & Leisure ___
Economic/Industrial ___ Exploration/Settlement ___
Government ___ Military ___
Religion ___ Social/Education ___

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).
American Architecture Since 1780, Whiffen
Sanborn Maps 1906,1926
Gilroy Musuem Files

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