

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

Ser. No. _____
HABS _____ HAER _____ Loc _____ SHL No. _____ NR Status 6
UTM: A 10/627022/4096630 C _____
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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: _____
2. Historic name: George W. Seay House
3. Street or rural address: 290 Fourth Street
City Gilroy Zip 95020 County Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 79900621
5. Present Owner: Alice Pruett Address: P.O. Box 664
City Gilroy Zip 95020 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Residence Original use: Residence

DESCRIPTION

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

A beautiful two story house with some standard pioneer items: the high gable roofline with enclosed eaves and a plain frieze. The asbestos siding is a little newer but most of the rest of the house is very original. It has a bull's eye window, a bay window projecting from the east wall, a projecting square window and a side entrance on the west side (facing Rosanna Street). The protico porch has square pillars and metal railing on the steps. A well-shaded, stately house that ranks as one of the hidden beauties in a town overflowing with well-kept older homes.



8. Construction date:
Estimated _____ Factual 1896
9. Architect Unknown
10. Builder Unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 75 Depth 100
or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
Mar. 1986

13. Condition: Excellent _____ Good X Fair _____ Deteriorated _____ No longer in existence _____
14. Alterations: _____
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: _____

SIGNIFICANCE

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

This house is quite original and has retained the features of a once very popular design. It is similar in appearance and flavor to those New England homes with which so many of Gilroy's early residents were familiar.

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 Maps 1906, 1926
Gilroy Museum Files

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