HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION
1. Common name: 
2. Historic name: Johnson/Ball House
3. Street or rural address: 314 Fifth Street
   City: Gilroy Zip: 95020 County: Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 79900743
5. Present Owner: Maurice Reed Address: 
   City: Zip: Ownership is: Public Private
6. Present Use: Residence Original use: Residence

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

This two story gable front structure is rectangular and has a medium pitch roof with boxed eaves. The fenestration is symmetrical with three double hung 2 over 2 windows in the second story and two plus entrance door in the first story. A shingled canopy is supported in straight posts and covers the front and one side. The entry door is a four panel design with a transom. Windows and the door have simple moulded frames.

8. Construction date: Estimated 1860 Factual
9. Architect: Unknown
10. Builder: Unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
    Frontage 70 Depth 121
    or approx. acreage
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
    Mar. 1986
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 Residential ___ 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 classic pioneer style home was built for the family of early settler Cyrus P. Johnson, in the 1850's or 60's. From 1873 to the early 1900's, the house was occupied by Philander Ball and his wife, Margaret Anne. When Ball moved to San Jose and founded the Margaret Anne Home for the Aged, the house was purchased by the McAuliffe family who owned a local jewelry and clothing store. In 1973, the building was saved from condemnation by Maurice and Oda Reid. They have since then completely renovated and restored the fine old pioneer home to its original condition.