### IDENTIFICATION
1. Common name: 
2. Historic name: 
3. Street or rural address: 362 Old Gilroy Street  
   City: Gilroy  
   Zip: 95020  
   County: Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 84101129
5. Present Owner: Annie Porcella  
   Address: 362 Old Gilroy St.  
   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:

This single story structure is a variation of the classic pioneer hall and parlor style. With the end gable becoming the front facade, a shed extension usually in the rear adds width to the facade. A flat roof porch supported on slender square posts with cut out braces covers the door way on two windows. A third window is on the other side of the door. Windows appear original in the six over six wood, double hung sash. The front door is a panel composition and also appears original. In a community rich with historic homes, this is one of the best maintained.

8. Construction date: 
   Estimated 1865.  
   Actual
9. Architect
10. Builder
11. Approx. property size (in feet)  
   Frontage: 108  
   Depth: 140  
   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 ___ Residential [X] Industrial ___ Commercial ___ Other: ___________________________________________________________________

16. Threats to site: None known ___ Private development ___ Zoning ___ Vandalism ___ Public Works project ___ Other: ___________________________________________________________________


18. Related features: ___________________________________________________________________

SIGNIFICANCE
19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)
This Pioneer style home, built c.1870, was originally the property of the Conrad Hoover Company. It was occupied in the early 1900's by Gilroy's town marshall, James McElray.
The house's major significance is as the home of the prominent Porcella family. It was purchased in 1929, by Agnes Ginesta Porcella, the widow of Charles Porcella. It has remained in the family ever since. Charles Porcella came to Gilroy from Italy in 1892. Due to his experience in the Italian cavalry, Porcella became a teamster for the large Miller and Lux cattle company. Returning to Italy in 1899, Porcella came back to Gilroy with his bride. In that year, Porcella became a porter in H.L. McDuffie's men's clothing store. He became the owner in 1908 and operated the store until his death in 1922. Fluent in Spanish, Portuguese, English and Italian, Porcella was often called upon as an interpreter for the municipal court in San Jose and the state court in Sacramento. Porcella did much to promote understanding between local authorities and immigrants to the Santa Clara Valley.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)
Architecture [1] Arts & Leisure ______
Government ______ Military ______
Religion ______ Social/Education ______

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).
A Field Guide to American Houses
Melvin J. and Shirley A. Calvert
Gilroy Museum File - Porcella
Sanborn Maps 1888, 1899
April 1986

22. Date form prepared: April 1986
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Locational sketch map (draw and label site and surrounding streets, roads, and prominent landmarks):