HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION
1. Common name: Cobb House
2. Historic name: Cobb House
3. Street or rural address: 391 Fifth Street
   City: Gilroy Zip: 95020 County: Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 79901964
5. Present Owner: Woodrow Ketchum Address: 
   City: Zip: Ownership is: Public Private X
6. Present Use: Residence Original use: Residence

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

This corner lot neoclassic has a truncated hipped roof with two leaded windows in the shingled dormer which faces Fifth Street. Below the exposed rafters, unusual for this style of house, the siding is wide clapboard and there is a bay window. The recessed porch has cobblestone pillars and the house sits high upon a raised foundation.

8. Construction date: Estimated Factual 1897
9. Architect: Unknown
10. Builder: Unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet) Frontage Depth or approx. acreage
12. Date(s) of enclosures and photograph(s): Mar. 1900

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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 ___ 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 home was built for the Robert Cobb family in 1898. Mr. Cobb was a partner of L.N. Wood in a drygoods store on Monterey Street. One outstanding feature of this Neoclassic Style home is the river rock pillars on the front porch. Rocks for the supports were gathered in the Uvas River bed.

In the diverse styles of Gilroy Fifth Street is a sampler of the eras. This structure with it's river rock pillars is an important element on the 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
Sanborn Maps 1892-1906
A Field Guide to American Homes
McAlister

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