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1. Common name: 

2. Historic name: D.A. Dryden House

3. Street or rural address: 395 East Sixth Street
   City Gilroy Zip 95020 County Santa Clara

4. Parcel number: 84100058

5. Present Owner: Antonio Armas
   Address: 395 E. Sixth St.
   City Gilroy Zip 95020 Ownership is: Public Private X

6. Present Use: Residence Original use: Residence

DESCRIPTION

7a. Architectural style:

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

This one story home, covered in composition shingles is a "U" shape plan. The recessed entrance is flanked by projecting wings with pyramidal roofs. This may originally have been a hall and parlor pioneer.

8. Construction date:
   Estimated  Fact 1874

9. Architect
   Unknown

10. Builder
    Unknown

11. Approx. property size (in feet)
    Frontage 70 Depth 90
    or approx. acreage

12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
    Mar. 1986

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At the age of 16, David Dryden was apprenticed to a woodworker and cabinetmaker in Adams County, Ohio. At the age of 21, Dryden felt the call to the ministry and entered Miami University at Oxford, Ohio in 1845. In 1849, he became a minister in the Methodist-Episcopal church. Dryden remained in the ministry for nearly 30 years. He was Principal of the Female Institute in Santa Clara, and a pastor in both San Jose and Nevada City. In 1869, he founded the Methodist-Episcopal church in San Diego. Dryden built and became minister of the church in Gilroy in 1872. In 1876, he left his ministry and returned to his original occupation. He established a successful cabinet and furniture business in Gilroy. In 1874, Dryden and his wife, Sarah Raynor Dryden of Nottinghamshire, England, built their family home at 395 East Sixth Street in Gilroy. David Dryden died in 1894. The home, however, remained in the family and was occupied until the 1920's by the Dryden's daughter and her husband, James McGarvan White, a local contractor and builder.