HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION
1. Common name:

2. Historic name: S.W. Downhour House

3. Street or rural address: 494 East Sixth Street
   City: Gilroy Zip: 95020 County: Santa Clara

4. Parcel number: 84100926

5. Present Owner: Troy Phillips
   Address: 494 East Sixth Street
   City: Gilroy Zip: 95020 Ownership is: Public Private X

6. Present Use: Residence Original use: Residence

DESCRIPTION
7a. Architectural style: California Bungalow

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

This one story structure is of rectangular form, sheathed in stucco, with wood trim. The low pitched gabled roof with wide, unenclosed eaves overhangs decorative beams and braces. The porch set to one side, has a projecting low gable roofline. Windows on the front are in pattern with mullion divisions or have been replaced. Porch supports are squared and continue to the ground line. Built simply to accommodate working people, the economy of simple design is visible in the entire group. However, individual design elements enhance this early Craftsman development.

8. Construction date: 1921
   Estimated Factual

9. Architect: Unknown

10. Builder: Holmes Brothers

11. Approx. property size (in feet): 110
    Frontage Depth
    or approx. acreage

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

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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.)

From the Gilroy Advocate of November 19, 1921

NEW HOMES ON EAST SIXTH STREET

Holmes Brothers inform us that they are building from six to eight modern bungalows on the Wilburn (B.) Sanders block on East Sixth Street, bounded by Maple and Chestnut Streets. This is the old Zuck property. The bungalows will cost from $2500 to $3500 and be of stucco exterior of a new cement formation such as is used in the bungalows of southern California. It has been used successfully on expensive residences in the southland.

The first bungalow of five rooms at the corner of Sixth and Chestnut Streets is now in course of construction. An alley way will be run at the rear of the cottages between Chestnut and Maple Streets. Six houses will be erected on Sixth Street and probably two on Maple Street which will be sold to prospective tenants.

The development of this style home by the Holmes Brothers was successful and eleven were completed.

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).

   Tax Rolls
   Gilroy Dispatch

22. Date form prepared ___ April 1986
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