IDENTIFICATION
1. Community name:

2. Historic name: Diksheim House

3. Street or rural address: 516 Fifth Street

   City: Gilroy Zip: 95020 County: Santa Clara

4. Parcel number: 79001902

5. Present Owner: Russell Hodges

   Address: P.O. Box 193

   City: Tree Pines Zip: 95075 Ownership: 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 structure consists of a one story stucco building that was built in a rectangular plan. The roofline is covered with tar and paper. It is in very good condition. Distinctive features include the squared projecting bay with its horizontal-shaped tripartite window which dominates the street facade and the side entry porch with its single squared pillar as support. Four concrete straight steps lead to the porch. Characteristic craftsman elements include the very low gabled roofline with the characteristically exaggerated eave line punctuated by well spaced rafters. Note also the slight shed roof over the bay with its smaller rafters. Oversized and carved gable ends add some detail. Again landscaping unites this site with its neighbors.

8. Construction date:

   Estimated:  Factual: 1922

9. Architect: Unknown

10. Builder: John Diksheim

11. Approx. property size (in feet):

    Frontage: 47 Depth: 125

    or approx. acreage:

12. Date(s) of enclosed photographs:

    Mar. 1986

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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 X Scattered buildings ____ Densely built-up ____ 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)

The builder of this house, John Riksheim, was one of three noted building contractors in Gilroy during the 1920's, 30's and 40's. His wife, Agnes, worked for the Filice and Perrilli Canning Company for many years. She was the supervisor in charge of the department actually putting the fruit or vegetables into the cans. This important position, with the largest cannery in Gilroy, was at the time when the canning industry was at its peak as a leading industry in the region.

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 Roll books
   Telephone Directories
   Gilroy Museum Files
   Interview - Mary Prien

22. Date form prepared ________ April 1988 ________
   By (name) ________ The Firm of ________
   Organization ________ BONNIE L. BAMBURG ________
   Address: ________ 247 N. Third Street ________
   City ________ San Jose, CA Zip 95112 ________
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Locational sketch map (draw and label site and surrounding streets, roads, and prominent landmarks):

[Map Diagram]