IDENTIFICATION
1. Common name: Voorhies House
2. Historic name: Ventz House
3. Street or rural address: 545 Fifth Street
   City: Gilroy  Zip: 95020  County: Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 79001925
5. Present Owner: Daniel Millo  Address: 8195 Parish Way #2
   City: Gilroy  Zip: 95080  Ownership is: Public  Private: Y
6. Present Use: Residence  Original use: Residence

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

The structure consists of a single-story residence designed on a "U" shaped plan and constructed in a Spanish Colonial Revival style. The residence is another speculative house from the early 1920's by contractor William Radtke, whose designs in Craftsman and Spanish Colonial Revival on the cottage/bungalow scale define this neighborhood of Gilroy. The roofline is multi-planar and sheathed in red Spanish tiles. Fenestration is simple, primarily rectangular in shape and distinguished primarily by its multi-lights in tri-partite configuration. Distinctive features of the residence include the enclosed parapet. A large, horizontal arched window further distinguishes the street facade. A simple plain frieze defines the minimal eave line. The entry door is wooden with glass panels. The structure, which has been little modified, stands alone amid beautifully manicured mature landscaping. The structure rests on a slightly raised basement.

8. Construction date: Estimated 923
9. Architect: Unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
   Frontage: 70  Depth: 125
   or approx. acreage
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
    Mar. 1986

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13. **Condition:** Excellent □ 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? □ Moved? □ Unknown? □

18. **Related features:**

**SIGNIFICANCE**

Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)

This house was built by William Radtke, Sr. for Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Wentz. Carroll Wentz was the grandson of Christian Wentz, a German immigrant who settled in the Valley in 1855. Carroll's father was George Wentz, a former Gilroy Mayor and a Gilroy pharmacist. Carroll Wentz graduated from the University of California College of Pharmacy and practiced his profession for 47 years in Gilroy. He also served two terms with the Santa Clara County Planning Commission, and was a charter member of the Gilroy Rotary Club. Gladys Wentz was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Tremaine. Mrs. Wentz sold the home to Mr. and Mrs. Jon Voorhis in 1977. The alterations in the kitchen area were made about that time. The house as sold to new owners in December 1985. The residence is part of the Henry Miller & Lux subdivision.

**Locational sketch map (draw and label site and surrounding streets, roads, and prominent landmarks):**

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