HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION
1. Common name: Renz House
2. Historic name: Renz House
3. Street or rural address: 555 Fifth Street
   City: Gilroy, Zip: 95020, County: Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 79901926
5. Present Owner: George Renz
   Address: 555 Fifth Street
   City: Gilroy, Zip: 95020, Ownership is: Public _______ Private __ Y
6. Present 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 is a one story stucco building. The building has a flat tar and paper roof with tile trim. It has a covered recessed porch with round arches. In about 1935, an office and a bedroom was added to the building on the east side of the building. Steps and a door to that area was added also. The massing of the structure is somewhat irregular, defined by the various tile-sheathed shed roof sections which project from a rectangular flat roof. Distinctive detailing includes the rectangular window box under the street facing front window. The diamond-shaped ornament over the round arched entry and the large tripartite window on the front entry facade. The structure is set amid mature, well tended landscape and provides a further variation of the cottage scale which builder, William Radtke placed as speculative housing throughout this section of Gilroy.

8. Construction date:
   Estimated _______ Factual 1924
9. Architect
   Unknown
10. Builder
    Geo. Renz, Wm. Radtk
11. Approx property size (in feet):
    Frontage 47 Depth 125
    or approx. acreage
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
    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 ___ Scattered buildings ___ Densely built-up X Residential ___ 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.)

This modern one story California Bungalow is the residence of George Renz. He has owned and lived in this house ever since it was built. George Renz was born at Tres Pinos and June 8, 1893 and came to Gilroy in June of 1913. He was a major force in the construction of many major buildings and roads in the Gilroy area. He worked for William Radtke, Sr. first and then formed his own construction company. He has been actively involved in community services and activities. He is a charter member of the Gilroy Rotary Club and has served as its president. He donated land on Hanna Street now known as Renz Park.

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).
   Interview with George Renz 1985 (Dec)
   Assesment roll books 1920 to 1930
   Gilroy Advocate
   Gilroy Museum Files

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