

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

HABS _____ HAER _____ Loc X SHL No. _____ NR Status 4
 UTM: A 10/627513/4095716 C _____
 B _____ D _____

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: _____
2. Historic name: Whitehurst Farmhouse
3. Street or rural address: 7040 Church Street
 City Gilroy Zip 95020 County Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 799001126
5. Present Owner: Frank Marrazzo Address: 849 Fourth Street
 City Gilroy Zip 95020 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Residence Original use: Residence

DESCRIPTION

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

This two story farm house is designed in the end gable Greek revival style. There are four windows across the front gable on the second floor and two each side of the entry door on the first floor. A canopy is supported on posts with decorated capitals and extends across the front and along one side. Windows on the side have been enlarged.



8. Construction date:
 Estimated 1870 Factual _____
9. Architect Unknown
10. Builder Unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
 Frontage 310 Depth 151
 or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
Mar. 1986

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 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: Tank house with gazebo on top - Mature trees

SIGNIFICANCE

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

L.A. Whitehurst was one of Gilroy's most important citizens. Born in Virginia, he spent his early life in Missouri. He twice crossed the plains to California, once in 1849 and again in 1859. He moved to Gilroy in 1870 and together with his partner, P.C. Hodges, purchased the William Hanna Lumber business and mill. The Firm of Whitehurst and Hodges was a major Gilroy enterprise for more than 50 years. In 1879, Whitehurst was elected President on the Bank of Gilroy and held this position until his death in 1907. Whitehurst was Mayor of Gilroy in 1892 and later was elected to several terms in the California State Assembly and one term in the State Senate. Few individuals played a more significant role in the City's development

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)
 Architecture 2 Arts & Leisure ___
 Economic/Industrial 1 Exploration/Settlement ___
 Government ___ Military ___
 Religion ___ Social/Education ___

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).

A FIELD GUIDE TO AMERICAN HOUSES,
McAtister.
 Gilroy Hall of Fame
 Gilroy Museum File - Whitehurst

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