IDENTIFICATION
1. Common name: Gilroy Lumber Company
2. Historic name: 
3. Street or rural address: 7200 Alexander Street
   City: Gilroy Zip: 95020 County: Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 841-13-11
5. Present Owner: Southern Pacific Transportation Co. Address: 7250 Monterey
   City: Gilroy Zip: 95020 Ownership is: Public Private X
6. Present Use: Lumber yard Original use: Lumber yard

DESCRIPTION
7a. Architectural style: False Front Industrial
7b. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition.
This rectangular 1 story structure has a pitched roof behind a squared false facade. The cornice of the facade is a plain boxed eave. The facade and all sides are sheathed in narrow horizontal board. The facade is punctuated by two doorways and an offset pair of double hung windows. The roof is corrugated metal sheets. This building is a part of the complex of industrial structures, however, this is the only historical important building.

8. Construction date:
   Estimated 1870 Factual ______
9. Architect: UNKNOWN
10. Builder: Unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
    Frontage ______ Depth ______ or approx. acreage 19
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
    April, 1986
13. Condition: Excellent ___ Good ___ Fair ___ Deteriorated ___ No longer in existence ___

14. Alterations: ______ Roof material, new foundation

15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land ___ Scattered buildings X ___ Densely built-up ___ 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? X ___ Unknown? ___

18. Related features: Buildings of the industrial complex

SIGNIFICANCE

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

In 1870, Lyttleton A. Whitehurst and his partner, P.C. Hodges, purchased the lumbering operation which William Hanna had established in the redwood forest east of Gilroy. They named the new enterprise the Gilroy Lumber Company. The later opened a planing mill on what became Alexander Street in the town. This was the first lumber mill and yard in Gilroy itself. The redwood lumber industry was significant to Gilroy's early growth and development. The timber was essential to the city's early building boom and the industry attracted many skilled workers who became residents. The Gilroy Lumber Company was a major Gilroy business for over 50 years.

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).
   American Architecture Since 1780, Whiffen
   Gilroy Museum Files - Whitehurst

22. Date form prepared ___ April, 1986
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Locational sketch map (draw and label site and surrounding streets, roads, and prominent landmarks):

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