IDENTIFICATION
1. Common name: Cherry Blossom Hotel

2. Historic name:

3. Street or rural address: 7261 Monterey Street
   City: Gilroy Zip: 95020 County: Santa Clara

4. Parcel number: 79908402

5. Present Owner: Address:
   City: Zip: Ownership is: Public Private

6. Present Use: Apartment/Commercial Original use: Lodging & Commercial

DESCRIPTION
7a. Architectural style: Spanish Colonial 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 structure has retail store fronts on the first floor and an entry through a stucco covered bracket arch to the upper floors. Five windows are evenly spaced across the second floor front facade. They are metal frame and swing out from the top. The roof line is a narrow band of shingles that may have been tile. Ornamental medallions are located above the second story windows. Alterations have changed some of the store front materials, however, the structure is in relatively original condition.

8. Construction date:
   Estimated Factual 1921

9. Architect:
   unknown

10. Builder:
    Radtke

11. Approx. property size (in feet)
    Frontage 100 Depth 193
    or approx. acreage

12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
    Mar. 1986
At the turn of the last century, the area of Gilroy on Monterey Street between Eighth and Seventh Street was known as Chinatown. Chinese workers had settled there after the completion of the transcontinental railroad in the 1860's. Gilroy's Chinatown boasted restaurants, laundries, gambling dens, shops and tenements for the Chinese families. Much of the area was owned by the Radin Family. Local tradition holds that this building was the second hotel in Chinatown to bear the name of Cherry Blossom. The tradition also states that the Cherry Blossom was a popular brothel.

The building pre-dates the large fire which destroyed much of Gilroy's Chinatown in the 1900's. It is very possible that the building was designed by influential , and prominent local contractor William Radtke.

Today, the building has apartments and houses, and convenience stores on the first level.