

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

HABS _____ HAER _____ Loc _____ SHL No. _____ NR Status 4D
 UTM: A 10/627472/4096320 C _____
 B _____ D _____

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Leyon's Chinese Restaurant
2. Historic name: _____
3. Street or rural address: 7347 Monterey Street
 City Gilroy Zip 95020 County Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 79900841
5. Present Owner: Gin Dong Address: 7256 Eigleberry St
 City Gilroy Zip 95020 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Restaurant Original use: _____

DESCRIPTION

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

7347 Monterey is yet another example of a stuccoed over commercial building, the structure is a long, low brick building with very little ornamentation. A central, projecting, stepped-up cornice line distinguishes the site. Paired commercial window and door spaces define the facade. Both door fronts have been altered either by wooden boards or by using aluminum window frames and small tile mosaic pieces under the large lights. The neon sign is designed in a 40's commercial building style. Very little distinguishes the site except the fact that the structure again echoes the design elements, massing, size and construction of the great source of small commercial buildings in the old central business district of Gilroy.



8. Construction date:
 Estimated 1890 Factual _____
9. Architect unknown
10. Builder unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet) 141
 Frontage 40 Depth _____
 or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
Mar. 1986

13. Condition: Excellent ___ Good ^ Fair ___ Deteriorated ___ No longer in existence ___
14. Alterations: storefronts, stucco
15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land ___ Scattered buildings ___ Densely built-up X
Residential ___ Industrial ___ Commercial X 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.)

The structure relates to the other buildings on this block of Monterey by its scale, mass, and form. The original storefront design is very appropriate even though the doors are infill. Inside, a mosaic (fresc) covers the interior in the style of the 1930-40's.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)
Architecture 1 Arts & Leisure _____
Economic/Industrial ___ Exploration/Settlement _____
Government ___ Military _____
Religion ___ Social/Education _____
21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates.)
A Field Guide to American Houses
McAlister
Sanborn Map 1888, 1906
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