HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION
1. Common name: Pitzer Auto Parts
2. Historic name:
3. Street or rural address: 7380 Monterey Street
   City: Gilroy  Zip: 95020  County: Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 84100806
5. Present Owner: George Kishimura  Address: 8910 Murray Avenue
   City: Gilroy  Zip: 95020  Ownership is: Public  Private  X
6. Present Use: Auto Parts Store  Original use: Cabinet Shop and Hardware

DESCRIPTION
7a. Architectural style: Stripped
7b. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:
The site is a one and a half story concrete commercial building constructed on a rectangular plan and designed in a very stripped commercial architectural style with just the slightest touch of neoclassical revival in the exaggerated eave and row of brackets. The street facade is sheathed in plaster with a large rectangular plate glass and aluminium framed entry. A second area, equally devoid of ornament has been boarded over adjacent to the entry door on the street facade. The roof consists of a very narrow shed form which is characterized by a molded cornice and distinctive carved brackets. A metal pipe chimney punctuates the flat roof. A metal drain is located next to the large plate glass of the entrance.

8. Construction date:
   Estimated 1925  Factual
9. Architect: Unknown
10. Builder: Radtke
11. Approx. property size (in feet):
    Frontage 50  Depth 193
    or approx. acreage
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s):
    Mar. 1986

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The significance of the building architecturally has been compromised by the insensitive remodeling of the street facade. However, the size, scale and massing do support the general characteristics of the old downtown blocks of Gilroy.

In 1925, this was the Gilroy Hardware Company. By 1931, the facade had been altered to include a large commercial door for it was then the Cruse and Brodersens Buick Garage.