IDENTIFICATION
1. Common name: 

2. Historic name: Benevolent Society House

3. Street or rural address: 7429 Alexander Street
   City: Gilroy Zip: 95020 County: Santa Clara

4. Parcel number: 841-6-22

5. Present Owner: Rubin Trujillo
   Address: 7429 Alexander Street
   City: Gilroy Zip: 95020
   Ownership is: Public Private X

6. Present Use: Residence
   Original use: Residence

DESCRIPTION
7a. Architectural style: Craftsman Bungalow

7b. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

A single story rectangular structure with a double gable facade. The second gable is the roof of the porch and is supported by square piers sheathed in the narrow horizontal board that covers the house. Brackets support the front gable eaves and the porch railing is a cut out board typical of the cost efficient Craftsman design elements. The parcel is enhanced with landscaping very in keeping with the Craftsman movement, low juniper bushes, small pine and desert trees.

8. Construction date:
   Estimated ______ Factual 1916-

9. Architect: Unknown

10. Builder: Unknown

11. Approx. property size (in feet):
    Frontage 50' Depth 137'
    or approx. acreage

12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s):
    April 1986

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13. Condition: Excellent X 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 ___ 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? 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 early history of Gilroy was marked by its residents' concern for the needy and by many works of philanthropy. One such example was the Benevolent Society. This group of prominent women purchased property and built homes which were rented at low rates to poor and needy families. This Craftsman Bungalow, built 1917, is an example of this work.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)
   Architecture ___ 2 ___ 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

   Gilroy Museum File

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Locational sketch map (draw and label site and surrounding streets, roads, and prominent landmarks):

[Map diagram with labeled streets and landmarks]