HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION
1. Common name: 

2. Historic name: E.J. Bryant House

3. Street or rural address: 7431 Church Street
   City: Gilroy Zip: 95020 County: Santa Clara

4. Parcel number: 79900706

5. Present Owner: Residence Address: Residence
   City: Aptos Zip: 95003 Ownership is: Public Private X

6. Present Use: Residence Original use: Residence

DESCRIPTION
7a. Architectural style: Queen Anne Cottage

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

The site consists of a tall one and one half story wooden residence constructed on a rectangular plan and designed in a Queen Anne cottage architectural style that is so stripped of ornament that it almost seems to be Greek Revival with slight Italianate detailing. The roofline is steeply pitched and cross gabled. The cornice line is exaggerated with moldings. Squared modillions ornament the eave above the plain frieze. The structure is sheathed in wide ship lap siding with distinctive quoins at the facade corners. Narrow colonettes ornament the projecting angled bay which is covered by small mansard roof. A narrow front porch is supported by narrow squared posts. Fenestration is simple, rectangular shaped and vertically oriented double hung windows. A multi-step straight stair leads to the front entry. The site is in good condition with minimal landscaping. A very low wall encloses the lot.

8. Construction date:
   Estimated: Factual 1888

9. Architect: Unknown

10. Builder: O.F. Hanson

11. Approx. property size (in feet):
    Frontage 38 Depth 140
    or approx. acreage

12. Date(s) of recent/future photograph(s): Mar. 1986

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SIGNIFICANCE

The 7400 block of Church contains a number of very interesting architectural styles that portray the growth of Gilroy from 1860 to 1910. During this time, the pattern of settlement was expanding north and west. The 7400 block appears to be where the pre-1900 development pattern ends as the 7500 block incorporates late neoclassical styles after 1910, with some of the 1902's bungalows. The 7300 block is primarily pre 1890 residences. The people who lived in this block represented a cross section of occupations and heritage. For example, E.J. Bryant was a milk dealer.