IDENTIFICATION
1. Common name: 

2. Historic name: Minnie L. Moecksh House

3. Street or rural address: 7439 Church Street

   City: Gilroy Zip: 95020 County: Santa Clara

4. Parcel number: 79900705

5. Present Owner: John Holson

   Address: 7401 Miller Avenue

   City: Gilroy Zip: 95020 Ownership is: Public Private X

6. Present Use: Residence Original use: Residence

DESCRIPTION
7a. Architectural style: Neoclassic altered

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

This neoclassic structure has had some modifications that alter its appearance. The porch has been enclosed creating a heavy unbalanced effect. The remainder of the structure contains the elements associated with the style. Slant bay covered by a gable roof. The main structure has a hipped roof.

8. Construction date:
   Estimated 1960 Factual

9. Architect

   Unknown

10. Builder

   Unknown

11. Approx. property size (in feet)
    Frontage 57 Depth 140
    or approx. acreage

12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
    Mar. 1986

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Condition: Excellent _____ Good _____ Fair _____ Deteriorated _____ No longer in existence _____

Alterations: Front addition replaces the porch c. 1982

Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land _____ Scattered buildings _____ Densely built-up X _____ Residential X _____ Industrial _____ Commercial _____ Other: 

Threats to site: None known X Private development _____ Zoning _____ Vandalism _____ Public Works project _____ Other: 

Is the structure: On its original site? X _____ Moved? _____ Unknown? _____

Related features: 

SIGNIFICANCE

Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)

Constructed for Minnie Hoesch, the house was later the residence of her son, John M. Hoesch, a Gilroy Justice of the Peace from 1918 to 1930. This house was a reversed twin with 7417 Church Street.

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 1920'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.

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 _____

Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).

Gilroy Museum Files
A Field Guide to American Houses McAllister
Sanborn Map 1888, 1892, 1906, 1926

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