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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Gilroy Hardware
2. Historic name: _____
3. Street or rural address: 7445 Monterey Street
 City Gilroy Zip 95020 County Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 79900756
5. Present Owner: Ralph Blackburn Address: 7445 Monterey Street
 City Gilroy Zip 95020 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Hardware Store Original use: commercial

DESCRIPTION

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

This two story commercial structure has a flat roof, is rectangular in form and maintains its over all architectrual integrity. The storefront starts with the addition of used brick to define the display windows and recessed entry. Above the display panes is a band of small square panes that have been painted over. The frame of the commercial front is set below a molded band of sting coursing. The upper horizontal massing contains two windows, with modified frames, a plain band and an ornate, by Gilroy standards, classical cornice. This projecting cornice is composed of multiple layers of horizontal bands with dentils and additional moldings. The classic detail of an attic space completes the facade. An alteration to the entrance to the upstairs is an infill of painted shingles.



8. Construction date:
 Estimated 1915 Factual _____
9. Architect Unknown
10. Builder Unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
 Frontage 28 Depth 140
 or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
Mar. 1986

13. Condition: Excellent ___ Good X Fair ___ Deteriorated ___ No longer in existence ___
14. Alterations: Storefront windows
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 modifications have not been sensitive to the classical order of textures and form this structure once possessed. This is none the less an important structure in Gilroy revealing what may have been present prior to stripping and stuccoing so many structures. One of the larger structures on the center of the block keeps the rhythm of two story structures and anchors the attractive single story structures that adjoin this building.

On the second floor the Drs. H.R. Chesbro and his son, Elmer, had their offices. The lower floor was a series of cafes and grills. Now the building is the home of the much traveled Gilroy Hardware Company, which is the business of Don Chesbro.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)
Architecture 1 Arts & Leisure ___
Economic/Industrial 2 Exploration/Settlement ___
Government ___ Military ___
Religion ___ Social/Education ___
21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).
American Architecture Since 1780
Whiffen
Sanborn Map 1888, 1908, 1926
Gilroy Musuem Files
22. Date form prepared April 1986
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Locational sketch map (draw and label site and surrounding streets, roads, and prominent landmarks):

