IDENTIFICATION
1. Common name: Gilroy Hardware

2. Historic name: ________________________________

3. Street or rural address: 7445 Monterey Street
   City____________________ Zip 95020 Country Santa Clara

4. Parcel number: 79900756

5. Present Owner: Ralph Blackburn
   Address: 7445 Monterey Street
   City____________________ 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 architectural integerity. 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
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.