

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

HABS _____ HAER _____ Loc _____ SHL No. _____ NR Status 6
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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: _____
2. Historic name: Anson Sprague House
3. Street or rural address: 7449 Church Street
 City Gilroy Zip 95020 County Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 79900704
5. Present Owner: Richard Salaz Address: 7449 Church Street
 City Gilroy Zip 95020 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Residence Original use: residence

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural style: Queen Anne (Pioneer Modified)
- 7b. Briefly describe the present *physical appearance* of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

The site is a tiny single-story wooden structure constructed with a cross, low gabled roof, on a "L" shaped plan and designed in a vernacular pioneer style with vaguely Italianate touches. The two most important features are the angled bay and the tiny veranda with its shed roof which distinguish the street facade. Wide ship lap covers the building. Colonets accent the angled bay. The site is raised 1/2 floor above the street level. Narrow wooden squared posts support the porch. Landscaping is mature. The twin Washington palms are a unique feature.



8. Construction date: Estimated _____ Factual pre- 1870
9. Architect Unknown
10. Builder Unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
 Frontage 38 Depth 130
 or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
Mar. 1986

13. Condition: excellent ___ Good ___ Fair ___ Deteriorated ___ No longer in existence ___
14. Alterations: _____
15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land ___ Scattered buildings ___ Densely built-up
 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? Moved? ___ Unknown? ___
18. Related features: _____

SIGNIFICANCE

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

The significance of the site is due to its supportive architectural qualities when compared to its neighbors on Church Street. This house was constructed for Anson Sprague and his family (c. 1865). Emily Sprague continued to live in the house with her daughters, Nellie and Gertrude, after her divorce from Anson.

20. 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 _____

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).
 1880 Census
A Field Guide to American Houses
 McAlister

Sanborn Map 1888, 1908

Gilroy Museum Files

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