IDENTIFICATION
1. Common name: The Nimble Thimble
2. Historic name: Johnsons Drug Store
3. Street or rural address: 7451 Monterey Street
   City: Gilroy Zip: 95020 County: Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 79900755
5. Present Owner: Miguel Gaeta Address: 7320 Princeballe
   City: Gilroy Zip: 95020 Ownership is: Public Private X
6. Present Use: Sewing Supply Store Original use: Commercial

DESCRIPTION
7a. Architectural style: Mediterranean Revival
7b. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

A relatively original presentation of the original structure, this single story rectangular building is an important component in Old Gilroy streetscape. The unaltered door, glass pannel in wood frame is deeply recessed from the sidewalk. The display windows angle to provide maximum exposure. Brick facing forms a column effect at each end of the storefront. Simple capitals appear to support a plain frieze with a molded cornice. The fenestration band above the sign band in 6 lights of diamond pattern glazing, an unusual treaetment that provides a touch of distinction in an area where most upper lights have been painted or covered with other materials. This structure is the basis for the cohesive styles of single story commercial structures along Monterey.

8. Construction date:
   Estimated Factual 1924
9. Architect: Unknown
10. Builder: Palmer and Gurries
11. Approx. property size (in feet):
    Frontage 22 Depth 140
    or approx. acreage
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
    Mar. 1986
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.)

This structure reflects the elements of commercial design appropriate to this type of structure on Monterey Street. This stripped down version of neoclassical revival is the mainstay of continuity in Downtown Gilroy. 7451 Monterey stand as an example for future rehabilitation. The loss of this structure would not only destroy an individual resource, but would seriously damage the integrity of the commercial area.

Within this building can be found many of the interior features of the old drug store (c. 1890). This adds additional value as an individual resource.

A two story building was on this site. It housed a drug store and Dr. Hugo Schmitt upstairs (1920).

This drug store building was built in 1924 for E. Martin Johnson. He and his brother Garrett, were the great grandsons of one of the first American settlers in the valley, the late pioneer, Julius Martin.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)
Architectural ______ Arts & Leisure ______
Economic/Industrial ______ Exploration/Settlement ______
Government ______ Military ______
Religion ______ Social/Education ______

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