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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Shields House
2. Historic name: Roth House
3. Street or rural address: 7469 Forest Street
City Gilroy Zip 95020 County Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 84100630
5. Present Owner: Everett Shields Address: 7469 Forest Street
City Gilroy Zip 95020 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Residence Original use: Residence

DESCRIPTION

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

A very large and stately two and one half story structure. The high pitched roof sheds to the front and is punctuated with a large gabled dormer. The recessed porch is full width and supported on elephantine boxed columns. The structure is sheathed in shingles and accented with painted flat frames around the windows and doors.



8. Construction date: Estimated _____ Factual 1913
9. Architect Unknown
10. Builder Unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet) Frontage 100 Depth 142
or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s) Mar. 1938

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.)

This stately bungalow is significant for its architecture and also as the home of N.A. Roth. Mr. Roth came to Gilroy from Illinois, constructing this home in 1913. He purchased the large parcel with a barn on the property from Henry Hecker. Mr. Roth was a business partner with C.A. Winans, in a dry goods and yardage store on Monterey Street. The block of 7400 Forest is a collection of very nice bungalows.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)
Architecture 2 Arts & Leisure _____
Economic/Industrial 1 Exploration/Settlement _____
Government _____ Military _____
Religion _____ Social/Education _____

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

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McAtister
Sanborn Map 1888,1908

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