

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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HABS _____ HAER _____ Loc _____ SHL No. _____ NR Status 5D
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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: _____
2. Historic name: White Rental House
3. Street or rural address: 7470 Railroad Street
City Gilroy Zip 95020 County Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 84100628
5. Present Owner: Emilio Orsetti Address: 930 Buena Vista Av.
City Gilroy Zip 95020 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Residence Original use: Residence

DESCRIPTION

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

7470 sits on concrete sill and has been a rental all its life. Fish-scale shingles cover the front gable. It has classical front porch supports, an enclosed screened back porch, and a fireplace. This rectangular formed structure has a hipped roof intersected with a front facing gable. Single story with sloping porch roof, the supports of which are paired columns. The porch banister is turned wood with a cap. Horizontal board sheathes the structure.



8. Construction date:
Estimated _____ Factual 1902
9. Architect Unknown
10. Builder Unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 40 Depth 137
or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
Mar. 1986

13. Condition: Excellent ___ Good ___ Fair Deteriorated ___ No longer in existence ___
14. Alterations: Back porch enclosed
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 house is one of three houses built in 1902-1903 for rental purposes. All three are of very similar construction. Although the ownership has changed several times, all three houses have remained together and each time have been sold as a unit. They are typical of this turn-of-the-century construction in Gilroy.

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

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

A Field Guide to American Houses
McAlister

Sanborn Map 1888, 1908

Gilroy Museum File April 1986

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