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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Gilroy Grange
2. Historic name: Japanese School
3. Street or rural address: 8191 Swanston
City Gilroy Zip 95020 County Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: _____
5. Present Owner: Gilroy Grange #398 Address: 8191 Swanston
City Gilroy Zip 95020 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Meeting Hall Original use: Ethnic School

DESCRIPTION

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

An enlarged rectangular single story wood frame with metal roofing. The fronts differ in design although both are horizontal board false fronts. The older section appears to be the simple stepped design. A window is centered where a door most likely occurred. The large is a mission revival curvilinear center with stepped side awnings. A porch roof of shingles and exposed eaves is supported on columns, a small pitched gable gives a classical feeling to this element. Fenestration is balanced single windows of double hung wood sash.



8. Construction date:
Estimated _____ Factual 1929
9. Architect Unknown
10. Builder Unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage _____ Depth _____
or approx. acreage 1 acre
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
Mar. 1986

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13. Condition: Excellent ___ Good X Fair ___ Deteriorated ___ No longer in existence ___
14. Alterations: buildings are joined together
15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land ___ Scattered buildings X Densely built-up ___
Residential ___ Industrial ___ Commercial ___ Other: ___
16. Threats to site: None known X Private development ___ Zoning ___ Vandalism ___
Public Works project ___ Other: ___
17. Is the structure: On its original site? X Moved? ___ Unknown? ___
18. Related features: _____

SIGNIFICANCE

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

Used by the Japanese Community for a school and social hall, the structure reverted to the city for back taxes of \$14.95 plus a penalty of .74 during the Japanese internment (1943-44). The city transferred ownership to the Grange in 1944.

The Gilroy Grange #398 was organized in 1922 with F.E. Stelling the first Master. Meeting for over 20 years in the old Masonic Hall on Monterey Street, the Grange continues to use this Swanston Lane Building.

The significance of this building is derived from association with both the Japanese Community School and the Gilroy Grange. An example of property that was "let go" for taxes during the internment of the Japanese Americans provides an increased significance.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)

Architecture 2 Arts & Leisure ___
Economic/Industrial ___ Exploration/Settlement ___
Government ___ Military ___
Religion ___ Social/Education 1

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

Assesment Tax Rolls
Gilroy Advocate 3/1/29, 3/8/29
American Architecture Since 1780,
Whiffen
Interview, Mary Preen, Gilroy Museum
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