IDENATION
1. Common name: Bill Starritt Realtors Office
2. Historic name: Amos Robinson House
3. Street or rural address: 7477 Egleberry Street
   City: Gilroy Zip: 95020 County: Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 79900724
5. Present Owner: Edward Hancock Address: 7477 Egleberry St
   City: Gilroy Zip: 95020 Ownership is: Public Private
6. Present Use: Offices Original use: Residence

DESCRIPTION
7a. Architectural style: Neoclassic
7b. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its
    original condition.
   This one and a half story house has the typically neoclassic medium gable roofline with enclosed eaves and wide clapboard siding. A long, rectangular house which faces east (Egleberry Street), it has a large dormer and an enclosed proch with many small glass window panes. The recessed open porch is supported by square columns and has wood slat balusters. On the Fifth Street side, there is a small side entrance and a bay window.

8. Construction date: Estimated 1882 Factual
9. Architect: Unknown
10. Builder: Unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
    Frontage: 150 Depth: 75 or approx. acreage
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s): 1986
13. Condition: Excellent X Good ___ Fair ___ Deteriorated ___ No longer in existence ___

14. Alterations: Enclosed porch and several enlargements over time ______________________________________________________________________

15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land ___ Scattered buildings ___ Densely built-up X 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: Well maintained landscaping

SIGNIFICANCE

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

The Robinson Family, which lived for many years in this house was active in the civic and business affairs of the city. Amos Robinson, a tinsmith, came to Gilroy in 1867 and established a hardware store and machine shop. The business was successful and in 1885 Robinson built the Egleberry Street home for his family. Amos Robinson's son, Herbert Robinson was born in 1874. He attended Gilroy High School and Stanford University. Herbert joined the family concern as a partner in 1897 when it was incorporated. Herbert Robinson was interested in city government and served several terms as mayor and on the city library board as well as on the board of the local Red Cross and as a school trustee. Robinson served the City of Gilroy for some 40 years, while skillfully guiding the Robinson Hardware Company as it steadily grew and expanded. The building is now used as a real estate office and is owned by Edward Hancock.

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 ___

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