

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION

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 Str
City Gilroy Zip 95020 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
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 porch 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 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
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: 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 2 Arts & Leisure _____
Economic/Industrial 1 Exploration/Settlement _____
Government _____ Military _____
Religion _____ Social/Education _____

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

City Assessment Roll Books.
Gilroy Museum File-Herbert E. Robinson
Robinson Family

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Locational sketch map (draw and label site and surrounding streets, roads, and prominent landmarks):

