IDENTIFICATION
1. Common name: ___________________________
2. Historic name: __________________________
3. Street or rural address: 7486 Monterey Street
   City: Gilroy  Zip: 95020  County: Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: __________________________
   City: Santa Clara  Zip: 95050 Ownership is: Public  Private  X
6. Present Use: RETAIL  Original use: RETAIL / COMMERCIAL

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

The structure is a low, single-story stripped commercial building constructed on a rectangular plan and sheathed in plaster with brick trim under the streetside windows. The building exhibits very minimal detail. Slight touches of neoclassical are reflected in the moulded cornice and the very simple pilasters. The building keeps in character with its neighbors, as it contains a large blank space area above the recessed shop entry with its angled plate glass windows surrounding. An oversize metal awning separates the street front apertures from the blank-front plaster facade. Large plate glass windows further define the streetside display areas. The neighbor at 7488 Monterey continues the same moulded cornice line, but obscures the facade behind and oversized canvas awning. The windows and entry doors have been modified by a later renovation with three angled bay windows and a glass double door with aluminum frame. Oversized drain pipes on both sides of the facade add a further distinction. The buildings are joined by a common roof and relate very well to the large, two-story neoclassic bank building adjoining to the north.

8. Construction date: Estimated 1910  Factual
   Architect: Unknown
   Builder: Radtke
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
    Frontage 26  Depth 193  or approx. acreage
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
    Mar. 1986
The building is not a particularly fine example of commercial architecture, however, it is joined by a common cornice detail with the storefront adjacent and both relate well to the neoclassic bank building that anchors this corner of Monterey Street.

This was the first location of the J.C. Penny Company retail store in 1931.