

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: _____
2. Historic name: First National Bank of Gilroy
3. Street or rural address: 7490, 7488 Monterey Street & 28 Martin Street
 City Gilroy Zip 95020 County Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 84100615
5. Present Owner: Ruth Sacco Address: 761 Lawrence Drive
 City Gilroy Zip 95050 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Stores & Offices Original use: Bank/ commercial

DESCRIPTION

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

The site is a particularly handsome, two-story concrete structure which is sheathed plaster, constructed on a rectangular plan, and designed in a neoclassical architectural style. An exaggerated, moulded cornice with full entablature covers a facade dominated by two large, doric columns surrounding a full pedimented entry. Windows are simple, rectangular with one over two lights. The first floor long, vertical windows are distinguished by pattern work in the top light. Alterations include the aluminum framed plate glass window. This structure is the most neoclassic building in Gilroy. Particularly noteworthy is the block rustication along the north and west facades. A long, low, single-story commercial building is attached to the building along Martin Avenue. This elevation has been altered less than the buildings adjacent to the south. It still exhibits its simple neoclassic design, but without the metal awnings or display window alterations. Windows surrounds a more genuinely associated with the stripped neoclassical commercial style. The band square transom windows effectively separates the streetside windows and entry from the moulded cornice and rusticated wall. Immediately adjacent to the neoclassical Old Gilroy National Bank Building is a very finely detailed commercial building with its tiled gable roof horizontal massing of windows which are punctuated by wooden doors with interlighted lights. Particularly notable about this addition is the red tile work along the sidewalk and up the corners of the building. Periodically spaced rafters add a distinction to the

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8. Construction date:
 Estimated 1912 Factual _____
9. Architect Unknown
10. Builder Radtke
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
 Frontage 62 Depth 193
 or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
Mar. 1986

14. Alterations: signage a large awning on 7488 Monterey
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.)

The First National Bank of Gilroy building is a unique structure in the downtown business district. Built in 1912, it is designed in a neoclassical architectural style. The Frist National Bank of Gilroy was the second Bank in the city. It was organized by Hugh Steele Johnson, who served as it first presidnt. Today the original bank building is devoted to retail stores and offices.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)
 Architecture 1 Arts & Leisure
 Economic/Industrial 2 Exploration/Settlement
 Government Military
 Religion Social/Education

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