

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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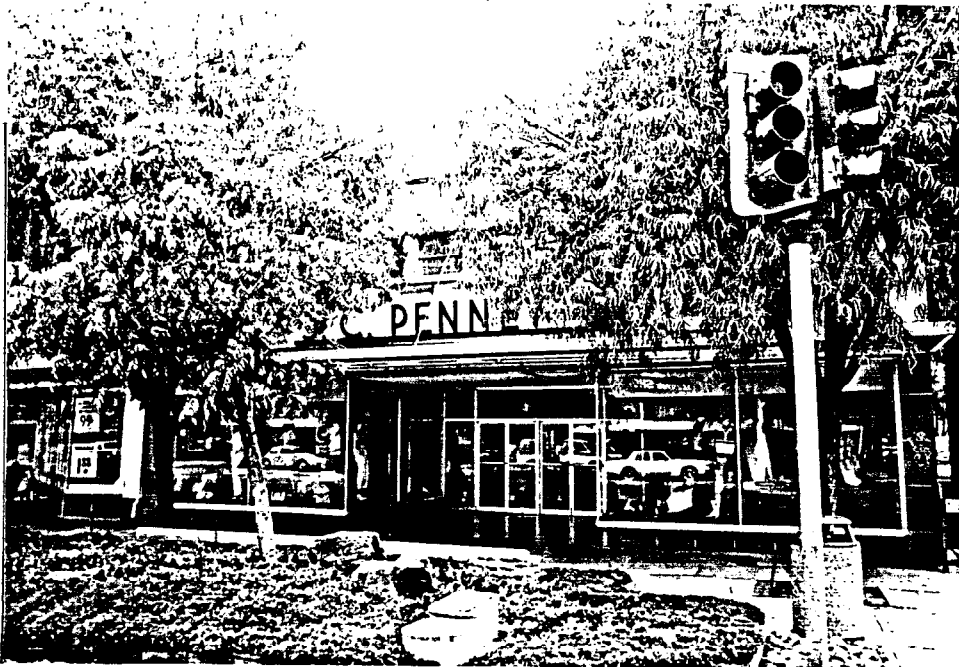
IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: J. C. Penney
2. Historic name: _____
3. Street or rural address: 7526 Monterey Street
 City Gilroy Zip 95020 County Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 84105056
5. Present Owner: Unknown Address: _____
 City _____ Zip _____ Ownership is: Public _____ Private _____
6. Present Use: Retail/Commercial Original use: Retail/Commercial

DESCRIPTION

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

One of the wider facades on Monterey Street, this is also one of the later structures to be constructed. A two story structure divided horizontally between the full width storefront and the fenestration and cover of administrative space. The storefront has a squared recess to the double set of metal frame entry doors. The remainder is large plates of glass. The upper floor is a geometric pattern of ridges and fenestration.



8. Construction date: Estimated _____ Factual 1950
9. Architect Unknown
10. Builder Unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
 Frontage 64 Depth 140
 or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
Mar. 1986

14. Alterations: _____
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.)

On the site of the Central Hotel, the Pennys building is a structure of comptable form and size, however, it stands as a design of the 1950's and does not contribute to the style and cohesive feeling of the older structures. The facade line and scale are what make this structure a part of the survey.

This is the second location for J.C. Penny in Gilroy.

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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