HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION
1. Common name: Grodhaus House
2. Historic name: Grodhaus House
3. Street or rural address: 7527 Figsberry Street
   City: Gilroy Zip 95020 County: Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 79900625
5. Present Owner: Gail Grodhaus Address: 7540 Church Street
   City: Gilroy Zip 95020 Ownership is: Public Private Y
6. Present Use: Residence Original use: Residence

DESCRIPTION
7a. Architectural style: Queen Anne Cottage
7b. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

This Queen Anne style cottage has a front bay window and decorated upper trim on each side window. The gable above the bay window is covered with fish scale shingles. There are corner brackets above the slant bays. The porch and stair railings have round columns and turned balusters. The hipped roof appears to be a modified pitch. The boxed eaves and eave trim are very nicely executed.

8. Construction date:
   Estimated Factual 1896
9. Architect: Unknown
10. Builder: Val Grodhaus
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
    Frontage 75 Depth 150
    or approx. acreage
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s) 1986
13. Condition: Excellent ☑ Good ______ Fair ______ Deteriorated ______ No longer in existence ______

14. Alterations: _______ roof $_____

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.)

This house was built in 1896 by Val Grodhaus, who worked as a tinner for the Amos Robinson Hardware Store. He had previously built another house on this property, which was moved to another sit on south Church Street, to make room for the present home.

The house is presently owned by Gail Grodhaus, grandson of Val Grodhaus. His mother, Marjorie Grodhaus, was a Gilroy teacher and later, the Gilroy librarian.

The cottage retains the original architectural character and is an important element in the heritage fabric of the city.

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 ☑

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).
Gilroy Museum File - Grodhaus
A FIELD GUIDE TO AMERICAN HOUSES, McAlister.

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