State of California — The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION
1. Common name: Perkins House
2. Historic name: Perkins House
3. Street or rural address: 7530 Alexander Street
   City: Gilroy
   Zip: 95020
   County: Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 84100526
5. Present Owner: Stuart Conlin & Miguel Acosta
   Address: 7530 Alexander Street
   City: Gilroy
   Zip: 95020
   Ownership: Public
6. Present Use: Residence
   Original use: Residence

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

Originally an end gable pioneer structure of one story, there has been an addition to the front. A side entrance is set back under the extended porch roof. Turned posts support the roof.

8. Construction date:
   Estimated
   Factual 1877
9. Architect: Unknown
10. Builder: Unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet):
    Frontage 55
    Depth 140
    or approx. acreage
12. Date(s) of enclosed photographs:
    Mar. 1986

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13. Condition:  Excellent  ____  Good  ____  Fair  X  Deteriorated  ____  No longer in existence  ____

14. Alterations: ____________________________________________________________

15. Surroundings:  (Check more than one if necessary)  Open land  ____  Scattered buildings  ____  Densely built-up  X
             Residential  X  Industrial  ____  Commercial  ____  Other: ____________________________

16. Threats to site:  None known  X  Private development  ____  Zoning  ____  Vandalism  ____
                         Public Works project  ____  Other: ____________________________

17. Is the structure:  On its original site?   X  Moved?   ____  Unknown?   ____

18. Related features:  _______________________________________________________

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)

This pioneer style house was built in 1877 for the Arzelia Lewis family. It passed through the ownership of several early Gilroy families until it was purchased in 1908 by Mrs. Virginia Aimes McAlpine. Mrs. McAlpine was a Gilroy businesswoman who owned and operated a millinery shop on Monterey Street. She bought or had built many rental properties in Gilroy. This was one of them.

The significance of this structure is its age and architectural design.

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).

A Field Guide to American Houses, McAlister

Tax Rolls
Gilroy Advocate

22. Date form prepared  ________  April  1986
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Locational sketch map (draw and label site and surrounding streets, roads, and prominent landmarks):  

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