

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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HABS _____ HAER _____ Loc _____ SHL No. _____ NR Status 6
UTM: A 10/627609.4096710 C _____
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IDENTIFICATION

- 1. Common name: _____
- 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 is: Public _____ Private X
- 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 1977
- 9. Architect Unknown
- 10. Builder Unknown
- 11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 55 Depth 142
or approx. acreage _____
- 12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
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 1 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

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