

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

HABS _____ HAER _____ Loc _____ SHL No. _____ NR Status 6
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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: _____
2. Historic name: _____
3. Street or rural address: 7530 Church Street
 City Gilroy Zip 95020 County Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 79900632
5. Present Owner: Brian Holman Address: P.O. Box 1292
 City Gilroy Zip 95020 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Residence Original use: Residence

DESCRIPTION

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

This small bungalow has a medium gable roof with exposed rafters and support brackets. It has clapboard siding with windows facing the street



8. Construction date:
 Estimated 1913 Factual _____
9. Architect Unknown
10. Builder Unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
 Frontage 80 Depth 150
 or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
Mar. 1986

13. Condition: Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated No longer in existence
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: Large trees

SIGNIFICANCE

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

This Bungalow style home on Church Street belonged to Lacey Luchessa, a dairy operator from Switzerland. Luchessa operated a dairy on Luchessa Lane, south of Gilroy, until the late 1930's. This house was purchased as a family residence after his retirement.

The Gilroy area is exceptionally well suited for dairy operations. Like Lacey Luchessa, many Europeans brought their dairying skills and traditions to Gilroy. By the beginning of this century, over a million pounds of cheese per year were being produced.

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).

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