HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION
1. Common name: 
2. Historic name: Chesbro House #
3. Street or rural address: 7531 Church Street
   City: Gilroy Zip: 95020 County: Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 79900808
5. Present Owner: Russell Hendrickson Address: 7531 Church Street
   City: Gilroy Zip: 95020 Ownership is: Public Private X
6. Present Use: Residence Original use: Residence

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

The site is a two story stucco residence constructed on a rectangular plan and designed in a neo classical/craftsman/prairie mixture architectural style. The rooflines are flat with very pronounced cornice and balustraded parapets. A flat roof portico supported by paired doric columns defines the entrance. Fenestration is somewhat simple, rectangular in shape and double hung. The residence is set upon a large lot amidst very lush, mature landscaping. The large trees are particularly noteworthy.

8. Construction date:
   Estimated  Factual 1928
9. Architect  Unknown
10. Builder  Unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
   Frontage 70  Depth 140
   or approx. acreage
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
   Mar. 1986

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The significance of the site is due to its unique style of architecture. The building represents a collection of architectural styles. The massing and detailing suggest neoclassical style, while the window forms suggest craftsman design. On top of this seeming hybrid are touches of the prairie style in the horizontal emphasis of window shapes and roof lines with their oversized cornice and eave. The building thus adds a distinctive design to the other styles which comprise Gilroy's urban heritage.

This house is also significant because it was the third Chesbro house constructed by Dr. H.R. Chesbro and his second wife. Dr. Chesbro, an early physician in Gilroy, was a member of the city council and Mayor from 1898-1904.