

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

HAER _____ Loc A SHL No. _____ NR Status 5
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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: _____
2. Historic name: Chesbro House #2
3. Street or rural address: 7531 Church Street
 City Gilroy Zip 95020 County Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 79900608
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

13. Condition: Excellent ___ Good X Fair ___ 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.)

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.

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

Sanborn Map 1888, 1908
Gilroy Museum File - Chesbro

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Locational sketch map (draw and label site and surrounding streets, roads, and prominent landmarks):

