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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Music Tree
2. Historic name: First Robinson Hardware Company Building
3. Street or rural address: 7533 Monterey Street
 City Gilroy Zip 95020 County Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 79906048
5. Present Owner: Unknown Address: _____
 City _____ Zip _____ Ownership is: Public _____ Private _____
6. Present Use: Commercial Original use: Commercial

DESCRIPTION

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

A two story rectangular structure with a storefront on the first floor and blank expanse of stucco above. A cornice molding of simple running design is the only architectural detail. The store front has an angular recess to the door. A band of brick 18" high breaks the plane of the plate glass display windows. The doors and window frames are metal.



8. Construction date: _____ 1890
 Estimated _____ Factual _____
9. Architect _____
Unknown
10. Builder _____
Unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
 Frontage 20 Depth 140
 or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
Mar. 1986

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14. Alterations: Facade has been stripped and stucco covered
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: _____

SIGNIFICANCE

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

Although the structure provides no architectural decoration, it is the correct size and scale to be considered significant in that its loss would damage the cohesiveness of the downtown streetscape. Perhaps future remodelings will be more sympathetic to the original commercial character of this and other structures on Monterey Street. One of the commercial uses of this building was Expindola's Grocery from 1920 to the 1930's.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)
 Architecture 1 Arts & Leisure _____
 Economic/Industrial 2 Exploration/Settlement _____
 Government _____ Military _____
 Religion _____ Social/Education _____

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).
Gilroy Museum File
American Architecture Since 1780,
Whiffen

22. Sanborn Map 1886
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