IDENTIFICATION
1. Common name: 

2. Historic name: 

3. Street or rural address: 7536 Alexander Street
   City: Gilroy  Zip: 95020  County: Santa Clara

4. Parcel number: 84100527

5. Present Owner: Valente Tessaro  Address: 7536 Alexander Street
   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:

The site consists of a single rectangular structure with horizontal board siding. A recessed entry is beneath a wide gable supported by exposed eaves. A small window divides the front wall.

8. Construction date:
   Estimated  Factual 1915

9. Architect: Unknown

10. Builder: Unknown

11. Approx. property size (in feet):
    Frontage 45  Depth 112
    or approx. acreage

12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s):
    April 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: Saw-tooth fence and large tree

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

This Craftsman bungalow derives its minimal significance from the style of architecture and broad pattern of urbanization. It was built in 1915 for the James Garew McAlpine family. McAlpine and his wife, Virginia Aimes McAlpine, came to California from Connecticut in 1895. They settled first in San Francisco and then in Bakersfield. McAlpine, a jeweler and watch repairman, brought his family to Gilroy in 1899 where he opened one of Gilroy's first jewelry stores, on Monterey Street. Mrs. McAlpine operated a millinery shop near the jewelry store and owned a number of rental properties.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)
   Architecture ☒ 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
Assessment Rolls
Gilroy Museum File – McAlpine

22. Date form prepared: April 1986
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