IDENTIFICATION
1. Common name: Don Cheshire Residence
2. Historic name: Dr. H.R. Cheshire House
3. Street or rural address: 7541 Church Street

City: Gilroy Zip: 95020 County: Santa Clara

4. Parcel number: 79900607
5. Present Owner: Don Cheshire Address: 7541 Church Street

City: Gilroy Zip: 95020 Ownership is: Public Private X
6. Present Use: Residence Original use: Residence

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

A one and a half story Queen Anne Cottage with enclosed eaves and rounded dentil decoration. From the hipped roof there is a projecting gable, with an arched window, facing Church Street. Also on the roof are many low, wide dormers with sets of three windows. The wide clapboard siding is interrupted in the front below the gable by a square projecting window. The veranda porch is supported by turned columns and has cut-out designed squares in the railing. Other features include a decorative fence on the top of the shed dormer and eyebrow windows above the front entrance.

8. Construction date:
Estimated: 1888
Factual: 1888

9. Architect: Unknown

10. Builder: O.F. Hanson

11. Approx. property size (in feet):
Frontage: 60 Depth: 140

12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s):
1988

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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 X ___ 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: Mature Landscaping

SIGNIFICANCE

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

This is one of the very few nineteenth century Gilroy homes still occupied by family of the original owners. It was built in 1888 for Dr. Heverland Rogers Chesbro, one of the best known and most popular medical practitioners in town. Migrating to Gilroy in the mid 1880's, Chesbro set up practice and soon became active in civic affairs as well as medicine. He served on the City Council in 1890 and was Mayor from 1898-1904. Chesbro was President of the Gilroy Telephone Company from 1911 until 1947 and was on the Board of Directors of the Bank of America in both San Jose and Gilroy. During his long career, he became one of Gilroy's most admired citizens. Don Chesbro, son of Dr. H. R. Chesbro, is the owner of the Gilroy Hardware Company.

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).
   Gilroy Museum File - Chesbro
   A FIELD GUIDE TO AMERICAN HOUSES, McAlister.

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

NORTH

[Diagram of map with labeled streets and landmarks]