D. S. Whitney House
7541 Forest Street
City: Gilroy, Zip: 95020, County: Santa Clara
Parcel number: 84100568
Present Owner: Donald Thompson
Address: 7571 Felice Drive
City: Gilroy, Zip: 95020
Ownership: Private
Present Use: Residence
Original use: Residence
Architectural style: Pioneer - modified
A one story, medium gable house with board and batten siding. Although not of the neoclassic style it contains many of the details commonly found on houses of that style, like the bay window facing Forest Street and the fantail decoration located just above it. The veranda porch extends around to the side of the house, it decorated with stickwork and scrollwork, and is supported by lathed columns. There is an enclosed porch on the south side of the house. Board and batten wood siding with a wood shingle roof.
Construction date:
Estimated _____ Factual 1871
Architect: Unknown
Builder: Unknown
Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage: 114, Depth: 142
or approx. acreage
Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
Mar. 1986
13. Condition: Excellent X 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 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: Large spruce tree in front yard

SIGNIFICANCE

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

The Reverend A. M. Stewart, of the Gilroy Presbyterian Church, had this decorated pioneer style home built in 1871. In 1874, the property was purchased by Dwight S. Whitney, the first blacksmith in Gilroy. On Whitney's death, in 1909, the house passed to his widow, Julia Atkinson Whitney, and then to their daughter, Mildred Whitney Kilgore. Mrs. Kilgore owned the house until her death in 1973. The house is now owned by Donald Thompson.

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

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews, and their dates): Tax Rolls
    Gilroy Museum family photographs

22. Date form prepared: April 1986
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Locational sketch map (draw and label site and surrounding streets, roads, and prominent landmarks):