

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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HABS _____ HAER _____ Loc _____ SHL No. _____ NR Status 6
UTM: A 10/627009/4096533 C _____
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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: _____
2. Historic name: Ely Emlay House
3. Street or rural address: 7541 Rosanna Street
City Gilroy Zip 95020 County Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 79901960
5. Present Owner: Lucina Heredia Address: 7290 Alexander Street
City Gilroy Zip 95020 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Apartments Original use: Residence

DESCRIPTION

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

This large Craftsman style house has large square pillars on the front porch with wide horizontal wood siding. It resembles two similar houses joined together. The trim and wooden siding are similar to both sides. This is an unusual structure that may be two buildings joined to make a larger house.



8. Construction date: 1873
Estimated _____ Factual _____
9. Architect: Unknown
10. Builder: Unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet) 90 140
Frontage _____ Depth _____
or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s) 1985

13. Condition: Excellent ___ Good ___ Fair X Deteriorated ___ No longer in existence ___
14. Alterations: Remodeled to Craftsman - additions to the rear and side
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.)

This house was constructed by Ely Emlay in 1873, and served as his family home. He came to California from Canada in 1851 via the Horn, and worked in the gold fields, and later in Marysville, Benicia, and Alvarado. While in Alvarado, he learned the harness business, later coming to Gilroy in 1868, where he set up a harness and saddle shop until 1904. Upon closing his shop, he moved to Pacific Grove where he died in 1907. He is buried at the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Gilroy. Assessment records show the property owned by Helen M. Beane in 1887 and John W. Beane in 1916.

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

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).

City of Gilroy assessment roll book, 1871
 Gilroy Dispatch 12-21-70
 Gilroy Museum File - Emlay

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