HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION
1. Common name:

2. Historic name:

3. Street or rural address: 7544 Princevalle Street
   City: Gilroy Zip: 95020 County: Santa Clara

4. Parcel number: 79901912

5. Present Owner: Michael R. Dorn
   Address: 7544 Princevalle Street
   City: Gilroy Zip: 95020
   Ownership is: Public Private X

6. Present Use: Residence Original use: Residence

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

This two and a half story structure is sheathed in multi-tone brick with half timber construction in the gable ends. The entry is a small gable end with an arched entry. A slant bay is next to the entry. A side wing of the same design appears to have been added.

The formal architecture of this home is enhanced by a deep setback, curved drive and large trees, creating an "English Country" setting.

8. Construction date:
   Estimated Factual 1932

9. Architect: Unknown

10. Builder: Rikshima

11. Approx. property size (in feet)
   Frontage 68 Depth 133
   or approx. acreage

12. 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 ______ 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.)

In 1932, this house was built by a local contractor, John Riksheim for the Fred Boock family. Mr. Boock owned a local lumber yard.

Later, the house was purchased by Jack Heckendorn, who was a nephew to Mrs. Wheeler. Mrs. Wheeler resided at this home with her nephew during the time that she was not traveling.

In 1975, major renovations were made to the house. The kitchen was remodeled, the garage was converted into a family room and a new brick garage was added.

In 1985, Michael R. Dorn purchased this house. He is currently the City of Gilroy's Director of Planning.

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

22. Date form prepared __________April 1986 ______
   By (name) __________________________
   The Firm of __________________________
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Locational sketch map (draw and label site and surrounding streets, roads, and prominent landmarks):

[Map sketch]