IDENTIFICATION
1. Common name: Julia Whitney House
2. Historic name: Julia Whitney House
3. Street or rural address: 7549 Forest Street
   City: Gilroy  Zip: 95020
   County: Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 84100567
5. Present Owner: Eugenio Lucente
   Address: 7549 Forest St.
   City: Gilroy  Zip: 95020
   Ownership is: Public  Private  X
6. Present Use: Residence
   Original use: Residence

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

This single story residence has a hipped roof with exposed eaves. The porch is the focal point with a pitched roof supported on a structure of square posts and rafters. The entrance is centered between two rectangular windows. The windows are sectioned with small squares on top of clear panes. The structure is covered with cedar shingles including the low walls of the porch. This is a modest structure that embodies the strong elements of craftsman style.

8. Construction date:
   Estimated  Factual 1910
9. Architect: Unknown
10. Builder: Unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
    Frontage  60  Depth  142
    or approx. acreage
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
    Mar. 1986

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This shingled craftsman style house was built in 1910 for Julia Atkinson Whitney, the widow of Dwight Whitney, Gilroy’s first blacksmith. Mrs. Whitney started the Gilroy Ladies' Benevolent Society. Mrs. Whitney was also a charter member of the Gilroy branch of the Women’s Christian Temperance Union. This Forest Street house was inherited by Mrs. Whitney’s daughter, Mildred Whitney Kilgore, of Pacific Grove. Mrs. Kilgore served as Gilroy’s second librarian in 1915. She owned the home until her death in 1973. The house is now owned by Engelio Lucente of Gilroy.