

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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HABS _____ HAER _____	Loc _____ SHL No. _____ NR Status <u>6</u>
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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: _____
2. Historic name: _____
3. Street or rural address: 7551 Alexander Street
City Gilroy Zip 95020 County Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 84100538
5. Present Owner: Sandie Fortino Address: 8400 Hanna Street
City Gilroy Zip 95020 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Residence Original use: Residence

DESCRIPTION

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

This simple colonial revival cottage is set upon a slightly raised basement. It is of wood construction with narrow ship lap siding covering the exterior walls and composition shingles covering the roof. The single family residence is designed in a rectangular plan with a recessed front porch supported by large Tuscan columns. The roofline is multi-planar and very low hipped. Fenestration is simple, rectangular, and characterized by plain wooden sills. A tripartite window defines the street facade consisting of two narrow vertical lights surrounding a single paned window with a transome (ornamented by diamond shaped muntins) above. The exaggerated eave line is punctuated by repeated wooden rafters. The residence is set amid lush landscaping.



8. Construction date:
Estimated 1900 Factual _____
9. Architect Unknown
10. Builder Unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 50 Depth 137
or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
Mar. 1985

13. Condition: Excellent ___ Good X 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: _____

SIGNIFICANCE

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

The significance of this property is its architectural design and the fact that this neoclassical residence contributes to the streetscape of architectural diversity that exemplifies changes occurring in Gilroy.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)
 Architecture 1 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

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