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. 1935
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 _____ Arts & Leisure ___
   Economic/Industrial ___ Exploration/Settlement ___
   Government ___ Military ___
   Religion ___ Social/Education ___

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews, and their dates): Field Guide to American Houses, McAlister

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