IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name:

2. Historic name: Jacob Reither House

3. Street or rural address: 7551 Church Street
   City: Gilroy  Zip: 95020  County: Santa Clara

4. Parcel number: 79900606

5. Present Owner: Don Chesbro
   Address: 7451 Church Street
   City: Gilroy  Zip: 95020  Ownership is: Public  Private  X

6. Present Use: Residence
   Original use: Residence

DESCRIPTION

7a. Architectural style: Pioneer Greek Revival

/b. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

This decorated one story rectangular structure sports a central gable. Eaves are returned in the end gables and are accentuated with boxed eaves and a wide band. The full width porch is supported by slender columns with lacy cutout braces. The central section contains the offset entrance and a three part slanted bay. The sheathing appears to be ship lap. The stairs and railings are simple designs appropriate to this structure.

8. Construction date:
   Estimated 1869  Factual

9. Architect: Unknown

10. Builder: Unknown

11. Approx. property size (in feet):
    Frontage 40  Depth 140
    or approx. acreage

12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s):
    Mar. 1987

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13. Condition: Excellent ___ Good ___ Fair ___ Deteriorated ___ No longer in existence ___

14. Alterations: 

15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land ___ Scattered buildings ___ Densely built-up ___ Residential ___ Industrial ___ Commercial ___ Other: ___

16. Threats to site: None known ___ Private development ___ Zoning ___ Vandalism ___ Public Works project ___ Other: ___

17. Is the structure: On its original site? ____ Moved? ___ Unknown? ___

18. Related features: 

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

This small house, built by Jacob Reither, documents the changes in scale of homes through its move to this location. A modest home that the locally important Chesbro family owned, and when they wished to build a larger home as was befitting the time and their stature, this house was moved in 1888 to allow construction of the elegant Queen Anne at 7541 Church. This house has remained a property of the Chesbro family since that time. Jacob Reither was manager of the Gilroy Brewery, and was also Mayor from 1882-1886. He also served many years on the Common Council.

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
   Sanborn Map 1888, 1908

22. Date form prepared ___ April 1906
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