HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION
1. Common name: Fords Department Store
2. Historic name: Gilroy Elks Building
3. Street or rural address: 7560-62 Monterey Street
   City: Gilroy Zip: 95020 County: Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 84105060
5. Present Owner: Address:
   City: Zip: Ownership is: Public Private
6. Present Use: Commercial/Retail Original use:

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

Spanish colonial revival commercial building with double entries, nice arches on the recessed entries, a band of arched windows across the front facade, pretty deep eaves with ornamental brackets, the roof line is in asbestos shingles or asphalt shingles and a concrete chimney is up in the north facing side. Transom window over the entrance has been given a moderate stain glass detail. Double ornate wooden posts set the street facade off, there is also a canopy over the front.

8. Construction date:
   Estimated: Factual: 1931
11. Approx. property size (in feet) Frontage Depth or approx. acreage
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s) Mar. 1986

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Condition: Excellent

Surroundings: Open land

Threats to site: Private development

Is the structure: Moved

SIGNIFICANCE

Constructed in 1931 for the Mainero's, the building had a lease for 10 years with the Elks Club for the upper floor space. Barshinger's Furniture Store was on the first floor. The building now houses Ford's Department Store.

7560-62 Monterey is significant in the downtown streetscape as one of the major contributing structures the latest example of Spanish Colonial Revival design.

Main theme of the historic resource: Architecture

Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).

American Architecture Since 1780, Whitten
Interview - Mary Prien, Gilroy Museum

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