HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION
1. Common name: 

2. Historic name: 

3. Street or rural address: 7579 and 7581 Monterey Street
   City: Gilroy
   Zip: 95020
   County: Santa Clara

4. Parcel number: 79900642

5. Present Owner: Robert Weaver
   Address: 56 Corral de Tierra
   City: Salinas
   Zip: 93901
   Ownership is: Public
   Private X

6. Present Use: Commercial - Store
   Original use: Commercial

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

This early 1900 structure is a stylistic version of the brick front commercial design. Retaining original design elements, the store front on the south has a recessed entrance. Modified in slant and using aluminum frames and a curbing to close the second entrance, the spaces is not modified beyond acceptability. Above the store front a band of concrete frames this area and separates the upper fenestration. From this band upward and outward, the facade is original in design. The brick is set to show a skeleton of structure with recessed panels for signage. The curvilinear cornice is decorated with four molded shields and a semi-circular crown that may conceal building identification.

8. Construction date:
   Estimated 1920
   Factual

9. Architect: Unknown

10. Builder: Radtke

11. Approx. property size (in feet)
    Frontage 40
    Depth 142
    or approx. acreage

12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
    Mar. 1986

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

14. Alterations: Ornamentation removed from facade

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

A slightly more ornate version of the standard commercial building design which lines Monterey Street. This structure is notable particularly in the handsome brickwork and distinctive curvilinear cornice line (in the manner of an Espadana). Plaster decorative shields further define the 4 squared parapets which punctuate the street facade. The other features of the building repeat the spatial breakup which characterize the commercial storefronts aluminum framing has been added to the facade entry. Although this too is a supporting structure, it provides a significant function in bridging the gap between the half dozen or so major buildings in downtown Gilroy and the plethora of small stripped commercial structures.

Another one of Gilroy's long time businesses was located in this structure through the 1930s. Chase Cleaners next door was Lawtons Gem Shop now located at 7436 Monterey Street.