

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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HABS _____ HAER _____ Loc _____ SHL No. _____ NR Status 6
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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Kendal and Lillian Pine House
2. Historic name: J.D. Culp House
3. Street or rural address: 7591 Rosanna Street
City Gilroy Zip 95020 County Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 79901955
5. Present Owner: Kendal Pine Address: 7591 Rosanna Street
City Gilroy Zip 95020 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Residence Original use: Residence

DESCRIPTION

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

One of the two or three oldest homes in Gilroy, this early pioneer has a simple cross gable roofline with enclosed eaves and a plain frieze. A veranda porch faces Rosanna Street and extends part of the way around the house on the north side. It is supported by thin, square wood columns and shades a front entrance marked by a very nice scrollworked wooden screen door. A large addition has been built by the Pine family attached to the south side of the original house which consists of a living room on the first story and bedrooms on the second. The siding of the original house is horizontal shiplap and the addition has vertical redwood with battens.



8. Construction date:
Estimated 1869 Factual _____
9. Architect Unknown
10. Builder for J.D. Culp
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 79 Depth 70
or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
Mar. 1986

13. Condition: Excellent ___ Good X Fair ___ Deteriorated ___ No longer in existence ___
14. Alterations: Box addition to side
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? ___ Moved? ___ Unknown? X
18. Related features: ___

SIGNIFICANCE

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

Lot 1 originally contained this property, and the two to the immediate south on Rosanna Street. This house was built and occupied by J.D. Culp, possibly when he was married to Jennie Duncan in 1865 or soon after. A tax certificate for manufacturing tobacco products dated 1896, is still attached to one of the interior walls. Mr. Culp was born in New York in 1839, moved to California in 1858 and to Gilroy in 1859, where he experimented with growing tobacco. In 1862, he built a tobacco factory west of Gilroy, which was destroyed by fire in 1865. He built another factory on Fourth Street between Rosanna and Church Street, which was soon sold to the Consolidated Tobacco Company, that he helped form. In 1872, he was awarded a patent for the curing of tobacco, and soon afterwards was also involved in the formation of the American Tobacco Company. The Consolidated Tobacco Company continued to prosper until its rather abrupt closing in 1876 as a result of disputes over the hiring of Chinese labor. The house was owned by Alvan Gilman in 1870, and by John Harrison from 1873 to the settlement of his estate in 1879, following his death in 1876. At that time, the house and also the two houses to the south were granted to the Gilroy Benevolent Society to be available for housing the poor as stipulated in the will of John Harrison. The house was sold to George and Edith Wolmerhausen in 1935. Mrs. Wolmerhausen sold it the present owners, Kendall and Lillian Pine in 1950.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)
 Architecture 2 Arts & Leisure ___
 Economic/Industrial ___ Exploration/Settlement ___
 Government ___ Military ___
 Religion ___ Social/Education 1

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

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