

# HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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## IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Historic name: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Street or rural address: 7704 Church Street  
 City Gilroy Zip 95020 County Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 79900339
5. Present Owner: Josephine Bontadelli Address: 7704 Church Street  
 City Gilroy Zip 95020 Ownership is: Public \_\_\_\_\_ Private X
6. Present Use: Residence Original use: Residence

## DESCRIPTION

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

Wooden latticework highlights the low double gables of this stucco bungalow style house. It has exposed rafters and support brackets and a recessed porch with elephantine columns resting on bases of cobblestone.



8. Construction date:  
 Estimated 1925 Factual \_\_\_\_\_
9. Architect \_\_\_\_\_ Unknown
10. Builder \_\_\_\_\_ Unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet) 85 70  
 Frontage \_\_\_\_\_ Depth \_\_\_\_\_  
 or approx. acreage \_\_\_\_\_
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)  
Mar. 1986

13. Condition: Excellent  Good  Fair  Deteriorated  No longer in existence
14. Alterations: cement block fence and storage room have been added
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: large camphor trees in sidewalk in front of house

**SIGNIFICANCE**

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

The booming years after World War I were centered around agriculture in the valley around Gilroy. Food processing and the various related businesses grew and brought additional population to the area. Many new residents were people who valued the natural feeling of bungalows and enjoyed the comfort of a California style. Gilroy has retained a full range of bungalow styles that are concentrated in the area bound by First Street on the north, Fifth Street on the south, Monterey Road and Hanna Street. Within the context of this area are found the homes of industry employees, merchants, bankers, doctors, and educators. A full cross section of community life is still visible in the style, size and complexity of these residences.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)  
 Architecture 1 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 1986  
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