

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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HABS _____ HAER _____ Loc _____ SHL No. _____ NR Status 6
UTM: A 10/626821/4096841 C _____
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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: _____
2. Historic name: J. W. Forsyth House
3. Street or rural address: 7730 Hanna Street
City Gilroy Zip 95020 County Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 79900233
5. Present Owner: Charles Gilmore Address: 7730 Hanna Street
City Gilroy Zip 95020 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Residence Original use: Residence

DESCRIPTION

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

This two story, clapboard house has a variety of rooflines and decorations at the enclosed eaves. The neoclassic characteristics include the bay window facing Hanna Street and the round columns in the large veranda style porch which shades the fancily glassed front door and a variety of stained glass and leaded glass windows. There is a large trellis which extends to the front gate and a white brick and iron fence which surrounds the front yard.



8. Construction date:
Estimated 1888 Factual _____
9. Architect Unknown
10. Builder J. W. Forsyth
Unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 110 Depth 140
or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
Mar. 1986

13. Condition: Excellent Good _____ Fair _____ Deteriorated _____ No longer in existence _____
14. Alterations: continual additions over the years
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: concret block and ornimental iron fence

SIGNIFICANCE

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

In 1888, this home was a four room pioneer owned by J.W. Forsyth. Mr. Forsyth operated a bicycle shop and a carpenter. Over the years, he enlarged this home using items from structures that were to be demolished. The windows in the cupola are known to have come from the old IOOF Children's Home.

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

Gilroy Museum File- J.W. Forsyth

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