HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION
1. Common name: 
2. Historic name: 
3. Street or rural address: 7751 Rosanna Street 
   City: Gilroy, Zip: 95020, County: Santa Clara 
4. Parcel number: 79900224 
5. Present Owner: Rudella Phillips, Address: 7751 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:

Although basically a pioneer-style house, it may have been built at a later date due to the truncated hip roof. It has enclosed eaves and wide clapboard siding, and the veranda porch is supported by square pillars. This refined form of the Gilroy Pioneer is stately in its form and attention to proportions. The crowned windows with a simple freize in the entablature and the wide plain frieze under the eaves and the colonade of the porch are refinements that put this house above many of the rectangular utilitarian models. There is an important component in the collection of Pioneer Greek Revival influential structures.

8. Construction date: Estimated 1886, Factual 
9. Architect: Unknown 
10. Builder: Unknown 
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
   Frontage: 53, 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: ____________________________________________________________

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: _____________________________________________________

SIGNIFICANCE

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

This Pioneer style house was built in the early 1900's. From 1920 to the late 1960's, it was owned and occupied by the O.J. Hornlein family. Otto J. Hornlein came, at the age of ten, with his family to California in 1871. Hornlein and his wife, Dora Juul Hornlein, settled in Gilroy in 1910. In Gilroy, Mr. Hornlein was a well known carriage maker and sign painter. He was active in civic affairs. Hornlein was also the father-in-law of Judge Leon Thomas, Justice of the Peace of Gilroy Township. The house is now the residence of Rudella Phillips, a member of the pioneering John C. Jackson family.

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

Architecture ___ 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 Files - Hornlein

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Locational sketch map (draw and label site and surrounding streets, roads, and prominent landmarks):

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