

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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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 frieze 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 1885 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 X Fair \_\_\_ Deteriorated \_\_\_ No longer in existence \_\_\_
14. Alterations: \_\_\_\_\_
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? X 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 Juhl 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 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 Files - Hornlein

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