HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION
1. Common name: 

2. Historic name: 

3. Street or rural address: 7771 Church Street
   City: Gilroy    Zip: 95020    County: Santa Clara

4. Parcel number: 799-3-4

5. Present Owner: Armand White
   Address: 139 Second Street
   City: Gilroy    Zip: 95020    Ownership is: Public    Private X

6. Present Use: Residence
   Original use: Residence

DESCRIPTION
7a. Architectural style: Craftsman Bungalow

7b. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

A standard craftsman bungalow with all the trimmings: medium double gable roofline, exposed rafters and support brackets and narrow clapboard siding. The recessed porch is supported by elephantine columns and has cut out designed wood slat railing.

8. Construction date:
   Estimated 1915    Factual

9. Architect: Unknown

10. Builder: Unknown

11. Approx. property size (in feet)
    Frontage 62    Depth 80
    or approx. acreage

12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
    Mar. 1986

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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 homes of industry employees, merchants, bankers, doctors, and education. A full cross section of community life is still visible in the size, style and complexity of these residences.

Armand White, an owner of this house for many years, was the Gilroy Historical Museum director after its founding.