IDENTIFICATION
1. Common name: 

2. Historic name: 

3. Street or rural address: 7791 Rosanna Street  
   City: Gilroy  
   Zip: 95020  
   County: Santa Clara  

4. Parcel number: 79900220  

5. Present Owner: Peter Gimenez  
   Address: 8405 Watsonville F  
   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: 

Another pioneer style house that has an un-pioneer roofline, this house has a truncated hip roof with a center gable facing Rosanna Street. It has enclosed eaves with a plain frieze and wide clapboard siding. The veranda porch is supported by square pillars.
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.)

In the 1890's, this entire block on Rosanna Street was the Gilroy City Cemetery. The early Pioneer style house was built c. 1888 for the J. Holback family. Jacob Holback was a native of Germany and came to Gilroy in 1875. He was a railroader for the Southern Pacific Company.

In 1937, the house was purchased by Edward H. Towner, a popular and well known Gilroy educator and music teacher. Towner was born in England and came to the United States in 1915. During World War I, he was Bandmaster of the Grenadier Guards of Winnipeg. He came to Gilroy in 1931 and became head of the Gilroy High School Band. Under his teaching, the Gilroy High School Band won state and regional honors for many years. After his retirement in 1845, Towner formed the Eagles Band from among his former students. The earnings of this group went to the Edward H. Towner Memorial Scholarship Fund, which still gives awards to Gilroy's most promising music students.

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
MCAIster
Sanborn Map 1888, 1908
Gilroy Museum Files - Holback

22. Date form prepared __________ April 1986

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

[Map with labeled locations]