IDENTIFICATION
1. Common name: 
2. Historic name: James Princevelle House
3. Street or rural address: 7797 Monterey Street
   City: Gilroy, Zip: 95020, County: Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 79900347
5. Present Owner: Lupe Sanchez
   Address: 7797 Monterey Street
   City: Gilroy, Zip: 95020, Ownership: Public
6. Present Use: Residence/Beauty Shop of Mary Angelino
   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:

The site is a very handsome, large example of craftsman bungalow design. It adds much needed architectural detail to a streetscape which more closely reflects the stripped, nononsense brick commercial design of the 1920s on main street America. The large 2 storied wooden structure is constructed on a rectangular plan and sheathed in wide horizontal boards. The roof is multi-planar and cross gabled. Exaggerated bargeboard, gable end posts and oversized rafters emphasize the craftsman style. Twin gables frame like entry porches. Squared wooden pillars rise above river rock supports. Fenestration is simple, rectangular in shape and distinguished by multi-light transom windows above paired wooden doors with glass lights inserted. A tall rectangular-shaped chimney constructed in river rock punctuates the composition shingled roofline. Squared wooden posts project in an arbor effect over the southern entry. Porch railings are ornamented by simple diamond shaped cut outs.

8. Construction date:
   Estimated: __________ Factual: 1909
9. Architect: Unknown
10. Builder: Unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
    Frontage: 58, Depth: 160
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 large 2 1/2 story residence is one of the most handsome examples of craftsman design found in Gilroy. It clearly is a site of major significance to the urban heritage of the city. Landscaping is simple but well maintained.

This was the home of Jmaes Princevalle a second generation Gilroyan, son of Giacomo Princevalle he was a grocery merchant, operated an ice cream parlor/candy shop and was a member of the City Council serving as Mayor from 1920-1932.

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

Architectural ___ 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 - Princevalle

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 diagram]