HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION
1. Common name:  

2. Historic name:  

3. Street or rural address:  7851 Church Street  
   City  Gilroy  Zip  95020  County  Santa Clara  

4. Parcel number:  79900145  

5. Present Owner:  Rafaela Filice  
   Address:  7851 Church Street  
   City  Gilroy  Zip  95020  Ownership is: Public  Private  Y  

6. Present Use:  Residence  
   Original use:  Residence  

DESCRIPTION
7a. Architectural style:  Bungalow  

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

A curved pediment over the veranda porch and entryway is located beneath a low gable roofline on this bungalow. Heavy cutout work in the trellis which extends from the porch along the front of the house covers the driveway on the north side, while a porch is supported by double Roman columns shades a French front door and windows made of small panes and decorated with dentil detail. The residence is single storied and constructed on a general rectangular plan. A detached garage is located behind the building. The most important features are the trellis which extends to form a porte caochere and the curvilinear pedimented roof over the entry which gives a mission revival look to what is essentially a craftsman bungalow house. Landscape is well cared for.

8. Construction date:  Estimated 1925  Factual  

9. Architect  

10. Builder  H. Carl  

11. Approx. property size (in feet):  
   Frontage  65  Depth  140  or approx. acreage  

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

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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 was the home of Howard Carl, a carpenter and builder of fine homes. Mr. Carl built the Chesboro home (1928). He was also an inventor holding patents for items including a pistol. His work shop is in the rear of the property. After the Carls moved, the house belonged to another important Gilroy family, the Carmen Felice Jrs. They had a large ranch outside of town. Mr. Carmen Felice, Sr. was a partner in Felice & Perilli Cannery later in California Canners (Cal Can).

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 File - H. Carl
   April 1986

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