IDENTIFICATION
1. Common name:  
2. Historic name:  
3. Street or rural address: 7881 Rosanna Street  
   City: Gilroy  
   Zip: 95020  
   County: Santa Clara  
4. Parcel number: 79900212  
5. Present Owner: Joe E. Young  
   Address: 899 Fourth St  
   City: Gilroy  
   Zip: 95020  
   Ownership: Public  
6. Present Use: duplex  

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:

7881 Rosanna Street is a two story gable structure of simple form with decorative elements. The full width porch is supported by beveled slender column posts with cut scroll braces at the top. The structure is sheathed in wide horizontal board. The fenestration, one on the second floor is in the gable end and two on the first floor with the front doorway. The windows all have louvered shutters. Additions have been placed against the original structure. The most interesting is a complete single story pioneer cottage attached to the side. A second structure that appears to be an intact addition is behind the single story wing. A shed is attached to the other side. The additions to this residence, particularly the small pioneer, portray the expanding requirements of the residents and also the reuse of the small pioneers. These move around the city and are respected in 1986 for their utilitarian value.
13. Condition: Excellent X Good    Fair    Deteriorated    No longer in existence

14. Alterations: ___________________________ additions

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    Private development    Zoning    Vandalism
Public Works project    Other: ___________________________

17. Is the structure: On its original site? X Moved?     Unknown?

18. Related features: ___________________________

SIGNIFICANCE

(NEC) briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)

This house appears to have been constructed for the George Schemel family in the 1880's. Mr. Schemel was a section boss for the Southern Pacific Company. After his death in 1888, the family remained in the house. Of the four children, Miss Clara became a teacher and Julius was employed at the Stationery Supply Store. By 1890, Julius had bought the Stationery Supply business which he continued to operate for many years. Tragedy struck this family, still residing in the house in 1914 when Julius died of cerebral hemorrhage and his younger brother, Harry, was killed in an automobile accident, returning to his home. Both the brothers died in Gilroy. The youngest brother, Charles was elected a city councilman and served several years. Mrs. Schemel continued to reside in the house, now expanded into a duplex until her death.

The significance of this structure is due to the interesting architecture; the fact that it is one of the oldest residences and has an association with a well-known Gilroy family.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance)
Architectural    X Arts & Leisure
Economic/Industrial    Exploration/Settlement
Religious    Social/Education

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews, and their dates):

A Field Guide to American Houses, 1975
J. McAlister
Gilroy Advocate 5/12/88, 9/3/93

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

NORTH