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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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 is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: duplex 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:

7881 Rosanna Street is a two story front 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.



8. Construction date: _____
 Estimated _____ Factual _____
9. Architect: unknown
10. Builder: unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
 Frontage 84 Depth 150
 or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
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13. Condition: Excellent _____ Good X 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 X Private development _____ Zoning _____ Vandalism _____
 Public Works project _____ Other: _____
17. Is the structure: On its original site? X Moved? _____ Unknown? _____
18. Related features: _____

SIGNIFICANCE

19. 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 1890'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 under the employ of Charles Oberdeener 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 hemorage and his younger brother, Harry, was killed in an automobile accident, returning to his home. Both the brothers died hours apart. 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.)

- Architecture 1 Arts & Leisure _____
 Economic/Industrial _____ Exploration/Settlement _____
 Government _____ Military _____
 Religion _____ Social/Education _____

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

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