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 neoclassic style home was built in 1911 for the family of Richard Ryan. Ryan and his wife, Mary, were married in Ireland, their native home, and came to Gilroy in 1884. Their children took an active part in the early Gilroy community. James Ryan was a Wells Fargo agent. Richard Ryan was a Gilroy postmaster, as was his wife, Catherine Schafer Ryan. John Joseph Ryan was a high school teacher. In 1911, daughter Mary Ryan, with funds left her from the estate of her brother John, built this home on Second Street. There, she cared for her father, Richard Ryan, until his death in 1914. In 1939, the house became the property of another brother, Patrick Ryan.

This house has an interesting significance as an example of a home which served several generations of the same family and supplied continuity to early Gilroy.

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 Maps 1886,1906

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