13. Condition: Excellent X 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 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

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

The International Order of Odd Fellows has been, since before the turn of the century, a popular and influential organization along the central coast of California. The Odd Fellows - Rebekah Children's Home of California in Gilroy is an outstanding example of the Association's good works. The land for the Children's Home was donated by Mrs. Caroline Amelia Hoxett. Mrs. Hoxett was the wife of Gilroy's first baker, Thomas Hoxett. The Hoxetts came to Gilroy in 1868 and became great benefactors of the town. Mrs. Hoxett was a member of the Unity Rebekah Lodge and it was through her efforts that the Children's Home was located in Gilroy. She also donated the funds for the chimes and the ornate campanile of the home. The original building was a wooden structure erected in 1897. This was replaced in 1921 with the present building, which was built by well known local contractor, William Radtke. The home was dedicated on October 19, 1921.

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

Architecture ______ 2 Arts & Leisure ______
Economic/Industrial ______ Exploration/Settlement ______
Government ______ Military ______
Religion ______ Social/Education ______

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

American Architecture Since 1780 - Whiffen
Gilroy Museum Files - IOOF
Sanborn Maps 1898, 1908

22. Date form prepared ______ April 1986

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

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