

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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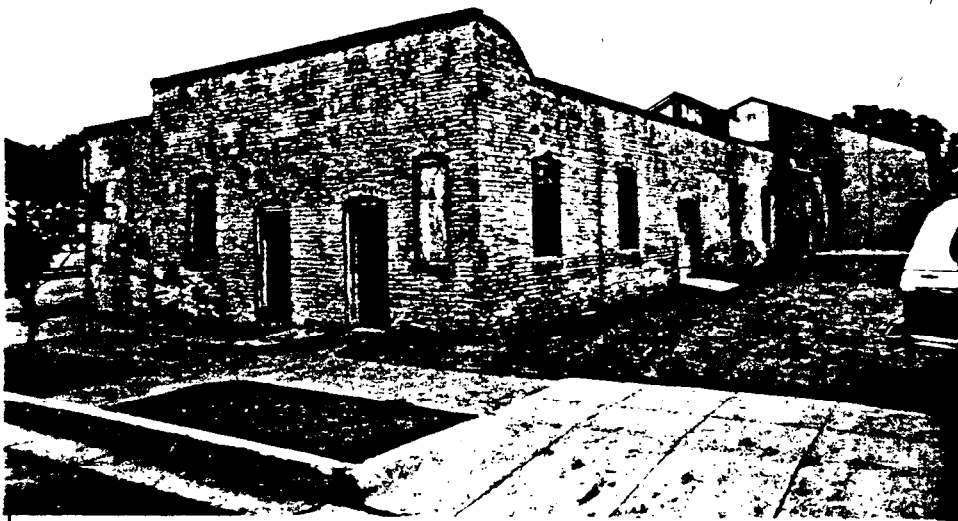
IDENTIFICATION

- Common name: _____
- Historic name: Live Oak Creamery
- Street or rural address: 88 Martin Street
City Gilroy Zip 95020 County Santa Clara
- Parcel number: 84100601
- Present Owner: Eugene Sachara Address: 1160 Third Street
City Gilroy Zip 95020 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
- Present Use: Vacant Original use: Creamery

DESCRIPTION

- Architectural style: False Front Commercial
- Briefly describe the present *physical appearance* of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

A small, one story rectangular building made of faded, earthy red bricks, this form creamery has a false front and main entrance facing Martin Street. The function simplicity of the structure is broken only by the radiating brick decoration in the arches of the windows on the west and north sides. There is a stucco addition on the east side facing Railroad Street and a wood frame addition attached to the south side of the brick building.



- Construction date:
Estimated _____ Factual 1903
- Architect Unknown
- Builder _____
- Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 61 Depth 100
or approx. acreage _____
- Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
Mar. 1986

13. Condition: Excellent ___ Good ___ Fair ___ Deteriorated X No longer in existence ___
14. Alterations: windows covered
15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land ___ Scattered buildings ___ Densely built-up X
Residential ___ Industrial X Commercial ___ Other: ___
16. Threats to site: None known ___ Private development X Zoning ___ Vandalism X
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.)

In the first half of the 20th Century, between 1910 and 1940, Gilroy's dairy industry rated second to agriculture in productivity. Gilroy boasted of a cheese production of 1,300,000 pounds annually, one-fifth of the total made in California. The Live Oak Creamery, which opened in 1908, centralized the dairy industry in Gilroy. Constructed by Col. O.E. Learnard, the facility produced 1000 pounds of butter daily, using cream from outlying diaries. The creamery continued in operation until 1939 and during this period, Gilroy cheeses were sold throughout California. When Gilroy received an official flag on July 4, 1971, attention was focused on the former Live Oak Creamery because this building appears on the flag along with an assortment of cheeses to emphasize the historical fact that Gilroy was once the Dairy Capitol of California.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)
Architecture 2 Arts & Leisure ___
Economic/Industrial 1 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

HABS Report - Gilroy Museum

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