

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Jessen-Menke House
2. Historic name: _____
3. Street or rural address: 111 Fifth Street
City Gilroy Zip 95020 County Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 799 06 026
5. Present Owner: Clarice T Felice Address: 111 Fifth Street
City Gilroy Zip 95020 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: _____ Original use: Residence

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural style: Craftsman Bungalow
- 7b. Briefly describe the present *physical appearance* of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

111 Fifth Street is a two story rectangular structure with a pitched roof exhibiting a float roof double dormer on the front. The verticle support is depicted through elephantine base columns now enclosed and attached where the original porch has been enclosed and an addition added. The addition has a flat roof (very slight slant) and wide exposed eaves that mimic those of the dormer. Sheathing is in horizontal boards, different widths are used as is common in the Craftsman style to accentuate design. Narrow clapboard covers the porch half was including the column bases. The original front facade window projects from a sculptural recessed frame. The same line is used for the recessed entry porch.



8. Construction date: Estimated _____ Factual 1912-13
9. Architect Unknown
10. Builder Unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 75 Depth 150
or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
April 1980

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13. Condition: Excellent Good _____ Fair _____ Deteriorated _____ No longer in existence _____
14. Alterations: Enclosed porch, addition to side
15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land _____ Scattered buildings _____ Densely built-up
Residential _____ Industrial _____ Commercial _____ Other: mixed uses
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 structure represents a significant element in Gilroy's collection of Craftsman bungalows. This nicely detailed work should be preserved for its architecture and association with prominent Gilroy families. The residence was built for Judge Howard Willey as an investment, he resided at 140 Fifth. The tenant of this home was for six years Dr. John A. Clark. In 1925, the home was sold to Thara Jessen and Anna Menke, who operated the Ladies Toggery on Monterey Street. In 1950, they sold the residence to Teresa Felice, who operated a beauty shop in the porch area for over thirty years.

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).

Field Guide to American Houses
McAlister
Gilroy Museum Files - Weeley
Interview - Mary Prien

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