

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: _____
2. Historic name: B.F. Coleman House
3. Street or rural address: 164 Fourth Street
City Gilroy Zip 95020 County Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 79900622
5. Present Owner: Rosalie Greene Address: 164 Fourth Street
City Gilroy Zip 95020 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Residence Original use: Residence

DESCRIPTION

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

The site consists of a large, rambling wooden Queen Anne cottage with a multi-planar roofline which is sheathed in asphalt shingles and which stands one story tall with slightly raised basement. The structure exhibits a multitude of additions from the basic hipped roof with street facing full pediment gable to various shed roof and low hipped additions. The structure is designed on an irregular plan and the building is covered in wide shiplap siding. Fish scale shingles accent the gable face and the small triangular area above the entry. A wrap around porch and an enclosed side porch add further distinction. Fenestration consists of a variety of window forms which are primarily rectangular in shape and are single and double hung. Molded window heads set out the windows on the angled front bay. Ornament is in the form of sunbursts, pendants and a small cut-out gable screen. The site is in excellent condition and is set amid well-tended mature landscaping.



8. Construction date:
Estimated _____ Factual 1891
9. Architect Unknown
10. Builder Unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 72 Depth 140
or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
Mar. 1986

13. Condition: Excellent ___ Good X Fair ___ Deteriorated ___ No longer in existence ___
14. Alterations: _____
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 Queen Anne was built for Edward Rohr, a member of the John Rohr family, in the spring of 1891. The property was purchased in 1895 by Dr. H.R. Chesbro, a Gilroy homopathic physician who arrived here in 1885. He probably used this house and the other one on this lot as rentals since he lived in a house on Church Street.

In January of 1902 the house was purchased by Dr. Bertram Franklin Coleman, a dentist. He had the house completely repapered and painted, and completely furnished for his bride, Cynthia Madge Cleveland. They were married on February 22, 1902. Mrs. Coleman was also a member of a pioneer Gilroy family.

The house was sold in 1918 to Jensand Jennie Peterson, who had just come from North Dakota. Mr. Peterson was retired and he died at the home in 1929. Mrs. Peterson continued to reside in the home well after 1945.

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).

Gilroy Museum Files
A Field Guide to American Houses
McAlister

Sanborn Map 1888,1908

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