

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Historic name: Wilson House
3. Street or rural address: 237 Fifth Street  
 City Gilroy Zip 95020 County Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 79900611
5. Present Owner: Joe Arellano Address: 237 Fifth Street  
 City Gilroy Zip 95020 Ownership is: Public \_\_\_\_\_ Private X
6. Present Use: Residence Original use: Residence

DESCRIPTION

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

This large house has been divided into two separate houses and has an offset gable roofline with exposed rafters and support brackets. The siding is wide clapboard and the veranda porch extends around the west side of the house all the way to the rear. There are square posts on the porch and a railing of criss-crossed 1" x 4" wooden boards.



8. Construction date: 1889  
 Estimated \_\_\_\_\_ Factual \_\_\_\_\_
9. Architect Unknown
10. Builder Unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet) 120  
 Frontage \_\_\_\_\_ Depth \_\_\_\_\_  
 or approx. acreage \_\_\_\_\_
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s) Mar. 1988

13. Condition: Excellent \_\_\_ Good X Fair \_\_\_ Deteriorated \_\_\_ No longer in existence \_\_\_
14. Alterations: Several alterations have transformed a Pioneer into a bungalow
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: Barn

**SIGNIFICANCE--**

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

William Wilson, a capitalist, had this Early Pioneer style home built before 1869. The house remained in the Wilson family until 1907. The property also includes a charming barn which once housed the Wilson's horse and buggy.

This residence is important for the architectural design and compatability with other structures on Fifth Street.

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).  
Gilroy Museum files  
A Field Guide to American Houses, McAlester  
Samborn Insurance Maps: 1938, 1906, 1926

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

