

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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HABS _____ HAER _____ Loc X SHL No. _____ NR Status 5/5D
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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: _____
2. Historic name: Tuttle House
3. Street or rural address: 268 Fifth Street
City Gilroy Zip 95020 County Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 79900721
5. Present Owner: Howard Smith Address: 268 Fifth Street
City Gilroy Zip 95020 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Residence Original use: Residence

DESCRIPTION

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

A two story, medium gabled pioneer that has been well preserved over the years, this house has enclosed eaves with wide clapboard siding. The height of the building is magnified by the use of tall windows on both floors. The trellis which goes part way around the west side of the house is supported by beveled columns and there is a carport on the east side which is a more recent addition. Decoration is limited to an transom window above the front entrance and cut boards at the ends of the trellis roof. The trellis itself is of a more recent vintage than the simple rectangular residence and is repeated on various other houses in the neighborhood as well as on the Wheeler auditorium on 6th Street. The vertical massing of windows and door add a Greek Revival touch to the Pioneer style. Mature landscape distinguishes the site as it does the entire neighborhood. The later brick and iron fence compliments the similarly designed fence at 286, next door.



8. Construction date:
Estimated _____ Factual 1869
9. Architect Unknown
10. Builder Unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 50 Depth 100
or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
Mar. 1986

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13. Condition: Excellent 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 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? Moved? Unknown?
18. Related features: Barn, large magnolia tree in front purgolia

SIGNIFICANCE

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

This well preserved and interesting Pioneer style house was built in 1869 for Emma B. Tuttle. Like many homes in a growing community, this house had to be moved to make room for newer residences. This house was across its own lot to make room for the Lester home to the west. The move was made in 1922 and has not affected the importance of the structure in the streetscape of Fifth Street.

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).
Assesment Rolls
A FIELD GUIDE TO AMERICAN HOUSES,
McAlister
Gilroy Museum Files

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