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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Christian Science Church
2. Historic name: _____
3. Street or rural address: 283 West Fifth Street
City Gilroy Zip 95020 County Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 79900673
5. Present Owner: Unknown Address: _____
City _____ Zip _____ Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Church Original use: Church

DESCRIPTION

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

This structure is composed of a main rectangular form with two projecting wings. All forms have medium pitched roof lines with the roof covered in red Spanish tile. The basic stucco form is punctuated with narrow arches.



8. Construction date: Estimated _____ Factual 1930
9. Architect Unknown
10. Builder Howson Brothers
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage _____ Depth _____
or approx. acreage 1/2
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 ___ 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.)

The Christian Science Society of Gilroy was established in 1912. For many years, the Society met in the homes of members. In 1930, this Mission Revival style building was constructed by the Howson Brothers Contractors. It is still occupied by the Christian Science Society.

One of the newer structures on Fifth Street, this church is a compatable component in the streetscape of Fifth Street and is of importance in the religious life of Gilroy.

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 1 Social/Education ___

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).
American Architecture Since 1780, Whiffen
Sanborn Maps 1906, 1926
Gilroy Museum Files

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