

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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HABS \_\_\_\_\_ HAER \_\_\_\_\_ Loc \_\_\_\_\_ SHL No. \_\_\_\_\_ NR Status 5D  
UTM: A 10/627097.4096455 C \_\_\_\_\_  
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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Sig Sanchez Home
2. Historic name: Lester House
3. Street or rural address: 286 Fifth Street  
City Gilroy Zip 95020 County Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 79900720
5. Present Owner: Segundo Sanchez Address: 286 Fifth Street  
City Gilroy Zip 95020 Ownership is: Public \_\_\_\_\_ Private Y
6. Present Use: Residence Original use: Residence

DESCRIPTION

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

The residence is set on a large corner lot with well groomed landscaping keeping in character with the immediate surroundings. The revival style is in immaculate condition and it greatly adds to the entire Fifth Street's architectural composition. Particularly notable on this residence is the broken pediment entry portico with its paired tuscan columns and round arched front door.



8. Construction date:  
Estimated \_\_\_\_\_ Factual 1923
9. Architect \_\_\_\_\_  
Unknown
10. Builder \_\_\_\_\_  
Unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet):  
Frontage 90 Depth 120  
or approx. acreage \_\_\_\_\_
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)  
Mar. 1986

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: \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNIFICANCE**

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

The former structure was the home of the Mayor of Gilroy, George Wentz, who served from 1914 to 1918. In 1923, Mrs. Lester O'Neill had that structure removed and the home that we see today was erected. Today, it is the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Sig Sanchez, a former Mayor of Gilroy and Supervisor for Santa Clara County.

The residence is a nice addition to the architectural diversity found on Fifth Street. The association of this location with former mayors of Gilroy is also of interest.

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 2 Military \_\_\_\_\_  
Religion \_\_\_\_\_ Social/Education \_\_\_\_\_

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).

Gilroy Museum Files - Wentz  
A Field Guide to American Houses  
McAlister

Sanborn Map 1888,1908

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