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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: John and Roberta Hughan Residence
2. Historic name: Caroline Hoxett House
3. Street or rural address: 338 Fifth Street
City Gilroy Zip 95020 County Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 79901844
5. Present Owner: John Hughan Address: 338 Fifth Street
City Gilroy Zip 95020 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Residence Original use: Residence

DESCRIPTION

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

The most remarkable feature of this basically Italianate design is a corner hexagonal turret more characteristic of Queen Anne design with fish scale decorative shingles add further interest to the tower. Fenestration is very simple; window shapes are characteristically vertical with most being double hung. Three small steps lead to the narrow front porch. Decorative panels under the eaves, under the second story front windows, on the front door; and under the porch supports add to the Italianate look of the house. Like its neighbors, and the entire stretch of Fifth Street. The site is greatly enhanced by well tended landscaping, particularly notable are the large trees which make this section of Gilroy seem so verdant.



8. Construction date: Estimated _____ actual 1869
9. Architect Unknown
10. Builder Unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 70 Depth 121
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: _____

SIGNIFICANCE

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

In 1858, Caroline Amelia Hoxett and her husband moved to Gilroy from Placerville. Her husband, Thomas Hoxett, was the first baker in Gilroy. This Italianate style home was the residence of the Hoxett family until her death in 1927. In 1929, the home became the site of the Women's Civic Club of which Mrs. Hoxett had been a member. She also donated the land for the Carnegie Library building, the IOOF Children's Home and also provided clocks for the Old City Hall building. The Mayor of Gilroy Roberta Hughan and her husband John are the current owners. Architects by training, they have enhanced the structure. The significance of this lovely residence is equally divided between the association the house has had with important and influential women in Gilroy and with the presentation of the Italianate architectural style.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)
 Architecture 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 - Hoxett
 A Field Guide to American Houses
 McAlister
 Sanborn Map 1888, 1908

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