

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: _____
2. Historic name: D.A. Dryden House
3. Street or rural address: 395 East Sixth Street
 City Gilroy Zip 95020 County Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 84100658
5. Present Owner: Antonio Armas Address: 395 E. Sixth St.
 City Gilroy Zip 95020 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Residence Original use: Residence

DESCRIPTION

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

This one story home, covered in composition shingles is a "U" shape plan. The recessed entrance is flanked by projecting wings with pyramidal roofs. this may originally have been a hall and parlor pioneer.



8. Construction date:
 Estimated _____ Facted 1874
9. Architect Unknown
10. Builder Unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
 Frontage 70 Depth 90
 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.)

At the age of 16, David Dryden was apprenticed to a woodworker and cabinetmaker in Adams County, Ohio. At the age of 21, Dryden felt the call to the ministry and entered Miami University at Oxford, Ohio in 1845. In 1849, he became a minister in the Methodist-Episcopal church. Dryden remained in the ministry for nearly 30 years. He was Principal of the Female Institute in Santa Clara, and a pastor in both San Jose and Nevada City. In 1869, he founded the Methodist-Episcopal church in San Diego. Dryden built and became minister of the church in Gilroy in 1872. In 1876, he left his ministry and returned to his original occupation. He established a successful cabinet and furniture business in Gilroy. In 1874, Dryden and his wife, Sarah Raynor Dryden of Nottinghamshire, England, built their family home at 395 East Sixth Street in Gilroy. David Dryden died in 1894. The home, however, remained in the family and was occupied until the 1920's by the Dryden's daughter and her husband, James McGarvan White, a local contractor and builder.

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).
City Tax Rolls
Gilroy Advocate

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