

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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HABS _____ HAER _____ Loc _____ SHL No. _____ NR Status 5/50
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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: _____
2. Historic name: Chesboro House
3. Street or rural address: 665 Fifth Street
City Gilroy Zip 95020 County Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 79901910
5. Present Owner: Unknown Address: _____
City _____ Zip _____ Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Residence Original use: Residence

DESCRIPTION

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

Two stories in height, the plan is a cross gable design with projecting front end gable. The sheathing is primarily stucco with half timbering effect. The entry is a modified tudor arch with a molded surround set in uneven brick. The first floor windows are projecting slant three part bays. Glazing is small panes. Heavy brackets and wave carved barge board are typical tudor details. A fenial rises from the gable peak. In an area of handsome homes, this house is notable for the quality of craftsman and design.



8. Construction date:
Estimated _____ Factual 1929
9. Architect Unknown
10. Builder Unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage _____ Depth _____
or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
Mar. 1936

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: Large trees, mature landscaping, brick corner posts, hedge fence

SIGNIFICANCE

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

Constructed for the noted local physician, Arthur Chesboro and his wife in 1929, the house is across the street from the (old) Wheeler Hospital where Dr. Chesboro practiced. The house is significant for its craftsmanship and architectural design and for the association with a notable physician in the era when being close to the hospital was desirable. The significance is enhanced by the large cedar trees and formal gardens.

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).

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