

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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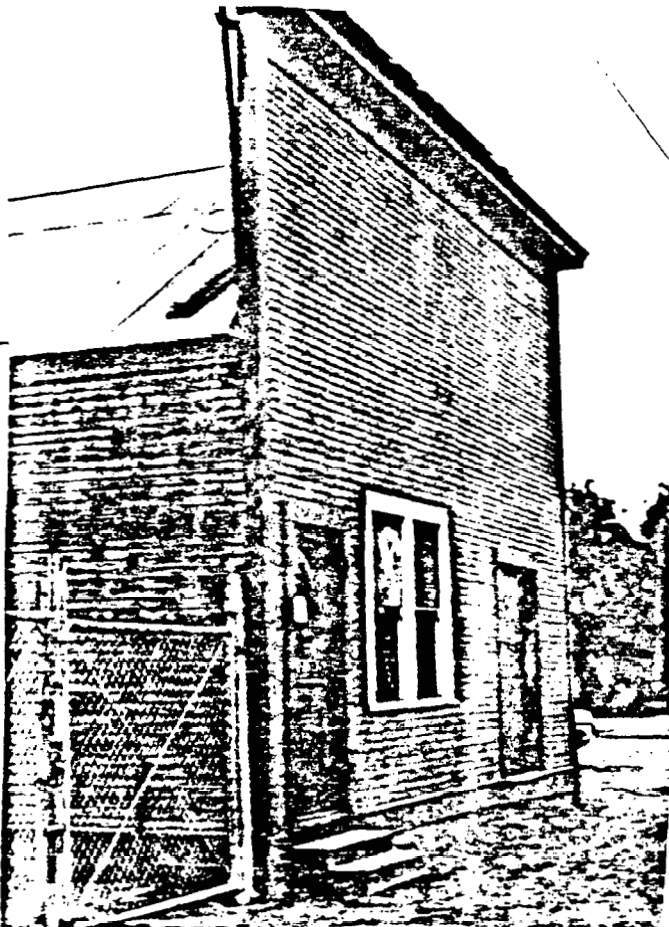
IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Gilroy Lumber Company
2. Historic name: _____
3. Street or rural address: 7200 Alexander Street
City Gilroy Zip 95020 County Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 841-13-11
5. Present Owner: Southern Pacific Transportation Co. Address: 7250 Monterey
City Gilroy Zip 95020 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Lumber yard Original use: Lumber yard

DESCRIPTION

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

This rectangular 1 story structure has a pitched roof behind a squared false facade. The cornice of the facade is a plain boxed eave. The facade and all sides are sheathed in narrow horizontal board. The facade is punctuated by two doorways and an offset pair of double hung windows. The roof is corrugated metal sheets. This building is a part of the complex of industrial structures, however, this is the only historical important building.



8. Construction date:
Estimated 1870 Factual _____
9. Architect unknown
10. Builder Unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage _____ Depth _____
or approx. acreage 19.
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
April, 1986

13. Condition: Excellent _____ Good Fair _____ Deteriorated _____ No longer in existence _____
14. Alterations: roof material, new foundation
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: Buildings of the industrial complex

SIGNIFICANCE

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

In 1870, Lyttleton A. Whitehurst and his partner, P.C. Hodges, purchased the lumbering operation which William Hanna had established in the redwood forest east of Gilroy. They named the new enterprise the Gilroy Lumber Company. The later opened a planing mill on what became Alexander Street in the town. This was the first lumber mill and yard in Gilroy itself. The redwood lumber industry was significant to Gilroy's early growth and development. The timber was essential to the city's early building boom and the industry attracted many skilled workers who became residents. The Gilroy Lumber Company was a major Gilroy business for over 50 years.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)
Architecture 2 Arts & Leisure _____
Economic/Industrial 1 Exploration/Settlement _____
Government _____ Military _____
Religion _____ Social/Education _____

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

American Architecture Since 1780, Whiffen
Gilroy Museum Files - Whitehurst

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Locational sketch map (draw and label site and surrounding streets, roads, and prominent landmarks):

