

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Cherry Blossom Hotel
2. Historic name: _____
3. Street or rural address: 7261 Monterey Street
 City Gilroy Zip 95020 County Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 79908402
5. Present Owner: _____ Address: _____
 City _____ Zip _____ Ownership is: Public _____ Private _____
6. Present Use: Apartment/Commercial Original use: Lodging & Commercial

DESCRIPTION

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

This two story structure has retail store fronts on the first floor and an entry through a stucco covered bracket arch to the upper floors. Five windows are evenly spaced across the second floor front facade. They are metal frame and swing out from the top. The roof line is a narrow band of shingles that may have been tile. Ornamental medallions are located above the second story windows. Alterations have changed some of the store front materials, however, the structure is in relatively original condition.



8. Construction date: Estimated _____ Factual 1921
9. Architect _____
unknown
10. Builder Radtke
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
 Frontage 100 Depth 193
 or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
Mar. 1986

13. Condition: excellent _____ Good _____ fair Deteriorated _____ No longer in existence _____
14. Alterations: storefronts
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 turn of the last century, the area of Gilroy on Monterey Street between Eighth and Seventh Street was known as Chinatown. Chinese workers had settled there after the completion of the transcontinental railroad in the 1860's. Gilroy's Chinatown boasted restaurants, laundries, gambling dens, shops and tenements for the Chinese families. Much of the area was owned by the Radin Family. Local tradition holds that this building was the second hotel in Chinatown to bear the name of Cherry Blossom. The tradition also states that the Cherry Blossom was a popular brothel.

The building pre-dates the large fire which destroyed much of Gilroy's Chinatown in the 1910's. It is very possible that the building was designed by influential _____, and prominent local contractor William Radtke.

Today, the building has apartments and houses, and convenience stores on the first level.

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).

A Field Guide to American Houses
 McAlister

Sanborn Map 1888, 1908

Gilroy Museum files - Radin April 1986

22. Date form prepared _____
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Locational sketch map (draw and label site and surrounding streets, roads, and prominent landmarks):

