

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

HABS _____ HAER _____ Loc _____ SHL No. _____ NR Status 6
 UTM: A 10/627344/4096145 C _____
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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: _____
2. Historic name: _____
3. Street or rural address: 7280 Church Street
 City Gilroy Zip 95020 County Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 79900949
5. Present Owner: Henry Walker Address: 939 Orchid Way
 City San Jose Zip 95117 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Residence Original use: Residence

DESCRIPTION

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

This small Pioneer style house is similar in style to the house at 7468 Church Street, except that this house is wider. The front porch roof, a continuation of the main roof, is supported by elephantine columns atop square bases. Wide horizontal board siding sheathes the structure. This is a transitional style blending the basic "hall and parlor" design with open eaves and Craftsman details.



8. Construction date:
 Estimated 1990 Factual _____
9. Architect _____ Unknown
10. Builder _____ Unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
 Frontage 66 Depth 140
 or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
Mar. 1986

13. Condition: Excellent ___ Good X Fair ___ Deteriorated ___ No longer in existence ___
14. Alterations: Incorporated in total design
15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land ___ Scattered buildings ___ Densely built-up X
Residential X Industrial ___ Commercial ___ Other: ___
16. Threats to site: None known X Private development ___ Zoning ___ Vandalism ___
Public Works project ___ Other: ___
17. Is the structure: On its original site? X Moved? ___ Unknown? ___
18. Related features: Mature trees circular walk around house

SIGNIFICANCE

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

This Pioneer style house was built in 1886 for early Gilroy residence, A.W. Hildebrand. Hildebrand was a rancher and dairyman with a farm on the east side of the town. In 1900 the property was sold to Samuel T. Moore, who operated a retail store at the corner of Sixth and Monterey Streets in Gilroy, and was active in the farmers co-operative.

The house is an interesting example of the Pioneer design. The alterations over time have extended the roof and incorporated craftsman bungalow elements. The significance is its association with other period residential structures, among which this is a transitional feature.

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).
A Field Guide to American Houses
McAlister
Sanborn Map 1888, 1906, 1926

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