

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

HABS _____ HAER _____ Loc _____ SHL No. _____ NR Status 3D
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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Creative Hands
2. Historic name: _____
3. Street or rural address: 7353 Monterey Street
 City Gilroy Zip 95020 County Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 79900840
5. Present Owner: Felix Garcia Address: 7287 Monterey Road
 City Gilroy Zip 95020 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Craft Shop Original use: _____

DESCRIPTION

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

The structure is a very simple brick commercial building designed on a rectangular plan, one story high and covered in stucco. Very little distinguishes the facade. A simple wooden door with large glass panel centers the street facade with large plate glass rectangular-shaped windows framed in plain wooden sills. The windows have small transom lights above with stuccoed over side lights and transom window surrounding the entry door. A metal pipe adds the only other distinctiveness to a structure which is minimalist to the extreme. The building does, however, provide a strong reinforcement of the size, shape and massing of the commercial structures that line the blocks of Monterey Street in downtown Gilroy. The site is therefore an excellent example of minor architecture combining to form the dominant urban design statement of an area.



8. Construction date: after 1926
 Estimated _____ Factual _____
9. Architect Unknown
10. Builder Unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
 Frontage 21 Depth 142
 or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
Mar. 1986

13. Condition: Excellent ___ Good ^ Fair ___ Deteriorated ___ No longer in existence ___
14. Alterations: Facade has been stucco covered
15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land ___ Scattered buildings ___ Densely built-up X
 Residential ___ Industrial ___ Commercial X 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: ___

SIGNIFICANCE

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

In scale, mass and form, this small commercial structure is supportive of other less altered structures in this block of Monterey Street.

The two-story Union Hotel Building stood on this site until after 1926.

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).

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