

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION

Casey House

1. Common name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Historic name: Michael Casey House
3. Street or rural address: 7360 Egleberry Street  
City Gilroy Zip 95020 County Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 79900851
5. Present Owner: Thomas Casey, Jr. Address: 325 La Prenda  
City Millbrae Zip 94030 Ownership is: Public \_\_\_\_\_ Private X
6. Present Use: Residence Original use: Residence

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural style: Gothic Victorian
- 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 the Gothic Revival elements of tall pitched gables. The cross gable ends are decorated with cut out barge boards. A shed roof porch with exposed eaves is a later addition, before 1892. This porch wraps around the front and side and has a low wall. The entrance is raised three steps. This is one of the best Gothic Revival structures in Gilroy.



8. Construction date: Estimated \_\_\_\_\_ Factual 1872
9. Architect: Unknown
10. Builder: James J. Dorland
11. Approx. property size (in feet)  
Frontage 60 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: Porch
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 \_\_\_ Private development X Zoning X Vandalism \_\_\_  
Public Works project \_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_
17. Is the structure: On its original site? \_\_\_ Moved? X Unknown? \_\_\_
18. Related features: Very large cedar tree

**SIGNIFICANCE**

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

This large Gothic Victorian home originally stood in front of the Gilroy Brewery, which faced onto Monterey Street. The brewery was a successful enterprise during its existence from 1868 to 1919. It was a favored meeting place for those involved in Gilroy politics. The brewery was begun in 1868 by German emigrant, Adam Riehl and operated by him until it was sold to Adam Herold in 1877. Herold operated the business until he entered the political arena in 1879 and sold the brewery to Michael Casey. With Casey's management, the brewery was quite successful until he terminated it in 1919. Riehl, Herold and Casey were all active in local affairs and politics. Adam Riehl served as mayor of Gilroy from 1878 to 1880 and served in the California State Assembly. Adam Herold was State Treasurer of California. Michael Casey, who occupied the home in front of the brewery on Egleberry Street, was mayor of Gilroy from 1894 to 1898 and served several terms on the City Council. The Casey Home always remained in the family. It is now the property of Thomas Casey. As a focal point of civic activity at the turn of the century, the Casey home is of lasting historical interest and has had an important and significant role in Gilroy's history.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)  
 Architecture 1 Arts & Leisure \_\_\_  
 Economic/Industrial 2 Exploration/Settlement \_\_\_  
 Government \_\_\_ Military \_\_\_  
 Religion \_\_\_ Social/Education \_\_\_
21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).  
 Assesment Rolls  
A FIELD GUIDE TO AMERICAN HOUSES,  
McAlister.  
Gilroy Museum File - M. Casey  
 Sanborn Maps 1888, 1906, 1926, 1892
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