

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Historic name: John Sullivan House
3. Street or rural address: 7424 Church Street  
 City Gilroy Zip 95020 County Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 79900734
5. Present Owner: Richard Cota Address: 980 Third Street  
 City Gilroy Zip 95020 Ownership is: Public \_\_\_\_\_ Private X
6. Present Use: apartments Original use: residence

DESCRIPTION

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

This rectangular two story structure is a side facade version of the traditional British folk form. The fenestration is balanced on the facade with the door in the center. Small square windows are framed in the gable end. There are no windows in the second story. A full width poarch is supported on four square posts. This poarch has a hipped roof that may indicate a remodeling in the early 1900's. The structure is sheathed in wide horizontal board and has the traditional plain freeze and finished corners. A low wall, recently replaced finishes the poarch. Additions, shed type have been placed in the rear.



8. Construction date:  
 Estimated \_\_\_\_\_ Factual 1877
9. Architect Unknown
10. Builder Unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet)  
 Frontage 50 Depth 130  
 or approx. acreage \_\_\_\_\_
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)  
Mar. 1986

14. Alterations: \_\_\_\_\_
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.)

There was a series of early tenement or workers' houses on this block dating back to 1870. In 1877, a local sheep herder and laborer, John Sullivan, constructed this home and lived in it with his wife, Mary, until 1914, when it was sold to George Milras. Subsequent owners have included: Carrol Wentz in 1919, John Rae in 1926, Anna Beach in 1934, and Maggie Castro in 1940.

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

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).  
 Assessors Rolls  
A Field Guide to American Houses  
 McAlister

Sanborn Map 1888,1908  
 1880 Census  
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