

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

HABS _____ HAER _____ Loc _____ SHL No. _____ NR Status 6
 UTM: A 10/627182/4096404 C _____
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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: _____
2. Historic name: Minnie L. Moecsh House
3. Street or rural address: 7439 Church Street
 City Gilroy Zip 95020 County Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 79900705
5. Present Owner: John Holson Address: 7401 Miller Avenue
 City Gilroy Zip 95020 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Residence Original use: Residence

DESCRIPTION

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

This neoclassic structure has had some modifications that alter its appearance. The porch has been enclosed creating a heavy unbalanced effect. The remainder of the structure contains the elements associated with the style. Slant bay covered by a gable roof. The main structure has a hipped roof.



8. Construction date:
 Estimated 1900 Factual _____
9. Architect _____
Unknown
10. Builder _____
Unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
 Frontage 57 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: Front addition replaces the porch c. 1982
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: _____

SIGNIFICANCE

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

Constructed for Minnie Hoesch, the house was later the residence of her son, John M. Hoesch, a Gilroy Justice of the Peace from 1918 to 1930. This house was a reversed twin with 7417 Church Street.

The 7400 block of Church contains a number of very interesting architectural styles that portray the growth of Gilroy from 1860 to 1910. During this time, the pattern of settlement was expanding north and west. The 7400 block appears to be where the pre-1900 development pattern ends as the 7500 block incorporates late neoclassical styles after 1910, with some of the 1920's bungalows. The 7300 block is primarily pre 1890 residences. The people who lived in this block represented a cross section of occupations and heritage.

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).

Gilroy Museum Files
A Field Guide to American Houses
McAlister

Sanborn Map 1888, 1892, 1906, 1926

22. Date form prepared April 1986

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