

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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UTM: A 10/627725/4096611 C \_\_\_\_\_  
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IDENTIFICATION

- 1. Common name: Cox House
- 2. Historic name: Cox House
- 3. Street or rural address: 7445 Forest Street  
City Gilroy Zip 95020 County Santa Clara
- 4. Parcel number: 84100631
- 5. Present Owner: Carl Bert Address: 7445 Forest Street  
City Gilroy Zip 95020 Ownership is: Public \_\_\_\_\_ Private X
- 6. Present Use: Residence Original use: Residence

DESCRIPTION

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

This California bungalow has stucco walls and a flat gravel roof with open rafters supported by brackets. A deeply recessed entry wall allows a very large front porch. Windows, doors and trim appear to be original.



- 8. Construction date:  
Estimated \_\_\_\_\_ Factual 1914
- 9. Architect Unknown
- 10. Builder William Radtke
- 11. Approx. property size (in feet)  
Frontage 50 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: \_\_\_\_\_
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.)

This California bungalow style house was built by prominent local contractor, William Radtke in 1914. The home was purchased by the Cox family in 1916. Arnold William Cox immigrated to California with his family, as a young boy in the late 1860's. He gained experience in retailing as general manager of Ford's Department Store in Watsonville for twenty years. In 1915, Cox moved his family to Gilroy and bought the Hecker Company on Monterey Street. Cox operated the store until his retirement in 1930. The Cox house on Forest Street has removed in the family through the present.

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).  
A Field Guide to American Houses,  
McAlister  
 Gilroy Museum Files  
 Sanborn Maps 1839, 1906

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