

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Cullen House
2. Historic name: _____
3. Street or rural address: 7456 Church Street
 City Gilroy Zip 95020 County Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 79900738
5. Present Owner: Lawrence Cullen Address: 7456 Church Street
 City Gilroy Zip 95020 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Residence Original use: Residence

DESCRIPTION

7a. Architectural style: English Tudor

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

This English Tudor has a double gabled front and contrasting wood trim accent against a stucco base. The extreme pitched roof exhibits a tall standing fireplace chimney.



8. Construction date:
 Estimated _____ Actual 1920
9. Architect _____
Unknown
10. Builder, William Cullen
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
 Frontage 105 Depth 150
 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 lot was owned by Rosanna Connor in 1870, her husband, William D. Connor owned the adjacent lot to the south. William Connor died in 1895 at the age of 61. He was a city pioneer who at one time ran the stage coach line between San Jose and Salinas before the railroad. He was also the proprietor of the Williams Hotel. At that time there were three tenement houses on the property and a dwelling on a third lot. Rosanna Connor owned the property until early in this century. Her husband's lot was owned in 1887 by S.A. Salisbury, who sold bedding and furniture and was an undertaker. In 1916, all of these lots, a total of 210 feet of continuous frontage was owned by George Milias. In 1919, William D. Cullen purchased the north portion of one lot and built his home. The home went to his son Lawrence Cullen and the partnership of the other two lots went to him in 1936. The older houses, except for 7440 Church, were replaced with modern rental homes.

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).
 Assessment Rolls 1870 to present
 Gilroy Advocate 1885
 Contact with present owner -
 Mrs. Lawrence Cullen

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