

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION

- Common name: _____
- Historic name: _____
- Street or rural address: 7486 Monterey Street
City Gilroy Zip 95020 County Santa Clara
- Parcel number: 84100614
- Present Owner: Luke Matusich Address: 170 Saratoga
City Santa Clara Zip 95050 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
- Present Use: RETAIL Original use: RETAIL / COMMERCIAL

DESCRIPTION

- Architectural style: Commercial - neoclassical mode
- Briefly describe the present *physical appearance* of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

The structure is a low, single-story stripped commercial building constructed on a rectangular plan and sheathed in plaster with brick trim under the streetside windows. The building exhibits very minimal detail. Slight touches of neoclassical are reflected in the moulded cornice and the very simple pilasters. The building keeps in character with its neighbors, as it contains a large blank space area above the recessed shop entry with its angled plate glass windows surrounding. An oversize metal awning separates the street front apertures from the blank-front plaster facade. Large plate glass windows further define the streetside display areas. The neighbor at 7488 Monterey continues the same moulded cornice line, but obscures the facade behind and oversized canvas awning. The windows and entry doors have been modified by a later renovation with three angled bay windows and a glass double door with aluminum frame. Oversized drain pipes on both sides of the facade add a further distinction. The buildings are joined by a common roof and relate very well to the large, two-story neoclassic bank building adjoining to the north.



- Construction date:
Estimated 1910 Factual _____
- Architect _____
Unknown
- Builder _____
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- Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 26 Depth 193
or approx. acreage _____
- Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
Mar. 1986

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13. Condition: Excellent ___ Good ___ Fair ___ Deteriorated ___ No longer in existence ___
14. Alterations: storefront has been covered with stucco
15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land ___ Scattered buildings ___ Densely built-up X
 Residential ___ Industrial ___ Commercial X 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.)

The building is not a particularly fine example of commercial architecture, however, it is joined by a common cornice detail with the storefront adjacent and both relate well to the neoclassic bank building that anchors this corner of Monterey Street.

This was the first location of the J.C. Penny Company retail store in 1931.

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).

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Sanborn Map 1888, 1908

Gilroy Museum File- Monterey St
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