

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

Ser. No. _____
HABS _____ HAER _____ Loc _____ SHL No. _____ NR Status 5
UTM: A 10/626906/4096474 C _____
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IDENTIFICATION

- 1. Common name: Chick House
- 2. Historic name: Smith House
- 3. Street or rural address: 7521 Hanna Street
City Gilroy Zip 95020 County Santa Clara
- 4. Parcel number: 79901942
- 5. Present Owner: Jose Landeros Address: 7521 Hanna Street
City Gilroy Zip 95020 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
- 6. Present Use: Residence Original use: Residence

DESCRIPTION

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

This structure is a one story stucco house with a low pitched front gable. The house has a recessed porch with a protruding roof structure that matches the pitch of the structure which is supported by large elephantine columns.



- 8. Construction date: Estimated _____ Factual 1922
- 9. Architect _____
- 10. Builder _____
- 11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 57 Depth 140
or approx. acreage _____
- 12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)

13. Condition: Excellent ___ Good X Fair ___ Deteriorated ___ No longer in existence ___
14. Alterations: minor alterations
15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land X 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 the David Silverstine family in 1922. Mr. Silverstine was a Russian immigrant who built a career in retailing before arriving in Gilroy to purchase and operate M.L.Friedman's haberdashery on Monterey St. He died in 1924. Lloyd E. Smith was the owner and publisher of the Gilroy Dispatch from 1925 to 1939. He also bought the Gilroy Advocate (a weekly paper) and published it. He owned this house from 1930 to 1945.

Frank Chick also lived in this house. He was a butcher by trade and worked and was a part owner of a butcher shop on Monterey Street for many years.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)

Architecture 2 Arts & Leisure ___
Economic/Industrial ___ Exploration/Settlement ___
Government ___ Military ___
Religion ___ Social/Education 1

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).

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