

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION

Mr. Art's

1. Common name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Historic name: Phone Exchange and Barber Shop
3. Street or rural address: 7525 Monterey Street  
City Gilroy Zip 95020 County Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 79900650
5. Present Owner: Vernon Naughton Address: 575 Fifth Street  
City Gilroy Zip 95020 Ownership is: Public \_\_\_\_\_ Private X
6. Present Use: Shoe Store Original use: Commercial

DESCRIPTION

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

The site is a small, two story brick commercial building which has been altered on the street facade. Plaster covers the brick and a large indented rectangular space provides the major ornament. The first floor commercial space is a deep recessed entry with angled glass display cases surrounding a centered front door. A two story concrete addition is found on the rear of the building and a single story cinder block addition further has been added to the back of the site. Note that the bland remodeling of the structure comprises the building's quality as an individual site, but the size massing and first floor commercial space all keeps the basic design elements that define the urban form of Gilroy's central business district.



8. Construction date:  
Estimated 1910 Factual \_\_\_\_\_
9. Architect Unknown
10. Builder Unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet)  
Frontage 25 Depth 142  
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: Storefront and stucco covering
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.)

This two story, all brick building originally housed, in its central business district location, the Gilroy Telephone Company. Since that time, it has had a concrete, two story addition at the rear and a one story concrete addition at the back of the lot. The building now houses the Mr. Art Shoe Store.

During the time the Gilroy Telephone Company occupied the upstairs, retail activity such as Enrico Conrottos Barber Shop and Candy Store were downstairs.

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).

American Architecture Since 1780  
Whiffen

Sanborn Map 1888, 1908

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