

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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HABS _____ HAER _____ Loc _____ SHL No. _____ NR Status 5
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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: _____
2. Historic name: D. S. Whitney House
3. Street or rural address: 7541 Forest Street
City Gilroy Zip 95020 County Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 84100568
5. Present Owner: Donald Thompson Address: 7571 Felice Drive.
City Gilroy Zip 95020 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Residence Original use: Residence

DESCRIPTION

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

A one story, medium gable house with board and batten siding. Although not of the neoclassic style it contains many of the details commonly found on houses of that style, like the bay window facing Forest Street and the fantail decoration located just above it. The veranda porch extends around to the side of the house, it decorated with stickwork and scrollwork, and is supported by lathed columns. There is an enclosed proch on the south side of the house. Board and batten wood siding with a wood shingle roof.



8. Construction date:
Estimated _____ Factual 1871
9. Architect _____
Unknown
10. Builder _____
Unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 114 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: Large spruce tree in front yard

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)

The Reverend A. M. Stewart, of the Gilroy Presbyterian Church, had this decorated pioneer style home built in 1871. In 1874, the property was purchased by Dwight S. Whitney, the first blacksmith in Gilroy. On Whitney's death, in 1909, the house passed to his widow, Julia Atkinson Whitney, and then to their daughter, Mildred Whitney Kilgore. Mrs. Kilgore owned the house until her death in 1973. The house is now owned by Donald Thompson.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)
Architecture 1 _____ Arts & Leisure _____
Economic/Industrial _____ Exploration/Settlement _____
Government _____ Military _____
Religion _____ Social/Education _____

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates):
Tax rolls
Gilroy Museum family photographs

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