

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

Ser. No. _____
HABS _____ HAER _____ Loc _____ SHL No. _____ NR Status 6
UTM: A _____ C _____
B _____ D _____

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: _____
2. Historic name: _____
3. Street or rural address: 7544 Princevalle Street
City Gilroy Zip 95020 County Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 79901912
5. Present Owner: Michael R. Dorn Address: 7544 Princevalle Street
City Gilroy Zip 95020 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Residence Original use: Residence

DESCRIPTION

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

This two and a half story structure is sheathed in multi-tone brick with half timber construction in the gable ends. The entry is a small gable end with an arched entry. A slant bay is next to the entry. A side wing of the same design appears to have been added.

The formal architecture of this home is enhanced by a deep setback, curved drive and large trees, creating an "English Country" setting.



8. Construction date:
Estimated _____ Factual 1932
9. Architect Unknown
10. Builder Riksheim
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 68 Depth 133
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.)

In 1932, this house was built by a local contractor, John Riksheim for the Fred Boock family. Mr. Boock owned a local lumber yard.

Later, the house was purchased by Jack Heckendorn, who was a nephew to Mrs. Wheeler. Mrs. Wheeler resided at this home with her nephew during the time that she was not traveling.

In 1975, major renovations were made to the house. The kitchen was remodeled, the garage was converted into a family room and a new brick garage was added.

In 1985, Michael R. Dorn purchased this house. He is currently the City of Gilroy's Director of Planning.

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).

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