

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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HABS _____ HAER _____ Loc _____ SHL No. _____ NR Status 6
UTM: A 10/627669.4096765 C _____
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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: _____
2. Historic name: Julia Whitney House
3. Street or rural address: 7549 Forest Street
City Gilroy Zip 95020 County Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 84100567
5. Present Owner: Eugenio Lucente Address: 7549 Forest St.
City Gilroy Zip 95020 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Residence Original use: Residence

DESCRIPTION

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

This single story residence has a hipped roof with exposed eaves. The porch is the focal point with a pitched roof supported on a structure of square posts and rafters. The entrance is centered between two rectangular windows. The windows are sectioned with small squares on top of clear panes. The structure is covered with cedar shingles including the low walls of the porch. This is a modest structure that embodies the strong elements of craftsman style.



8. Construction date:
Estimated _____ Factual 1910
9. Architect _____
Unknown
10. Builder _____
Unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 60 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: _____

SIGNIFICANCE

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

This shingled craftsman style house was built in 1910 for Julia Atkinson Whitney, the widow of Dwight Whitney, Gilroy's first blacksmith. Mrs. Whitney started the Gilroy Ladies' Benevolent Society. Mrs. Whitney was also a charter member of the Gilroy branch of the Women's Christian Temperance Union. This Forest Street house was inherited by Mrs. Whitney's daughter, Mildred Whitney Kilgore, of Pacific Grove. Mrs. Kilgore served as Gilroy's second librarian in 1915. She owned the home until her death in 1973. The house is now owned by Engenio Lucente of Gilroy.

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)
Tax Rolls
Gilroy Advocate
Gilroy Museum File - Whitney

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