

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Fords Department Store
2. Historic name: Gilroy Flks Building
3. Street or rural address: 7560-62 Monterey Street
 City Gilroy Zip 95020 County Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 84105060
5. Present Owner: _____ Address: _____
 City _____ Zip _____ Ownership is: Public _____ Private _____
6. Present Use: Commercial/Retail Original use: _____

DESCRIPTION

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

Spanish colonial revival commercial building with double entries, nice arches on the recessed entries, a band of arched windows across the front facade, pretty deep eaves with ornamental brackets, the roof line is in asbestos shingles or asphalt shingles and a concrete chimney is up in the north facing side. Transome window over the entrance has been given a moderate stain glass detail. Double ornate wooden posts set the street facade off, there is also a canopy over the front.



8. Construction date:
 Estimated _____ Factual 1931
9. Architect Albert Roller
10. Builder William Radtke
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
 Frontage _____ Depth _____
 or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
Mar. 1986

13. Condition: Excellent ___ Good ___ Fair ___ Satisfactory ___
14. Alterations: _____
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.)

Constructed in 1931 for the Mainero's, the building had a lease for 10 years with the Elks Club for the upper floor space. Barshingers Furniture Store was on the first floor. The building now houses Fords Department Store

7560-62 Monterey is significant in the downtown streetscape as one of the major contributing structures the latest example of Spanish Colonial Revival design.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)
 Architecture 1 Arts & Leisure ___
 Economic/Industrial 3 Exploration/Settlement ___
 Government ___ Military ___
 Religion ___ Social/Education 2

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

American Architecture Since 1780,
Whiffen
 Interview - Mary Prien, Gilroy Museum

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