

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Historic name: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Street or rural address: 7571 Alexander Street  
City Gilroy Zip 95020 County Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 84100536
5. Present Owner: Martiniano Vasquez Address: 7571 Alexander Str  
City Gilroy Zip 95020 Ownership is: Public \_\_\_\_\_ Private X
6. Present Use: Residence Original use: Residence

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural style: Colonial Revival (Dutch)
- 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 handsome two story Dutch Gambrel design with full size projecting wings from the gambrel roof. The structure is designed on a rectangular plan with asphalt shingles covering the roof and wide horizontal boards covering the exterior walls. Fenestration is very simple with vertically oriented double hung windows. Surrounded by simple plank window sills. A modified shed roof extends over a wrap around porch which is distinguished by wooden turn post supports and a very simple wooden balustrade designed in a geometrical repetition of rectangles. A small shuttered vent adds ornament under the gable. The residence is set on a large lot and has a detached rear garage. Hansome, well-tended lanscaping further distinguishes the site including a number of large trees. A second undistinguished wooden structure is located at the rear of the lot behind the residence. The site is in good condition.



8. Construction date:  
Estimated 1915 Factual \_\_\_\_\_
9. Architect Unknown
10. Builder Unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet)  
Frontage 68 Depth 137  
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: \_\_\_\_\_
15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land \_\_\_ Scattered buildings \_\_\_ Densely built-up \_\_\_  
Residential \_\_\_ Industrial X 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 was the home of Mary Leonard in 1915. It was Mary's husband, Colonel O.E. Leonard who founded the Live Oak Creamery in 1908. He died in 1912 while on a trip to Kansas, leaving the creamery to Mary. Mary continued to own the creamery, which her son Tracey operated until 1920. Significance is ascribed to this structure for its association with a prominent Gilroy family and for its architectural presence on the street.

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

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).  
 Gilroy Gazette  
 Tax Assesment Rolls  
 Sanborn Maps 1906, 1926  
 Gilroy Advocate

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