

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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

1. Common name: _____
2. Historic name: James Princevalle House
3. Street or rural address: 7797 Monterey Street
 City Gilroy Zip 95020 County Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 79900347
5. Present Owner: Lupe Sanchez Address: 7797 Monterey Street
 City Gilroy Zip 95020 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Residence/ Beauty Shop of Mary Angelino Original Use: Residence

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural style: Craftsman Bungalow
- 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 very handsome, large example of craftsman bungalow design. It adds much needed architectural detail to a streetscape which more closely reflects the stripped, nonsensical brick commercial design of the 1920s on main street America. The large 2 storied wooden structure is constructed on a rectangular plan and sheathed in wide horizontal boards. The roof is multi-planar and cross gabled. Exaggerated bargeboard, gable end posts and oversized rafters emphasize the craftsman style. Twin gablets frame like entry porches. Squared wooden pillars rise above river rock supports. Fenestration is simple, rectangular in shape and distinguished by multi-light transom windows above paired wooden doors with glass lights inserted. A tall rectangular-shaped chimney constructed in river rock punctuates the composition shingled roofline. Squared wooden posts project in an arbor effect over the southern entry. Porch railings are ornamented by simple diamond shaped cut outs.



8. Construction date:
 Estimated _____ Factual 1909
9. Architect Unknown
10. Builder Unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
 Frontage 58 Depth 160
 or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
Mar. 1986

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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 X
Residential X Industrial ___ Commercial ___ 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 large 2 1/2 story residence is one of the most handsome examples of craftsman design found in Gilroy. It clearly is a site of major significance to the urban heritage of the city. Landscaping is simple but well maintained.

This was the home of Jmaes Princevalle a second generation Gilroyan, son of Giacomo Princevalle he was a grocery merchant, operated an ice cream parlor/ candy shop and was a member of the City Council serving as Mayor from 1920-1932.

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 3 Military ___
Religion ___ Social/Education ___

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

A Field Guide to American Houses
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Sanborn Map 1888,1908

Gilroy Musuem File - Princevalle

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