

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

HABS _____ HAER _____ Loc X SHL No. _____ NR Status 3D
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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Gilroy Hotel & Club OK
2. Historic name: Louis Hotel
3. Street or rural address: 7363 and 7371 Monterey Street
 City Gilroy Zip 95020 County Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 79900837
5. Present Owner: Thomas Bidegary Address: _____
 City Gilroy Zip 95020 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: vacant & commercial Original use: hotel/commercial

DESCRIPTION

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

This long, two story hotel building facing Monterey Street in the heart of the old downtown area of Gilroy has many features which reflect a Greek or classic influence. The flat roofline is highlighted by a decorative projection of straight lines and dentils above a row of almost square architraved windows. The center window on the second floor has a large, decorated lugsill with sculptured patterns attached to the surface. The four storefronts on the ground level are separated by large, square columns and have rows of small paned windows above the large glass window facing the street. A marble foundation runs nearly the length of the building and a semicircular portico above the main entrance features scrollworked metal brackets and a fancy decorated edge. The site provides one of the distinctive architectural anchors which helps unify the streetscape of the old commercial core as well as define the architectural elements which should be used to define any new construction or any new alterations in this section of the City.



8. Construction date:
 Estimated _____ Factual 1921
9. Architect Binder & Curtiss
10. Builder William Radtke
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
 Frontage 78 Depth 142
 or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
Mar. 1986

13. Condition: Excellent ___ Good Δ Fair ___ Deteriorated ___ NO longer in existence ___
14. Alterations: minor window alterations to the street level
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.)

The Louis Hotel, on Monterey Street, opened on September 10, 1921. The opening was a festive event for Gilroy, with special entertainment and an orchestra from San Francisco. The fine restaurant at the hotel featured some of the fanciest cuisine between San Francisco and Los Angeles. The Louis Hotel was soon a preferred stopping place for travelers on Highway 101. The building was designed by the architectural firm of Binder and Curtis and was planned to include the most up to date features. The hotel is converted to a restaurant, office and retail use. The original decor has been retained, with its handcrafted wood paneling and fourteen foot beamed ceilings. The Louis Hotel is a significant component of the Monterey Road commercial streetscape.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)
Architecture 2 Arts & Leisure _____
Economic/Industrial 1 Exploration/Settlement _____
Government _____ Military _____
Religion _____ Social/Education _____
21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).
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Gilroy Museum Files- Radtke
Sanborn Map 1888,1908
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