

PRIMARY RECORD

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Other Listings _____
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*Resource Name or State Capitol Building Benicia

P1. Other Identifier:

*P2. .Location: *a. County Solano

b. Address: 103 West G Street

*c. City: Benicia Zip 94510

d. UTM: N/A

e. USGS Quad: Benicia T2N R3W MDM

*f. Other Locational Data (APN #): 89-113-12

*P3a. Description

This is a stately Greek Revival public building. It is two-story in height with a moderately sloped front gable roof. The roof has wide eave overhangs with exposed rafters. There are wide gable overhangs with exposed purlins. The gable end is embellished with a centrally located circular window. The entry of the building is recessed, set behind a two-story opening with a stone lintel supported on two massive Doric columns. The double entry door is framed by stone pilasters and a flat pediment. The entry is accessed via wide stone steps. Fenestration is symmetrically arranged and consists of six-over-six double hung windows. The building is of brick masonry construction. The building was constructed in 1852 and served as the state capitol from 1852-1853.

*P3b. Resource Attributes: HP14

*P4. Resources Present: Building Structure Object Site District Element of District

P5b. Description of Photo: Front façade, view north

*P6. Date Constructed/Age: 1852

Prehistoric Historic Both

*P7. Owner and Address:

State of California

P5. Photograph or Drawing (Photograph required for buildings, structures, and objects.)



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*P9. Date Recorded: 11-20-05

*P10. Type of Survey: Intensive
 Reconnaissance Other

Describe Eligibility Evaluation

*P11. Report Citation: none

*Attachments: NONE Map Sheet Continuation Sheet Building, Structure, and Object Record Linear Resource Record Archaeological Record District Record Milling Station Record Rock Art Record Artifact Record Photograph Record Other (List):

BUILDING, STRUCTURE, AND OBJECT RECORD

*Resource Identifier: State Capitol Building Benicia

*NRHP Status Code:

B1. Historic Name: Same

B2. Common Name: Same

B3. Original Use: Public Building

B4. Present Use: Museum

***B5. Architectural Style:** Greek Revival

B7. Moved? No Yes Unknown

Date: N/A

Original Location: same

***B8. Related Features:** None

B9a. Architect: Rider and Houghton, San Francisco

B9b. Builder: Same

***B10. Significance: Theme:** Benicia Downtown District

Period of Significance: 1847-1940

Property Type

:Public Building **Applicable Criteria:** A / C

The building is State Historic Landmark No.153. It is significant in the history of California as one of the locations of the early state capitol. It is also an excellent example of Greek Revival public architecture of the 1850s and one of the oldest surviving public buildings in the State. The building was donated to the State of California in 1951. In the 1950s the state structurally reinforced and restored the building which is now operated as a part of the California State Park system. The building is not within local jurisdiction, although it certainly contributes to the historic ambiance of the Downtown District.

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: N/A

B12. References: McAlester, Virginia and Lee. *A Field Guide to American Houses*. New York: Alfred Knopf (1986); Bruegmann, Robert. *Benicia Portrait of an Early California Town: An Architectural History* (San Francisco: 101 Productions (1980); Woodbridge, Sally and Cannon Design Group. *Benicia, California: Downtown Historic Conservation Plan*. City of Benicia, 1990; Sanborn Map Benicia, CA. 1886; 1986 Benicia Historic Inventory form.

