

PRIMARY RECORD

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NRHP Status Code: _____
Other Listings _____
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- *Resource Name or #: 117 West I Street
- P1. Other Identifier: none
- *P2. .Location: *a. County Solano
- b. Address: 117 West I Street
- *c. City: Benicia Zip 94510
- d. UTM: N/A
- e. USGS Quad: Benicia T2N R3W MDM
- *f. Other Locational Data (APN #): 89-043-15

***P3a. Description**

This is a small, one-story Italianate cottage with a rectangular plan. The roof is hip with overhangs supported on curved brackets. A wide cornice with a molded edge is continuous on all the elevations. The entry is covered with a centered portico that has a flat roof. The roof is supported on turned full-length posts with curved brackets. The post design is repeated in the pilasters attached to the front wall on either side of the entry. There also is a spindle work frieze. The door is a modern replacement, but the transom appears to be original. Narrow windows flank the front door, two on the east side of the front façade, and one on the west. The casings have slanted pediments supported by decorative brackets and the sills are bracketed as well. The glazing has been replaced in all the front windows with stacked hopper windows inserted into the original openings. Other fenestration is one-over-one double hung. Cladding is clapboard with corner boards.

- *P3b. Resource Attributes: HP2
- *P4. Resources Present: Building Structure Object Site District Element of District
- P5b. Description of Photo: Front façade, view north
- *P6. Date Constructed/Age: 1870

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



- Prehistoric Historic Both
- *P7. Owner and Address:
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Benicia, CA 94510
- *P8. Recorded by:
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- *P9. Date Recorded: 11-20-04
- *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: 117 West I Street

*NRHP Status Code: 3D

B1. Historic Name: N/A

B2. Common Name: none

B3. Original Use: Residential

B4. Present Use: Residential

*B5. Architectural Style: Italianate Cottage

*B6. Construction History: The front windows have been changed with stacked hoppers inserted into the original casings.

*B7. Moved? No Yes Unknown

Date: N/A Original Location: same

*B8. Related Features: none

B9a. Architect: unknown

B9b. Builder: unknown

*B10. Significance: Theme: Benicia Downtown District Period of Significance: 1847-1940 Property Type: Single Family Applicable Criteria: A / C

The house is listed as a contributor to the Downtown District. It is one of several surviving early residential structures that exemplify the development of residential neighborhoods just off of First Street. It also is a good example of its type and retains its essential integrity, although the replacement of the original glazing with hopper windows is an unfortunate alteration that compromises the house's integrity of materials and design. Despite these changes the house continues to convey the reasons for which it is significant and should continue to be a contributing building within 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.

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HABS photograph 1977