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 Other Listings _____
 Review Code _____ Reviewer _____ Date _____

***Resource Name or**

- P1. Other Identifier:** St. Paul's Episcopal Church
- *P2. .Location: *a. County** Solano
- b. Address:** 120-122 East J Street
- *c. City:** Benicia **Zip** 94510
- d. UTM:** N/A
- e. USGS Quad:** Benicia T2N R3W MDM
- *f. Other Locational Data (APN #):** 89-051-16

***P3a. Description**

This is probably the most recognized and architecturally acclaimed historic building in Benicia. Originally constructed circa 1860, it assumed its present form between 1872-1886 under the direction of Julian McAllister. The building is an outstanding example of wood frame Gothic Revival ecclesiastical architecture. It is a large cruciform building with a stepped tower and steeple structure on the north side of the façade. The building has received wide attention and was extensively recorded in 1977 by HABS in the form of both photographs and measured architectural drawings.

***P3b. Resource Attributes:** HP6

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

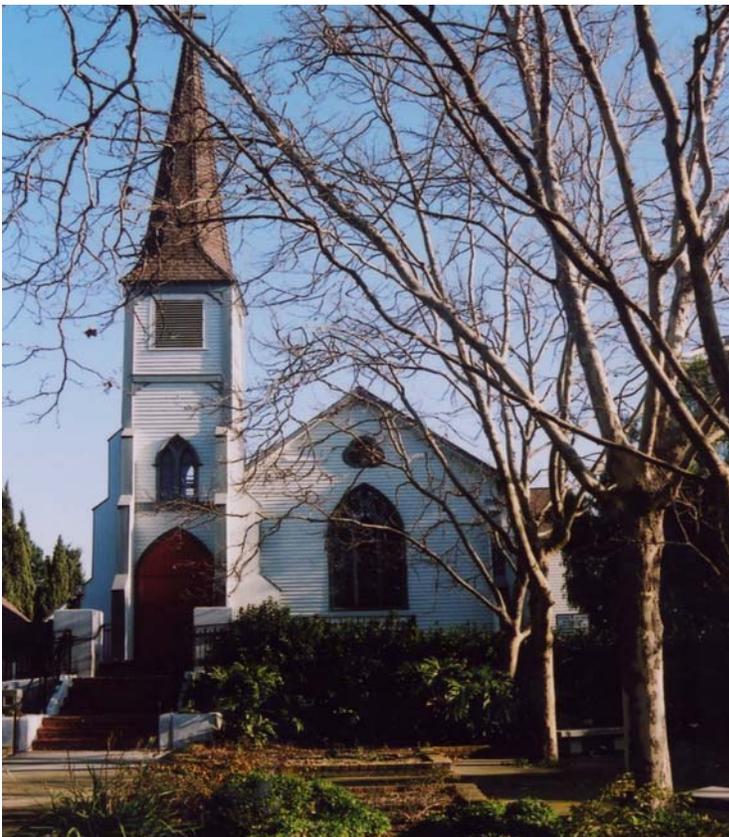
P5b. Description of Photo: Front façade, view east

- *P6. Date Constructed/Age:** 1860 -1886
 Prehistoric Historic Both

***P7. Owner and Address:**

St. Paul's Parish
 122 East J Street

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



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- *P8. Recorded by:**
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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: St. Paul's Episcopal Church

*NRHP Status Code: 3B

B1. Historic Name: Same

B2. Common Name: Same

B3. Original Use: Church

B4. Present Use: Church

*B5. Architectural Style: Gothic Revival

B7. Moved? No Yes Unknown

Date: N/A

Original Location: same

*B8. Related Features: There are two buildings associated with the church, both of which are on the same parcel. The first is the Gothic Revival Guild Hall which is sited to the north east of the church and the other is the rectory which faces on East J Street.

B9a. Architect: Col. Julian McAllister

B9b. Builder: unknown

*B10. Significance: Theme: Benicia Downtown District Period of Significance: 1847-1940

Property Type: Religious Applicable Criteria: A / C

This is one of Benicia's most outstanding historic buildings. According to Robert Bruegmann the church assumed its present form circa 1886, after undergoing a series of additions and alterations that enlarged it from a rectangular building with a vestibule to a large cruciform ecclesiastical structure. The building is a City Landmark and contributes to the Downtown Historic District. It also is State Historic Landmark 862. The Church and its associated Guild Hall and Rectory are eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources and for the National Register of Historic Places.

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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Continuation Update



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HABS photograph 1977