

PRIMARY RECORD

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*Resource Name or #: St. Paul's Episcopal Church Rectory

- P1. Other Identifier:**
***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**

The Rectory is believed to have been transported in 1868 by Col Julian McAllister from Torrington, Connecticut, to serve as the parish house for the Church of St Paul. This information, though widely accepted is not well documented. The house is a one and one-half story residence of the central chimney Hall and Parlor type, a Vernacular form widely used in the New England area. The building has a shed roof rear addition which forms a "salt box." The building has a steep side gable roof. It has small eave and gable overhangs. It has only one window opening on the front façade on the west side. Other fenestration is found on the gable ends and is symmetrically arranged. The entry to the building is located on the north side of the building and has a simple pediment above the door. The building is clad in lap siding. The building is one of the oldest in Benicia.

***P3b. Resource Attributes:** HP16

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

P5b. Description of Photo:

Front façade, view southeast

***P6. Date Constructed/Age:** Circa 1790 construction/ 1868 established in Benicia
 Prehistoric Historic Both

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



***P7. Owner and Address:**

St. Paul's Parish
122 East J Street
Benicia, CA 94510

***P8. Recorded by:**

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***P9. Date Recorded:** 11-20-02

***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: 120-122 East J Street

*NRHP Status Code: 3D

B1. Historic Name: N/A

B2. Common Name: St Paul's Rectory

B3. Original Use: Rectory/religious

B4. Present Use: Religious

*B5. Architectural Style:

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: Religious

Applicable Criteria: A / C

The building is very typical in its style and form of vernacular residences originating in New England. Although the building retains its appearance and clearly conveys its early origins, Bruegman points out that it has been repaired over the years to a point that much of the material in the house may not be original. However, it retains its integrity of design, workmanship, setting, location and association. The Rectory Building is delineated on the Historic District Conservation Plan Map as a District contributor. It should be elevated to Landmark status as one of the most important buildings in the city. With the Church and Guild Hall it is eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources and 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.

Resource Identifier: 122 East J Street

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