

PRIMARY RECORD

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*Resource Name or #: 120-128 West H Street

P1. Other Identifier: none

*P2. .Location: *a. County Solano

b. Address: 120-128 West H Street

*c. City: Benicia Zip 94510

d. UTM: N/A

e. USGS Quad: Benicia T2N R3W MDM

*f. Other Locational Data (APN #): 89-113-20/21

*P3a. Description:

This Art Deco commercial building actually consists of two separate buildings. The facades of the buildings were constructed/refinished to visually unite both buildings. These buildings are located on the previous site of the Benicia Brewery and it is likely that the western-most building dates from the period of the brewery. It is a combination one and two-story building of rough-cut masonry construction. Both its floor plan and description fit with the west side of the original brewery building as portrayed on the 1886 Sanborn map. The front façade of the building was altered circa 1930 to the appearance of a Deco style building by the application of a smooth stucco covering. The western-most building has deeply inset windows and door opening and stylized, geometric projections above the roof parapet which gives it a vertical emphasis when viewed from the front. The adjacent building to the east was probably constructed circa 1930 where the brewery saloon and dwelling quarters had been located. The stucco clad building is a more elaborate example of the Deco style. It has a flat roof with a parapet (see continuation sheet)

*P3b. Resource Attributes: HP2

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

P5b. Description of Photo:

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



Front façade, view southeast.

*P6. Date Constructed/Age: 1870/1930

Prehistoric Historic Both

*P7. Owner and Address:

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*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

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*NRHP Status Code: 3D

B1. Historic Name: N/A

B2. Common Name: none

B3. Original Use: Commercial

B4. Present Use: Commercial/offices

***B5. Architectural Style:** Art Deco

***B6. Construction History:** A portion of the building on the west dates from the original Benicia Brewery. Circa 1930 a new building was constructed on the east and the façade of the west wing was redone to match the Art Deco style of the new building.

***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

This building(s) is one of the only examples of Art Deco style in the town of Benicia. It incorporates many of the most characteristic features of this style including the flat roof and stylized parapet, the smooth, stucco wall surface, and the use of glass brick and decorative monochrome tile. Although it is a relatively restrained example of the style it retains its integrity in all aspects. It is further significant in that it incorporates a portion of the old brewery building which is of masonry construction. The building is not currently listed as a contributor to the Downtown Historic District. It should be considered for inclusion in the Downtown Historic District as a contributor.

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

P3. Con't. of the same design as the building to the west. However, the lower façade features two symmetrically arranged double openings which are deeply recessed and framed by full length curved glass brick sidelight. Fenestration likewise consists of glass brick, one large centrally located window and several narrow openings. A stylized Deco molding spans the top of the door and window openings acting to visually unify the front façade. The lower front wall is clad with a maroon tile veneer.



The west wing of the building which is masonry behind the façade.



The newer eastern portion of the building.