

PRIMARY RECORD

Primary #: _____
HRI # _____
Trinomial _____
NRHP Status Code: _____
Other Listings _____
Review Code _____ Reviewer _____ Date _____

- *Resource Name or #: 121 East J Street
- P1. Other Identifier: Houghton House
- *P2. .Location: *a. County Solano
- b. Address: 121 East J Street
- *c. City: Benicia Zip 94510
- d. UTM: N/A
- e. USGS Quad: Benicia T2N R3W MDM
- *f. Other Locational Data (APN #):88-142-07
- *P3a. Description

This house appears to be transitional between the Queen Anne and Four Square/Revival style houses of the early 20th century. The roof line with its intersecting planes, the porch treatment with its turned posts, the compound plan, and, to some extent, the projecting front bay are drawn from Victorian precedents. However, the massing and proportion of the house is in the more robust turn-of-the-century four square and revival mode. Likewise the gable trim has a Tudor motif that appears frequently in English Revivals that were gaining popularity in the 1900s and teens. The compound plan house has both hip and gable roofs, with the gable projecting toward the street. The roofs are steeply pitched with multiple intersecting planes. Eaves and gables are overhung with a narrow fascia. The gable has a decorative king post and return eaves. A narrow pedimented second story window is centered on the gable end which is finished with half-timbering. A cut-in porch with a side shed roof is located to the east of the principal mass of the house and in front of a hip roof single-story side wing. The porch is small with a low turned rail and turned posts supporting the roof. Fenestration is double hung. There is a projecting bay that spans the gable end wall. The bay has a hip roof, a wide cornice, decorative brackets, and fenestration with decorative muntins in the upper sash. The house is clad with a flat, horizontally laid board.

*P3b. Resource Attributes: HP2

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



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

P5b. Description of Photo:

Front façade, view north

*P6. Date Constructed/Age: Circa 1900
 Prehistoric Historic Both

*P7. Owner and Address:
Mary Dillon TR
121 East J Street
Benicia, CA 94510

*P8. Recorded by:
Carol Roland
Roland-Nawi Associates
4829 Crestwood Way
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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: 121 East J Street

*NRHP Status Code: 3D

B1. Historic Name: N/A

B2. Common Name: Houghton House

B3. Original Use: residential

B4. Present Use: residential

*B5. Architectural Style: Transitional

*B6. Construction History: The house was constructed circa 1900 and does not appear to have altered.

*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 Single Family
Applicable Criteria: A / C
Period of Significance: -1847-1940 Property Type:

This is a striking residence of unusual design. It displays many of the characteristic of a Queen Anne cottage, but is larger and more robust than is characteristic of that style. The house has retained its integrity with few apparent alterations. It is a contributing building in the Downtown District and should retain that status.

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.

