

PRIMARY RECORD

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

*Resource Name or #: The Alamo

P1. Other Identifier:

*P2. .Location: *a. County Solano

b. Address: 123 First Street

*c. City: Benicia Zip 94510

d. UTM: N/A

e. USGS Quad: Benicia T2N R3W MDM

*f. Other Locational Data (APN #): 89-293-07

*P3a. Description

This is a simple vernacular building which was originally constructed as a residence. It is two-story with exposed rafters and a gable end supported on brackets. The gable is finished with a plain fascia. The building has a centrally placed entry with a small, gable roof porch supported on plain posts with brackets. Fenestration is symmetrically arranged and consists of one-over-one double hung windows with wooden casements. The fenestration has been altered on the front façade with the north window having been converted to an entry door. The front of the building is clad with clapboard, the side elevations with board and batten. This latter appears to deviate from the historic cladding.

*P3b. Resource Attributes: HP6

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

P5b. Description of Photo:

Front façade, view west

*P6. Date Constructed/Age: 1868

Prehistoric Historic Both

*P7. Owner and Address:

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



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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: The Alamo

*NRHP Status Code: 3D

B1. Historic Name: N/A

B2. Common Name: The Alamo

B3. Original Use: residence/boarding house

B4. Present Use: commercial

***B5. Architectural Style:** Vernacular

B7. Moved? No Yes Unknown

Date: N/A

Original Location: same

***B8. Related Features:**

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 is one of the oldest surviving commercial buildings in Benicia. Constructed in 1868, it was originally a private residence, later converted to a boarding house for railroad workers employed by the Southern Pacific Railroad. In the 1940s and 50s it became a brothel. It was closely linked with the city's wharf district and its maritime and industrial history. The building retains its overall integrity, but recent changes threaten to diminish its integrity of design and materials. The building is a City Landmark and contributes to the historic 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.

