

PRIMARY RECORD

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*Resource Name or #: 125 East E Street

- P1. Other Identifier:** none
- *P2. .Location: *a. County** Solano
- b. Address:** 125 East E Street
- *c. City:** Benicia **Zip** 94510
- d. UTM:** N/A
- e. USGS Quad:** Benicia T2N R3W MDM
- *f. Other Locational Data (APN #):** 89-371-06

***P3a. Description:**

Square in plan and form, this house was constructed in the 1860s. Vernacular in style, it is what is referred to as a “Pyramidal House,” a folk form popular in the early post-railroad era. The outstanding features of this house type is the nearly square form and the use of an equilateral hipped roof. This house follows the classic folk form with a low pitched hip roof with moderate closed eave overhangs. Fenestration is one-over-one double hung arranged symmetrically on the front and side elevations. A three-quarter length porch spans the front façade. The original porch appears to have been replaced with one of similar length and width, but with a gabled roof, 4X4 porch posts, and an open rail and a concrete floor.

***P3b. Resource Attributes:** HP2

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

P5b. Description of Photo:

Front façade, view north

***P6. Date Constructed/Age:** circa 1860

Prehistoric Historic Both

***P7. Owner and Address:**

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:** 11-20-04

***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: 125 East E Street

*NRHP Status Code: 3D

B1. Historic Name: N/A

B2. Common Name: none

B3. Original Use: Residential

B4. Present Use: Residential

*B5. Architectural Style: Vernacular Pyramidal type

*B6. Construction History: The house was built in the 1860s. The porch was replaced after 1987. Siding is replacement of an unknown date.

*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 house is an example of an early vernacular residential building associated with the establishment of the town of Benicia. It is located in the 100 block of East E Street, which has several early houses dating from the 1860s and 1870s. These type of vernacular style houses were generally devoid of ornamentation and depended heavily on form, roof type, and porch configuration to define their style. Inexpensive to build, this square house form provided modest working class shelter. This house retains its integrity of design, workmanship, setting, location, feeling, and association. Its design has been somewhat impacted by the replacement of the porch, however this element mirrors the scale, proportion and span of the original. The building is a designated Benicia Landmark and should continue to retain its status.

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: N/A

B12. References: McAlester, Virginia and Lee. *A Field Guide to American Houses*. New York: Alfred Knopf (1986); Brueggemann, 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; Dublin, Brooks. *Where the Past Meets the Present*. Vallejo: Wheeler Printing 1987 (Privately printed).

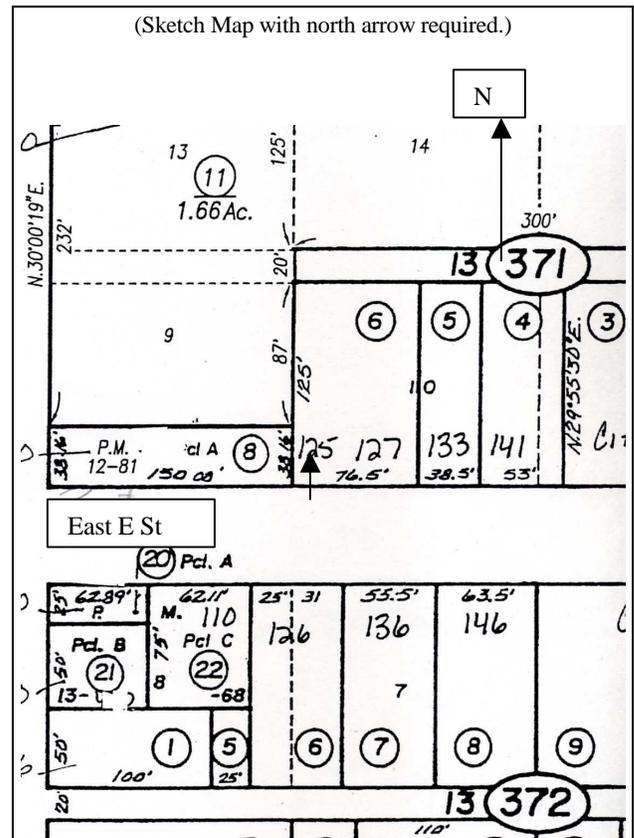
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Remarks: N/A

B14. Evaluator: Carol Roland, Ph.D.

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B 15. Date of Evaluation: 11-22-04



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