

PRIMARY RECORD

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Other Listings _____
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*Resource Name or #: 126 West I Street

- P1. Other Identifier: none
- *P2. .Location: *a. County Solano
- b. Address: 126 West I Street
- *c. City: Benicia Zip 94510
- d. UTM: N/A
- e. USGS Quad: Benicia T2N R3W MDM
- *f. Other Locational Data (APN #): 89-044-31

***P3a. Description**

This Queen Anne cottage is set on a high foundation. It has a compound plan with a cross hip and gable roof. The front facing gable is elaborately decorated with a fascia, eave returns, curved brackets with drop newels, and highly decorative verge board. This latter may be a new introduction. The porch, sited to the east of the gable wing, also has a gabled roof supported on turned, bracketed posts. The gable end has a plain fascia, scalloped frieze and incised pattern. Fenestration is one-over-one double hung set in decoratively embellished casings. The gable wing has a canted bay in which the center window displays a pediment in addition to a detailed casing. The stair and rail are cement, as is the cladding of the lower or basement story of the house. A sliding aluminum window has been inserted into the front of the canted bay at this level. The upper walls of the house are clad with clapboard.

***P3b. Resource Attributes:** HP2

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

P5b. Description of Photo: Front façade, view south

***P6. Date Constructed/Age:** 1880
 Prehistoric Historic Both

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



***P7. Owner and Address:**

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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: 126 West I Street

*NRHP Status Code: 6Z

B1. Historic Name: N/A

B2. Common Name: none

B3. Original Use: Residential

B4. Present Use: Residential

*B5. Architectural Style: Queen Anne

*B6. Construction History: Recently the stair and balustrade have been replaced in cement and the lower story of the building has been either encased, or reconstructed with cement.

*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 retains a number of elements that distinguish it as a Queen Anne cottage with careful detailing. However, the introduction of a concrete stair and lower story have a substantial impact on the integrity of the building. Because the house is set on a high foundation, the basement almost constitutes a full lower story and the stair is a prominent feature of the front facade. Because of these alterations the house no longer retains sufficient integrity to contribute to the Downtown District. Its removal from contributing status should be considered.

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.

