

# PRIMARY RECORD

Primary #: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Trinomial \_\_\_\_\_  
NRHP Status Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Other Listings \_\_\_\_\_  
Review Code \_\_\_\_\_ Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

- \*Resource Name or #: 131 West H Street
- P1. Other Identifier: none
- \*P2. Location: \*a. County Solano
- b. Address: 131 West H Street
- \*c. City: Benicia Zip 94510
- d. UTM: N/A
- e. USGS Quad: Benicia T2N R3W MDM
- \*f. Other Locational Data (APN #): 89-044-34

**\*P3a. Description:**

This is a Vernacular style house set on a narrow lot with the entry oriented to the east, or side of the lot. It is set on a raised foundation with a front gable roof that has a plain cornice. The gable end is finished with fish scale shingles that suggest the influence of the Queen Anne style which was being introduced in the late 1870s and early 1880s. Fenestration consists of long narrow four-over-four double hung windows. The wooden casings have molded sills with brackets. Louvered shutters are probably a later addition. The shed roof porch is oriented to the east and is accessed by a wooden stair at the street end of the porch. The porch roof is supported on plain posts. The plain porch rail and balustrade are both open and of the same pattern. Siding is clapboard.

**\*P3b. Resource Attributes:** HP2

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

**P5b. Description of Photo:**

Front façade, view northeast

\*P6. Date Constructed/Age: 1870

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: 131 West H 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

\*B6. Construction History: The house appears on the 1886 Sanborn Map.

\*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

Period of Significance: 1847-1940

Property Type:

Applicable Criteria: A / C

The house is eligible for listing under criterion A as an example of early residential development in the town. It is eligible under C as a good example of a vernacular gabled house with a full shed roof porch. The house does not appear to have been altered over time and retains its integrity of design, materials, workmanship, location, feeling and association. It was the first residential building off 1<sup>st</sup> Street on West H Street and originally was sited next to the town's skating rink. The house was surveyed in 1986 and is currently considered a potential contributor to the Downtown Historic District. It should be moved to full contributory 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.

