

PRIMARY RECORD

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*Resource Name or #: 138 West F Street

- P1. Other Identifier: none
- *P2. .Location: *a. County Solano
- b. Address 138 West F Street
- *c. City: Benicia Zip 94510
- d. UTM: N/A
- e. USGS Quad: Benicia T2N R3W MDM
- *f. Other Locational Data (APN #): 89-173-03

*P3a. Description: This is a vernacular cottage of the pyramidal roof type. Rectangular in plan, it is surmounted by a hip roof of moderate pitch. It has a flat roof porch which spans the front façade and is embellished with Victorian/Queen Anne detailing including the turned posts, curved brackets and a stick work open rail. The front entry is centered on the façade and is flanked by narrow, paired double hung windows with one-over-one glazing. There is a canted bay on the east façade of the house. Concrete, replacement stairs lead to the elevated porch. The house has been clad in asbestos shingles.

- *P3b. Resource Attributes: HP2
- *P4. Resources Present: Building Structure Object Site District Element of District
- P5b. Description of Photo:
Front façade, view southeast
- *P6. Date Constructed/Age: circa 1870s
 Prehistoric Historic Both
- *P7. Owner and Address:
Georgia Ketchum

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: 138 West F 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 with Queen Anne elements

*B6. Construction History: The house does not appear on the 1886 Sanborn map. Cladding and roofing materials have been changed, but otherwise the house appears to have had little alteration.

*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 simple cottage is a good example of vernacular forms that were elaborated with trim and detailing from the Queen Anne vocabulary. The replacement cladding detracts from the integrity of the house, but it otherwise continues to convey its period and style. It has integrity of design, workmanship, setting, feeling and association. The property on which the house sits was at one time owned by E.H Von Pfister, a figure important in the early settlement of Benicia. Von Pfister sold the lot circa 1851. It is not clear if the improvements made by him on the lot are related to the current house. The residence is a contributing building in the Downtown Historic District and has been identified as a potential local landmark. The building's age, architectural characteristics and style indicate that it should be elevated to Landmark 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.

